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Friars plan for future

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News Writer

The Providence College Friars Club has written its mission statement and adjusted the election process in preparation for the twenty-first century. The Friars have served the college diligently since its formation in 1928, and feel the time is right to make some changes within the club. The new changes are not meant to dramatically change the makeup of the club but to define their true mission.

"We were trying to define the tradition of the Friars Club with a mission statement that the club has never before had" explained Mark Hoeing '95 President of the Friars Club. Overall, the mission statement includes the organization's various services to the college and community while stressing

"... more freshmen will serve the club with vigor and enthusiasm."

- Mark Hoeing '95

the Judeo Christian heritage provided by the Dominican Order of the College. The purpose of the statement is to define the true mission of the Friars Club.

The Friars have also revised their election process with an amendment to its constitution. The amendment was proposed by Tara Parisi class of '95. The club voted unanimously in favor of the amendment on December 14, 1994. "The unanimous vote shows that people care about the club, and although it's a change in tradition it's a change for the best," commented Parisi.

The election change will eventually result in electing 12 freshmen, 11 sophomores, and 10 juniors. Prior to this amendment the club elected 10 freshmen, 12 sophomores, and 14 juniors. This year and next year are transitional years where 12 freshmen, 12 sophomores, and 12 juniors will be elected in 1995. For 1996 there will be 12 freshman, 11 sophomores, and 11 juniors elected to serve in the Friars Club, thus ending the transition period.

Shameen Awan '96 commenting on the changes within the club said, "it gives a stronger definition to the Club." "By welcoming more freshmen who will serve the club with vigor and enthusiasm we are improving the present and preparing for the future" said Hoeing '95. With these changes the Friars Club will now be ready to face the twenty-first century with confidence.

Twenty years of excellence

This year marks the 20th anniversary of co-ed graduation at PC.

Judith Colonna '95

News Writer

Twenty years ago, 190 women sat among their male classmates, preparing for the same goal: graduation. It may not appear to be anything special, but in Providence College history, it marks a revolution. For the first time, PC was graduating a class of both men and women, establishing the end of an all-male academic institution.

was incorporated by RI Legislature as an educational institution by February 14, 1917. At this point, PC consisted of 18 acres of land and one administrative building. Plans for the official opening day of the college were set for the fall of 1918. Unfortunately, however, World War I postponed the opening for a full year. Because of the set back, priests traveled to the local convents, and taught the nuns who were interested in furthering their education, giving them a status

however, the college was experiencing a decline in its enrollment numbers. Thus, in 1971, PC underwent structural changes. The year marked the beginning of the Western Civilization program, the resurrection of the library and Slavin Center, the inauguration of a new college president, Fr. Thomas R. Peterson, and the acceptance of females into the Freshmen class.

Committed to making Providence College a complete success, Fr Peterson



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The 1975 graduation established the end of PC as an all male institution

Though 1975 was technically the first year PC graduated a class where women had completed a four-year academic program, it was not the first time women attended school. In fact, the first students to ever receive credit for PC courses were women.

Established for the purpose of educating poor to middle-class, Catholic, male immigrants, Providence College

equivalent to those in the School of Continuing Education. By the fall of 1919, seventy-one males joined nine Dominican faculty members in commencing the "official" opening day of PC.

Many years passed, and though there would be an occasional female transfer student, PC remained an all-male institution. With society changing and other single-sexed colleges becoming co-ed,

served as the female liaison between the committee (alumni, faculty, and students) and the female students, representing any problems that may occur. Interestingly enough, there was an escalation in the academic quality of life at PC and of the attending students. As one male alumnus stated, "I can recall how

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Sixth Annual Multicultural Celebration

Erin Piorek '96

News Writer

The Sixth Annual Multicultural Celebration at Providence College, organized by the Balfour Center for Multicultural Affairs, took place on Tuesday, January 31 in '64 Hall. Close to 100 students, faculty, and community members were present at the celebration.

The festivities began at 3:30pm with a panel of students discussing certain aspects of their varying cultures. The five students on the panel represented Laos, Estonia, Greece, South-Eastern Nigeria, and Cuba. Dr. Jane Perel, professor of Literature and Women's studies courses at PC, led the panel discussion. Perel asked the students questions about their respective cultures and shared aspects of her Jewish culture as well.

Much of the talk centered on language. Dr. Perel initiated the discussion by commenting that "language implies a certain symbolic order, and those symbols represent who's powerful and who's not." The Cuban panelist responded by saying that different cultures tend to

"maintain their own language to understand their traditions better, not to separate themselves." When the microphone was passed to the student from Estonia, she responded very differently to the question of language creating separation based on power. She informed the other

panel members and the audience that in her language there are no genders, so there is no means of separation. Obviously she was referring to separation of the sexes.

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Panelists discussed certain aspects of their own cultures.

by Joe Raczynski

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This comment led to a discussion on the roles of men and women in the different cultures. Perel pointed out that there is serious tension between home-making and having a career among Jewish women, particularly Orthodox Jews. "There is this separate but equal version of equality which I don't go for," she stated. The panelist from Laos had a very different view of equality. In Laos, "women cannot cross over a man," she said. If a woman has to walk by a man she must ask him to move so that she can pass. Women from Laos are expected to have the same respect for men as they do for Buddha.

Most of the panelists agreed that their cultures are male-dominant. The panelist from South-Eastern Nigeria stated that the land and house are placed in the female's name so that in the event that her husband dies, she can care for her children without having to get a job. The woman's primary role is care-giver. When asked if this male-dominant attitude comes more from tradition or religion, he responded that "it is difficult to differentiate between religion and tradition in our culture." The other panelists seemed to agree. In Estonia, though, the people are either mildly or strongly nationalistic, so instead of male vs. female, it's Estonia vs. Russia. The role of men and women in society there is simply not a major issue like it is in the United States and other countries.

The panel was very informative and interesting, and students and faculty who were not there missed a rewarding experience. The discussion was followed by an ethnic food feast, music, and dance.

Following Tuesday's celebration, the Third Annual Multicultural Open House took place on Wednesday from 10:30am to 2:30pm in the Balfour Center for Multicultural Affairs.

Dr. Wilesse Comissiong, Dean of Multicultural Affairs, wants students and faculty of all cultures to know that the Balfour Center is there for everyone. She is concerned that "white people feel intimidated" since the center obviously serves some specific issues pertaining to race and ethnicity.

The purpose of the Open House was to attract people and to let them know that this is everyone's office to use, just like the student development and career development centers. Christina Ellmer, president of SOAR, Students Organized Against Racism, was present at the Open House and voiced her concern that students don't take advantage of this valuable office.

The Balfour Center is a place for people to go to become familiar with other cultures and to meet and talk with people of different ethnic backgrounds. Both students and faculty should take advantage of the rich source of information and people available in the center. "It is not popular anymore to entertain an exclusive culture," Comissiong stated, "all cultures are involved in the 20th century."

'95 graduation marks anniversary

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the campus felt 'more humane' when the women arrived."

The warm feeling, however, was not felt by all; many alumni and lay faculty opposed the arrival of women to the PC campus. Though some believed becoming co-ed was a necessity, not only for social needs, but also for economic ones, some thought it was an uncomfortable necessity - "If I went to an all-male institution, so can everyone else." Many people didn't even think the change would last. As Dean Wanda Ingram, a member of the class of '75 recalls, "If someone didn't like you or want to accept you, believe me, they'd let you know!"

Overall, however, the change was welcomed by the majority of returning students that year. Dr. Donna McCaffrey, who also arrived at the PC campus in '71 as one of the 6 female RAs and a full-time graduate student, remembers, "The boys all showed up outside of Aquinas in suits and ties, willing to carry our luggage and anxious to introduce themselves." The men would even open doors and pull out chairs for their new schoolmates.

And though chivalry was not dead and the females appeared to "have it easy," PC enforced many strict rules on the new Lady Friars. For one, all shades in every dorm room had to be drawn by 6pm - no matter what time of the year. Secondly, if one intended on leaving the building after 6pm, it was mandatory to sign out first, and in upon returning to the dorm.

And living as the only females on campus, one definitely, as Dean Ingram stated, "had no anonymity; you were constantly watched and looked at, and everyone knew who you were." And despite the "open-mindedness" of the existing community members, women were occasionally referred to as a pronoun (she/her), and Dr. McCaffrey recalls it taking 6 weeks before curtains were put up in the showers, terminating the "male-idea" of bathing.

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Dr. Jane Perel, who also joined the PC community in '71 as the second female to enter the English Department, can remember when her male, faculty peers would continually ask her to be the secretary for their meetings and take down the minutes. "I guess I was so fed up with them asking me," she recalls, "that when I refused to do it one day, they saw how upset I was and didn't ask me for about three years."

The women of the class of '75, however, must be acknowledged for more than just the first

to go through 4 years at PC. Today, among the women are lawyers, doctors, artists, and judges. They were "pioneers, part of a close fellowship of females and a wonderfully unique group," comments Dean Ingram. "The first class of women," stated Dr. Perel, "was a strong, eager, bright group of students, and I'm proud of their accomplishments and contributions they have given to this campus."

From those 190 women, PC today consists of 3600 students, 53% of which are women. In the Freshmen class, alone, 2110 males applied and 352 enrolled. These numbers are compared to the 2710 females who applied, and the 511 that enrolled. With this information, and the past 20 years of history in mind, it's clear to see the change did last and is felt stronger in recent years than ever.

So, as May, 1995 comes around, congratulate the approximately 845 students graduating from PC. But in honor of the 20th anniversary of the first graduating class of women, give an extra "congratulations" to the approximately 480 women who will be walking across the stage at the Civic Center, representing the 20 years of PC's true excellence as a well-rounded academic institution. And remember, "We are women, hear us ROAR!"

NOTE: Women's Week (3/21-3/31) is coming up. They will be celebrating Women's History month, and the 20th Anniversary of the First Graduating Class of Women. For more information, contact Dr. Jane Perel at x2490.

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New Hall Directors build community

Theresa Edo '96

News Editor

There have been two new and young additions to the Residence Life staff. Both the McVinney and McDermott Hall Directors insist that they have spent the past two weeks just getting to know their halls and the communities residing in them.

McVinney Hall Director, Michele Boussy, is actually a '92 PC alumna. She went on to do graduate work at Northeastern where she received her Masters of Science in Counseling. Prior to taking this position, she worked at Curry College in the Student Services Department. During her time at Providence she was a Resident Assistant and really enjoyed working with the RA's Life office. In fact, she has nothing but praise for her present staff.

"The McVinney RA's are fantastic!" Boussy said. "They've run this building for a semester by themselves. That's incredible!"

Boussy stated that seeing the students is the part of her position that she enjoys most. She wishes that she did not usually talk with residents when something goes wrong, such as an alcohol or noise violation.

Boussy has a vision for the

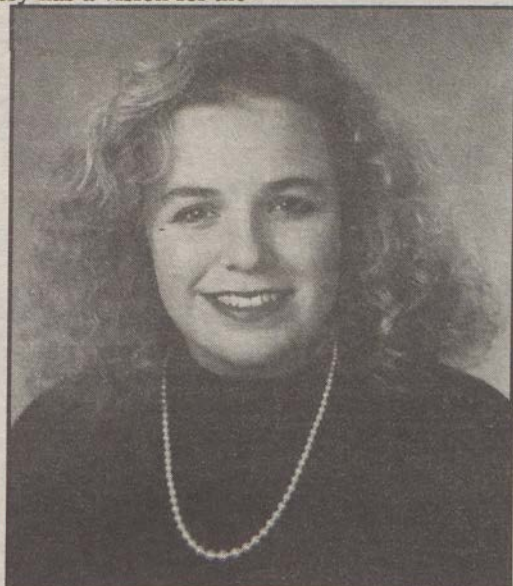
future here at PC. She hopes that the community in her hall will build upon their base of mutual respect for each other. Also, she hopes the Residence Hall Association, which she is involved with, will come to be seen as more than just the Blind Date Ball planner.

"I really believe in PC," she confessed. "Hopefully, the skills and active involvement that we encourage here will be used by students after graduation."

Grant Wilder, who replaces Tom Nesbitt as McDermott Hall Director, also has a strong belief in the students as the basis of the college. Wilder was at the University of Rochester as an undergraduate, biology, pre-med major when many of his fellow students began to confide personal matters to him. He began to wonder, if not him, who could these students turn to. It was then that he became interested in counseling.

"One of the more challenging aspects of my job is striking the balance," Wilder said. "It's tough to let students know that although I have to be the voice of discipline, I can also be myself! I hope they will see me as approachable."

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"I really believe in PC!" says Boussy.

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Shadowing Program offers glimpse of future

David Canal '98

News Writer

When entering today's job market, an invaluable tool that all students need is the ability to network. At Career Services, each year during winter break, the Alumni Shadowing Program takes place. Interested students of Providence College are paired with an alumnist who currently works in the field of the student's major or any other field the student is interested in. The net result of the program is that students gain insight into their field along with valuable networking skills they can use after graduation.

Since Spring 1990, the Career Service program has been offering the Alumni Shadowing Program under the direction of Debra Santostefano and Kathy Clarkin, Directors of Career Planning and Internal Service. Although students can use Career Services at any time to contact PC alumni, the Shadowing program receives the greatest turnout of students interested in networking.

Within Career Services is the Alumni Career Network, a network of 700 alumni from a wide variety of career fields and geographic locations in the U.S. and internationally. Santostefano summarized the objectives of the Alumni Career Network, "Our goal is to connect students with alumni to provide students with networking planning. The

Alumni Career Network, besides shadowing, is also available for Research and Informational Interviews with PC alumni. These alumnists can prove useful in job leads and resume referrals. In the Alumni Shadowing Program, we ask alumni to host students for a day or two over break."

This year there were 114 alumni volunteers while 96 students applied to shadow an

York City, "For students, it is a great opportunity to see what the business world is all about." Christine Welch, also a junior, shadowed an Attorney of Grievance Staff Member in Washington DC, "My expectations were fulfilled immediately and then some more. I realize that this field is something I am interested in. I want to be a lawyer involved in internal affairs; therefore, this field is perfect."



by Joe Raczynski

Some of those who shadowed gathered to exchange stories.

alumnist. Of the 96 students who applied, 93 were matched with an alumnist. Also, some students were able to meet with more than one alumnist, resulting in 118 separate meetings over break.

So far, the results of the Alumni Shadowing Program have been overwhelmingly positive. Junior Alexander Terri, a management major, shadowed a class '84 alumnist at Wertheim-Schroder in New

The program finished up last Thursday as close to thirty students gathered at Sidelines to share their experiences about shadowing over break. Brian McHugh shadowed a Marketing Manager of "Car and Driver" magazine and shared with everyone his outlook on the program, "I learned that you shouldn't feel like you should do it on your own, it is very necessary to network."

Social Work head resigns

Robin L. Erikson '98

News Writer

After twelve and a half years as head of the Social Work Department, Dr. Ellen Salvatore has resigned. She emphatically stated that it was not due to a particular problem or issue here at Providence College, but rather she simply "decided it was time for someone else to do it." After all, she's headed the department since 1982 and just felt it was time for a change.

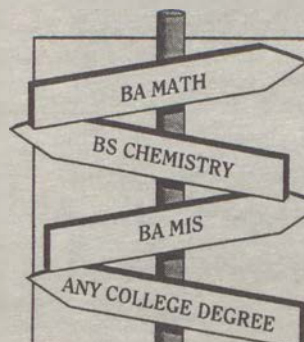
"I needed the time to invest my energy in my teaching," Dr. Salvatore explained, "and it was time for a department change." The Social Work Department, located in Howley 119, held an election to decide on who the new department head would be. Dr. William Preston, a professor of Social Work here at PC, was elected the new chair and is currently awaiting the approval by the administration.

Dr. Salvatore hoped to resign before this semester began, but no one had come forward to accept the position, so she hung on a little while longer. When Dr. Preston accepted the new decision, Dr. Salvatore was extremely grateful, and she feels that "Dr. Preston will do a wonderful job." Now that she has some extra time on her hands, Dr. Salvatore plans to use it wisely. "It's time for me to enjoy my teaching and let someone else head the department," she says happily.

In addition to teaching several Social Work courses, such

as Social Policy, Dr. Ellen Salvatore is also very active with the Feinstein Institute. She taught as part of the Pilot Program last summer and continues to teach the Pilot students this year, and will do so next year also. Together with Professor Callahan, she teaches

Public Aid Community Service Practicum II on Tuesdays through Fridays. Dr. Salvatore will now be able to spend more time doing what she loves—teaching, and less time dealing with the stresses and extra work that come with heading a department.



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Asst. News Editor

President Side Steps Congress

In the face of widespread opposition, President Clinton abandoned his effort to approve \$40 billion in loan guarantees to rescue the Mexican economy. Instead he said he would use his own emergency authority to lend up to \$20 billion to Mexico.

Other nations, such as Canada, and Mexico's Latin American neighbors have also agreed to loan \$2 billion to Mexico. By giving such a large loan, Mr. Clinton assumes a far larger financial and political risk than he has at any time since the Mexican crisis began. Rather than simply co-sign Mexico's loans, the heart of the original \$40 billion plan, Mr. Clinton's new plan could include a mix of direct loans and loan guarantees. As collateral, Mexico has agreed to put up \$7 billion in annual oil earnings, which the United States can draw on, only if Mexico defaults.

While the President said Mexico would have to meet strict financial conditions, he decided to ignore Congressional calls to condition American aid upon obtaining Mexico's coop-

eration in restricting illegal immigrants and fighting drug trafficking.

The plan is the third effort in five weeks to stem the crisis that began when Mexico was forced to devalue its currency. The devaluation was forced on the government after investigators grew increasingly nervous that the country had issued too many short term bonds.

Woman to Pilot Space Shuttle

When the space shuttle Disery next lifts off, an event scheduled for next Thursday, Lieut. Col. Eileen M. Collins of the Air Force will be in a historic role. She will be the first woman to pilot a NASA space-ship.

Colonel Collins, 38, will be second in command of the shuttle and its crew of six. In orbit, she will be steering the shuttle at times by firing small rockets and helping monitor flight instruments.

If all goes well, she will move over to the left seat, that of space shuttle commander, by the end of the decade, thus breaking the final sex barrier in space.

Also on the mission will be the second Russian to fly on a shuttle, Col. Vladimir Titov of the Russian Air Force.

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New Hall Directors

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Wilder received his Masters Degree in counseling from Alfred University. He is currently considering a hall-wide pool tournament to encourage

residents from different floors to get to know one another.

"I'm looking forward to the start of next year to really set the tone for the community aspect of McDermott Hall," Wilder said.



by J. Rian Arthur

"I hope students see me as approachable," says Wilder.

Black Studies proposed for PC

Brian Hylander '95

News Writer

A formal proposal was scheduled for review yesterday that would establish a Black Studies program at Providence College. Both the Faculty Senate and the Administration's Committee on Studies would consider the plan.

While a proposal formulated around 1971 for such an addition to the curriculum, it never materialized. Since the spring of 1993 there has been a serious student led grass roots campaign to create and implement a comprehensive academic program, which centers and focuses on the black community. This initial movement of informal hands-on meetings with interested students and faculty drew attention for the then president of Providence College, Father Cunningham, to deal seriously with these ideas. He established a formal Black Studies Committee, composed of students, faculty, administration, and alumni.

Ross Grace '95, one of the students actively involved in the effort and on the committee, wishes to emphasize the fact that, "the essence of everything has been directly from the students." The main purpose of the President's committee, thus, was to formalize the process, rework the structure and, channel student's ideas and the program through the proper bureaucratic stages. The culmination of the student's and this committee's work has resulted in the current Providence College Black Studies Proposal.

As stated in the proposal itself, "The purpose of the Providence College Black Studies

Program is to contribute to the end of endemic racism in the United States...through a political, economic and cultural challenge by countervailing beliefs." Outlining the injustices and discrimination that blacks have endured and continue to experience, the program seeks to challenge the underlying institutionalized beliefs which sustain racism, particularly in the United States. Only "through a variety of lenses," the proposal states, may we reach "Veritas," the truth.

Moreover, not only in the program aimed at expanding the global consciousness of the en-

is a grassroots product of students...(which) defines the problem and solution in unsanitized black student terms," they remain uncompromising in their desire for a program designed for and by students on their terms. Still, enthusiasm for the proposal remains strong. As Lacey McDowell '95 states, "there has been support from various faculty and administration." Furthermore, although careful not to speculate, Willesse A. Comission, Dean of Multicultural Students, eagerly hopes this much needed "new broader perspective" will be

... the program aimed at expanding the global consciousness of the entire student body through different ideas

tire student body through different ideas, but it also hopes to achieve added goals. Some include:

- Creating a diversified student body through the attraction of minority students.
- Enhancing the college's and student's competitiveness in an ever-increasing integrated and globalized world.
- Complementing other majors and courses of study.
- Offering a balance to the dominant Eurocentric view of the college.

Although the proposal's authors admit that it might be "threatening to some because it

implemented and become part of Providence College.

While Fr. McGonigle, Vice President for Academic Administration, and other administration officials were unavailable for comment, Dr. Trudeau, President of the Faculty Senate looks forward to going over the proposal, talking with interested parties, and voting on it sometime this semester. If passed through all the necessary committees, the final decision will be left to President Smith, who must sign it before it is implemented into the curriculum at Providence College.

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Abortion, violence and American society

Vera Schomer '96

Editorials Editor

Ever since the abortion doctor shootings last year in Florida, abortion has become a hot issue. Pro-life activists are getting T.V. time and more representation in government with the new conservative Congress, while pro-choice advocates are singled out as murderers. Unfortunately, the pro-life cause is getting publicity, not because of its legitimate moral or ethical stance, but rather because of a few violent psychopaths who claim to value human life and the rights of the unborn.

Take John Salvi, for example: the man who allegedly shot and killed two abortion clinic employees and injured others in Brookline, MA, and continued on to Norfolk, VA to shoot at another clinic. His actions must have shocked and embarrassed pro-life advocates because he claimed to be fighting for their cause. After all, if they proclaim abortion to be a violent act because it kills human beings, then how could it justifiably be answered by violence and murder? The principle involved is the sanctity of human life. Taking the life of a young woman who works at a clinic clearly violates the premise of that principle.

Ironically, a handful of anti-abortion activists in Norfolk, upon hearing news of Salvi's arrest, rallied behind him, calling for his release and thanking him for his actions. They believed him to be a martyr for their movement. Even more shocking was Salvi's absurd statement about desiring to become a priest if not convicted. So I ask, would these activists join Salvi's parish if he were ever given a chance at the priesthood? I surely hope not. The man is a lunatic hoping for interviews with Barbara Walters!

Casualties of this abortion war seem to be the large numbers of poor women, teenagers and college students in need of affordable non-abortion services. The new rise in violence is scaring patients away from clinics such as Planned Parenthood, which offer primary care and family planning (OB/GYN) services as well as abortions. Women may be

threatened when going for an annual exam, counseling, HIV test, STD screening, or even pre-natal care.

As the debate continues, we look to our states and our representatives in government to find a solution to the abortion crisis. I hope that the new wave of anti-abortion violence and abortion-minded media will not put undo pressure on legislators. Although they might be able to overturn *Roe vs. Wade* based on principle and medical facts, they will also have to contend with women activists fighting for reproductive rights.

Legislators and Supreme Court justices will have to look at countries around the world and see how they handle the issue. It should be noted that Brazil, where abortion has been made illegal, has twice as many abortions than the U.S. each year, and many are at the expense of the woman's life. We must also remember that abortion was widespread in ancient and preindustrial societies, and that women have been helping each other abort for centuries. It is not a product of modern immoral society and it won't go away by simply making it illegal.

There are two sides to the issue that lawmakers must consider. Perhaps they ought to try more preventive and educational strategies to reduce the incidence of abortion. Simply making a law and expecting people to obey it will not be enough.

So far, many politicians have taken very non-committal positions such as "anti-abortion but pro-choice." This means that personally they find abortion to be wrong, but that they still believe women have a right to make that choice.

In this battle, it is obvious that violence perpetrated by fringe, pro-life fanatics is contradictory to the cause, and it has the potential of giving peaceful activists a bad name. Because of our media dominated society, violence has managed to bring the abortion issue back to the forefront of American politics. Yet it is imperative that we demand carefully considered decisions and not quick fixes to this societal dilemma that has existed for centuries.

The right to know

When any person assumes a position of leadership at an institution, it is that person's obligation to explain important decisions and policies, particularly when they directly affect other members of that institution. This certainly should hold true for the administration at Providence College.

The recent firings of Dr. Owen Logue, Dean of Academic Services, and Mrs. Frances Shipp, Director of Academic Services, have raised many questions among students, and even among the faculty. Within the past few weeks, several students have approached members of *The Cowl* staff seeking answers to the abrupt dismissals. Obviously, this is a legitimate news story on campus and is of particular concern to many students. In preparation for the January 26 issue, *The Cowl* sought explanations from the administration, namely Dr. Sally Thibodeau, Associate Vice President for Academic Administration. Dr. Thibodeau would not comment on the dismissals. Instead, she directed *The Cowl* to another campus publication for a statement which had been released by Fr. McGonigle's office for that publication.

There are three serious problems with the

administration's refusal to grant an interview to *The Cowl* on this matter. First, *The Cowl* is a campus publication. Whether or not there is another publication is irrelevant. When a member of *The Cowl* staff seeks answers or clarification for this newspaper, he/she should be treated with the same respect as any other reporter. Furthermore, working on *The Cowl* or being involved in any campus activity is part of a well-rounded education and part of the learning experience. Directing us to obtain and use information from another publication only hinders our education. This is not the first time a member of *The Cowl* has been treated poorly.

Second, by referring us, and probably other students, to the statement printed in the other publication, the administration is ignoring the needs of the student. For over 50 years, *The Cowl* has been the newspaper for Providence College and published especially for the students. It is our obligation to print news and related articles which affect the student body. In this case, many students have expressed concern about the dismissals and are seeking more information. Because they realize that *The Cowl* will provide information on how the dismissals affect the students, they will turn to us for answers.

Third, a free and independent press with access to information is necessary for objective reporting on an important decision that the school makes. When the "newspaper" is published by the administration, freedom, objectivity, and independence are all compromised. Any statement printed, particularly regarding a controversial decision, usually goes unquestioned.

Therefore, in light of the students' right to know and the administration's refusal to speak, *The Cowl* feels obligated to ask several important questions about the dismissals. Why, specifically, were Dr. Logue and Mrs. Shipp fired? Who ordered the firings?

Why were the dismissals so abrupt? Why are our questions being ignored? Are the current concerns of the students being taken into consideration? Is the decision reversible? And, finally, are others going to be fired soon as well?

The administration's refusal to be forthcoming about this controversial decision is both inconsiderate to the students and cowardly. Due to the enormous response on the part of students, *The Cowl* pledges to do its best to get answers to these questions throughout the remainder of the school year. It is our duty to the student body.

Congressional perks Losing our faith in government

Jamie Lantinen '97

Editorial Writer

The theory of evolution contends that organisms adapt as a result of their environment. Organisms best adapted to their environment are the most likely to survive. Proof for this theory can be found in the chambers of the United States Congress.

Perks have been the buzzwords of journalists this decade - a reaction to the augmentation of unnecessary privileges for our legislators. It has become increasingly evident, that members do more for themselves than for the average American. Everything from a continuous supply of ice buckets in all 535 Congressional offices to an outrageous number of "pork barrel" jobs have been exposed by the media. Most of us would love a \$50,000 a year job computing the rate that ketchup comes out of a bottle, but it is not an essential - indeed, not even functional - governmental position.

It is because of these ridiculous scenarios that people have lost faith in our government. I wonder how many citizens of Washington, D.C. would kill for one of the thousands of free parking spaces Congressional members and their staff utilize when Congress is in session. The total number of the Capital parking spaces exceeds that of all of the parking meters in the city. Haven't

our government officials heard of public transportation?

When perks such as these became public knowledge, especially in the wake of the House banking crisis, voters sought out candidates who vowed to rid Congress of these perks. This seemingly logical response has failed to shake the halls of the Capital. Newt Gingrich has approved a House order that would allow members to sleep in their offices. That's right! A representative may virtually turn their office into an apartment. Evidently, the \$133,000 they receive is not enough to cover the expense of a modest flat in Washington. So, why not live in the Capital - on the taxpayer's expense? Representative Patricia Schroder of Colorado has rightly risen in response to this tax-free member perk as "material for a television sitcom" and "the makings for a Congressional slumber party." She is concerned, as most of us should be, that this is a bizarre perk that could have repercussions unworthy of the United States Government. Does this mean that a member's family can move into the Capital as well? Also, Rep. Schroder asks, will the House Restaurant soon be offering room service? The problem - as trivial as it sounds - is the result of the Congressional adaptation to Washington's atmosphere of greed. Newt evidently did not get the message from the pub-

lic about the House Bank; now he wants a House Hotel.

A Freshman Representative recently revealed another Congressional perk: a \$2500 "personalized, gold-embossed set of the United States Code" given to each new member at the start of a session. The House carries sets of the code in each of its several libraries - including the Library of Congress. An extravagant personalized set is unnecessary and excessive. Yet former pork-buster Rep. Scott Klug, who according to the *Washington Post* "made his political reputation on hunting down perks as a freshman," has conspicuously relented on his anti-perk stance. He calls the personalized set of the U.S. Code, which costs taxpayers a half million dollars each session, "a necessary part of doing business." Klug has evolved from a pork beater into a pork eater, as a result of the Washington environment.

When the members of Congress become corrupt, we try to remedy the situation by electing new people. It seems that the problem isn't the people at all, but the environment. We may go as far as to say that it is a result of a corrupt society. If given the opportunity, we too would become part of mainstream Washington. Whatever its origins, there it is: the Congressional Theory of Evolution. It only takes a term or two and you'll adapt as readily as a Galapagos Finch.

Strength through discipline

John J. Olohan '95

Editorial Writer

It is absolutely hilarious to hear fifty year olds who have misfits for children, getting on television and telling the world how to raise kids. Then the pampered children of the affluent espouse a "tax more for education" mentality while they are personally driving a Jeep Grand Cherokee. It is the spoiled agreeing with the clueless. Lets be frank, we are all educated about sex, drugs, and alcohol; we do what we do, because we want to, not because we don't know what it is.

Here is an example: Students in college right now have been listening to guest speakers, going to presentations, and writing reports on the effects of cigarette smoking since kindergarten. All of which have cost American taxpayers millions of dollars. There is not one person in the civilized world that doesn't know that cigarettes are bad for the human body. But guess what education diehards, more teenagers smoke today than they did ten years ago. Way to go education!

What the education diehards don't realize is that their education programs are so successful in educating students that students become curious and experiment with drugs, sex, and alcohol because these programs are taught in such a way that they actually condone deviant behavior. Sex education programs in grade school make having sex seem like going to the movies. This happens because out of touch parents have

no sense of right and wrong since everything is relative. Tell that to the individual with AIDS, the alcoholic, or the drug addict. I'm sure they will thank their role models and teachers for the excellent examples that they provided for them.

The bottom line is that parents are afraid of their children or they just don't care about their children. Many parents give their children anything and everything not because they love them, but because they want them out of their hair. This is why the education advocates want the programs so badly - because they don't know how to raise their own kids. These out of touch parents want the school system to do their job for them.

I could go on and on with statistics but it isn't necessary because everyone knows that the societal ills that should be decreasing because of education, are increasing, with no signs of slowing.

Lets face it. Our parents generation has a laissez-faire approach to child rearing. Just look at what is going on around us; if our parents are so right in their teaching methods then why are drug use, teenage pregnancy, divorce, rape, molestation, and violent crime, all on the rise? Because their ways and tactics are wrong. The proof is in the pudding.

Education isn't about more tax dollars and more inspirational speakers. Education comes from within ourselves. Parents need to get to know their children. Parents

need to instruct their children on right and wrong, and children need to be receptive and heed the truth. Instead of buying your child's "love" with a car, give your love by being a good, caring, and devoted parent.

What is classic are the parents who are CEOs of their own companies and everyone at the office is afraid to say anything that is the least bit disrespectful, for fear of being fired. But these CEOs allow their kids to walk all over them. Talk about being spineless. Letting a child who hasn't had to worry about food, shelter, clothes, and so on, to bully you around is pathetic, absolutely pathetic.

I propose that my generation does not forget what it is like to be young. We can't forget the tricks of the trade. We must remember the lies that we use, so that when our kids use them on us, we will know exactly what is going on. We must teach our children that self-respect is the most important element in a person's life. Drugs, sex, alcohol, and money, can only make you feel good to a point; self-respect makes you feel good infinitely.

Our parents mistakes can be devastating if we do not re-teach ourselves. We must find it within ourselves to break this vicious cycle of self-centeredness and instant gratification that is at the forefront of our society's very existence. We are not dogs, we are human beings with intellect. Don't teach us how, because we know how. Teach us to have the courage, not to do, what we know, how to do.

The N.R.A. and the industry of death

Mike Sullivan '97

Editorial Writer

In a move that erases any doubt that the National Rifle Association is still the most powerful lobby group in Washington, 26 Democrats have joined the new Republican majority in an effort to repeal the assault weapons ban included in last year's crime bill. The bill specifically bans 19 assault weapons and narrowly passed the House last year in a nail-biting 218-217 vote. In one of the more dramatic points in his State of the Union address last week, President Clinton promised he would fight any attempt to repeal the ban. The NRA has always opposed any sort of government effort to restrict gun ownership on the grounds that it is unconstitutional. They claim the second amendment guarantees their right to own firearms, even those as dangerous and deadly as assault weapons.

Let's take a look at what the second amendment really says: "The people may bear arms. A well regulated militia being necessary to the

security of a free state, the right of the people to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed." The NRA interprets this to mean that legally there is no limit to which a person can arm themselves. This broad interpretation has resulted in a nation that has become crazed with guns. There are more gun shops than gas stations in America. The state of Texas has a total population of 17 million people, while gun owners in that state possess over 64 million guns. A child in the United States is 15 times as likely to be killed by gunfire than a child in Belfast, Northern Ireland. An amendment that was meant to provide for our security is now being used to threaten it.

In many states it is illegal to own fireworks because they are deemed "unsafe" by the state legislatures. Switchblades are also illegal in many states because of their potentially lethal use. In the same sense, shouldn't semi-automatic assault weapons be banned? These guns pose more of a threat than any firecracker or switchblade. Some try to justify these guns by saying

they can be used for hunting. Others say they can be used for self-defense. In reality, assault weapons are not made for self-defense and they are not made for hunting. They are designed to kill as many people as possible in as little time as possible. That is why we have to ban them.

Although most Americans support the ban, it's going to be a tough fight to keep it from being repealed. There are definitely enough votes in the House to repeal it and there may even be enough votes to override a Presidential veto. Although gun proponents will have a harder time mustering the votes they need in the Senate, it is conceivable that they pull it off. The NRA has a strangle hold on Congress. They donate large sums of money to candidates who advocate their cause and exert great pressure on them to fight gun legislation if they are elected. Too many politicians take the easy way out and go with the flow. Fortunately, there are people like Rep. Gephardt of Missouri, a Democrat, and Rep. Hyde of Illinois, a Republican, who care more about doing the right thing than the easy thing.

Open mouth, insert foot

Robert Mendes '95

Editorial Writer

Even though it is still early, this week seems like a good time to evaluate the performance of the 104th Congress. Better yet, it's probably a good time for the leadership of the 104th Congress to evaluate itself.

Last November voters sent the Republicans to Congress with a clear mandate: take care of this government's financial problems, cut both taxes and spending, and make government less intrusive in the lives of ordinary people. These are all necessary and critically important reforms that Newt Gingrich has promised. Unfortunately, the Speaker is straying a bit from the course he charted and, in the process, he is giving his critics too much ammunition to use against him. In short, he is putting the conservative revolution in jeopardy.

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It is true that Newt is acting quickly on his Contract With America. Many good things have already been passed by the House. For instance, Congress will now have to follow the same rules it imposes on private employers. Also, the House passed a bill that would force the federal government to pay for the rules it imposes on the states. In addition, just last week, the House approved a balanced budget amendment. All of these measures will force Congress from isolating itself from the real world. Moreover, Congress will have to consider even more carefully its own spending habits. Hopefully, the result of all this legislation will be more responsible fiscal leadership that Speaker Gingrich promised before the election.

Consider the balanced budget amendment for a moment. If it passes the Senate and three fourths of the states, it will force Congress to reform itself in a radical way. The deficit is so high partly because representatives and senators, both Democrats and Republicans, fight for money for their own districts. The reason they do this is simple. It makes them look good at election time. They campaign saying that they got money for a certain bridge, or submarine or supercollider (none of which the country needs), and that it improves the district and creates jobs. Meanwhile, it hurts the nation as a whole.

Members of Congress do not stop each other from doing this because they are never at odds with each other since they campaign in their own individual districts. The balanced budget amendment will stop

this sort of practice because it will severely limit the funds available for pork barrel projects. Therefore, congressmen will be set against one another and there will be winners and losers. Some districts will get money and some will not. It will be cheaper than the present system in which everybody gets money. Term limits will also go a long way to end this sort of practice.

Unfortunately, rather than arguing for legislation in a sane, rational, and reasonable way, Newt has spent the last month saying stupid things that are undermining the important work he is trying to do. For example, earlier this year, without any proof, he accused the White House staff of widespread drug abuse. Then he signed a ridiculous book deal that was probably tainted with special privileges for one of the wealthiest men in the world. If that is not enough, he picks a

fight with Barney and Big Bird. (See Jamie's article "Conservatives Threaten PBS" in *The Cowl* January 26, 1995) Finally, he made a remark that women cannot serve in the military because they would get infections in the trenches. These remarks are ruining what little credibility Gingrich really has with the voters, while the book deal is simply creating a distraction from important matters.

Newt's stupidity seems to be contagious. The House Majority Leader Dick Armey of Texas referred to Rep. Barney Frank of Massachusetts, who is homosexual, as a fat. Once again, if he had considered his remarks thoughtfully beforehand, he probably would not have hurt his own credibility so badly.

The Republicans are even beginning to push for policies that did not get them elected and will only hurt them with moderate voters. They want to repeal the assault weapons ban that was passed by Congress last year. Apparently, the Republicans think that there aren't enough guns already killing people in this country and that we need more. Even worse, the Republicans have talked about repealing minimum wage laws entirely. These ideas are not what got them elected and they should be abandoned because it will only hurt them in the next election.

Speaker Gingrich has to end his famous one liners and return to the promises of sound fiscal management that were the foundation of the conservatives' great victory this fall. If he doesn't, the chance to truly reform this country will be lost for another forty years.

Domestic violence deserves punishment

Christopher Roche '96

Editorial Writer

As I was perusing the late night television circuit, I heard a startling statistic from an organization dedicated to stopping domestic violence. The advertisement said, "42 percent of all murdered women are killed by men who promise to love them. Needless to say I was completely shocked by the nature of this statistic. I consider myself an informed person, but I had no idea that domestic violence was this out of control. If I am not mistaken, there was once a time in this country when men and women would meet each other, date, and then possibly get married. Maybe they would have a few children, work for thirty or forty years and then retire together. Where have those days gone? What is happening to loving relationships in our country? Why are men killing the women that they supposedly love?

The most frustrating thing about this statistic is there is no definitive explanation for it. However, a few definites can be pointed out. First, it is definitely not the woman's fault because nobody deserves to be abused or murdered. This may seem obvious, but it apparently has not sunk in to the American public judging by the murder rate in this country. Second, domestic violence definitely needs attention paid to it. Late night editorials are a step in the right direction, but they are not enough. This country needs to heighten awareness of the epidemic, just like it did in the eighties with the war on drugs. A similar campaign should take place about domestic violence

because it is a killer. Too many people still think that domestic violence is nothing serious, but in this day and age it has gone to a new level. Husbands are killing wives, and boyfriends are killing girlfriends and vice versa. Everyone made a joke about John and Lorena Bobbitt, but that is a stellar example of the problem. The husband was abusing his wife; the wife retaliated, and neither of them went to jail. The fact is that John Wayne Bobbitt is a habitual abuser of women, and although he had been accused of it before (and after) he was dismembered, the charges were continually dropped. He has been able to abuse women and legally get away with it.

O.J. Simpson is another example of a classic abuser, and if he is found guilty of murder he will have fit into the equation perfectly. He claims to love his wife, yet he abused her. He habitually beat her, even after police intervention. Of course, excuses have been made for his behavior, but there is no excuse. Any man who beats a woman is a gutless coward who deserves to be jailed. Even if O.J. is found not guilty of the murder charges, it does not erase the fact that he is a convicted abuser. If he is set free, he will most likely abuse again. The media has completely dropped the ball on this issue. O.J. is a convicted abuser, and it should not be forgotten amidst the huge trial hype.

In addition to heightening awareness, domestic violence laws need to be toughened. Many first time domestic violence offenders, which are usually men, do not get prosecuted. Often times the

police will be called into a situation, and the officer will not see any apparent bodily harm done to either spouse. Due to the lack of physical evidence, the couple will be given an admonishment, and the potential for more abuse remains.

Situations can be further complicated if the couple has children. Any municipal prosecutor will tell you that a wife will be much more hesitant to press charges against her husband because of fear of hurting the children. As a result the judge is compelled to dismiss the case, usually with an admonishment toward the husband, hence leaving the wife open to further abuse.

Other extreme cases have included instances where men have been jailed on charges only to be released and abuse again. In Central Falls Marta Villegas was abused by her boyfriend, and the police arrested him. He was subsequently released, but nineteen minutes after his release he was arrested again for trying to kill Villegas with a knife. In one particular New Jersey case, a man had his bail lowered from \$250,000 to \$25,000, and he was able to post that amount. He then tracked down his wife and mother-in-law in Pennsylvania. He murdered them both. Cases such as these should never have happened, but the legal system was too lenient. The bottom line is that laws need to be made tougher, and first time offenders need to be jailed. This country needs to send a clear message that domestic violence will not be tolerated, and it needs to make clear that abusers will be supported in their efforts against abusers.

Letters to the Editor

To the Editor:

Kudos to Providence College for diminishing its sexist image (they disinvited Dr. Ruth Westheimer in the mid-1980's) by inviting Jane Pauley, NBC co-host of *Dateline NBC*, as this year's Commencement speaker. Kudos also to PC for inviting Tony Award Winner Joel Grey who will star in the Commencement eve Pops concert [*The Cowl*, 1/26/95]. Mr. Grey's performance in the movie *Cabaret* helped to make it a brilliant film.

Since Bishop Louis E. Gelineau will undoubtedly be attending the Commencement exercises, one can't help but wonder what Ms. Pauley and Mr. Grey's position is on abortion.

Incidentally, my selection for Commencement speaker would have been CNN Reporter Christine Anulapour. She has put her life on the line by reporting from the Gulf War, Somalia, Haiti and several tours in Sarajevo, Bosnia-Herzegovina.

Most Sincerely,

Russell P. Demoe '73

Weekend alternatives needed

Dear Editor:

I am just another ordinary student at Providence College. However, I have come upon a serious problem at our school. After a long week of classes, labs, homework, and exams, I find myself looking forward to another Friday night - a time when I can leave my normal frustrations behind and have some fun. Somehow, the same question always arises: What are we going to do tonight? Let's see. Louie's is open (usually.) Brad's is open. So is Club Eagles. Maybe we'll stay in and hit Eagle's beforehand. What are the other alternatives for students not in the mood for drinking. Well, Peterson's closed. No movies showing... B.O.P. has one event, but it is over by 9, which leaves about 5 hours to kill.

Unfortunately, PC very rarely has anything substantial occurring on the weekends, and when they do, the events are either poorly publicized or end too early where one ends up with plenty of time on his or her hands. Funny, in an age when the media constantly ridicules college students for excessive alcohol intake, PC offers few alternatives. My friends and I have come up with a few possible solutions for this problem.

First and foremost, keep Peterson open. Midnight basketball leagues in cities like Chicago have been successful in keeping kids off the streets, so I'm sure it would not be a bad idea for a college. Let's not limit ourselves to basketball, but water polo, soccer, tennis, volleyball, and racquetball. During the spring, have midnight baseball, football and soccer in Raymond field under the lights. Another great idea that many PC students would enjoy is ice skating after any athletic events in Schneider Arena. Most, if not all, students would be willing to pay minimal charge in order to cover the possible costs of such activities. Remember, beer is not free either.

Next, instead of movies during the week, let's have them on Friday and Saturday nights. The movie marathons, such as *Belushi* night or *Naked Gun* night, were great ideas, and they would be even better if they were on weekends. Students would still pay \$2 to see the latest movies as is the policy on Sunday night.

Thirdly, Stuart's. Okay, I am for the multicultural dances

and red-eyes, but we should see more. Also, I personally know of a great deal of musicians on campus that play many different styles of music. Most students like myself have an affinity for live music. I am sure students would love to participate in open jazz, rock, blues, or rap jams. I think students would love to see them. Perhaps bring in more local bands. Why stick to live music, when we could have listening parties devoted to one band or one type of music, perhaps with students bringing in their own live and bootleg tracks. I will even go out on a limb and introduce the idea of student art exhibits and guest speakers, be it authors or public figureheads. These types of activities encourage student interaction, one activity that everyone enjoys. The school offered ballroom dancing lessons, but how about informal or semi-formal ballroom dancing? People would flock to see competitions such as a slam dunk contests hosted by a few members of the basketball team. Sports events post-parties or pre-game rallies would go over well. Contests such as Dorm Wars or Friar Fights have been popular freshmen events, so there is no reason why similar events, with students forming their own teams, would not be equally enjoyable.

I do not have to tell students the legal or physical repercussions of excessive alcohol consumption; we have all at least heard the stories of vomiting in the bathroom, getting written up, ambulance bills, and alcohol counseling, never mind the possible legal punishments of being caught with a fake ID or the physical problems associated with heavy drinking. I am personally tired of hearing PC being referred to as a drinking school. We have a chance to change all that. If we look towards the alternatives, keep the prices low (who has money to burn?), and give the ideas our undivided support and a little time, we will accomplish the goal of giving students more options on the weekends. Maybe then students will realize that there is more to do on the weekends than drinking.

Sincerely,

A Concerned PC Student

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by Joe Raney

Gwen Gelsinon '95,

Director of *No Exit*

"My time here has allowed me to discover where my tastes and talents lie."

get nostalgic about them," says Gwen. "But these types of shows aren't my first choice anymore."

Her experiences here at Providence College have opened Gwen up to various types of live productions. "My time here has allowed me to discover where my tastes and talents lie," she

says. She now has a more emotional and intellectual understanding, believing strongly in communicating important ideas to people to make a production meaningful as well as enjoyable. "I don't want to hit people over the head with a message," says Gwen. "When theatre is at its best, it's engaging on all levels."

Gwen's lead role in the Blackfriars' production of *Edith Stein* two years ago was her most fulfilling. The play itself was motivating for her because of the importance of her character's life and the work of her director, John Garrity. "He was a big influence on me, both as a director and as a teacher," says Gwen. "In class he pushed my instincts about my overall philosophy of theatre and forced me to think about it more."

When Gwen enrolled at P.C. three and a half years ago, she had already decided on a double major in theatre arts and English. "My original idea was to develop my skills at play writing," she says.

From her various attempts at writing scripts, however, Gwen has found the job difficult at times, and her interest in writing has waned a bit. "It's hard for me to imagine others speaking the lines that I have written," says Gwen. "Writing is an activity done by yourself. Directing can help writing because it's at the opposite end of the spectrum. It involves contact with everyone else involved, from actors to designers to technicians."

Gwen is currently directing the independent student production of Jean Paul Sartre's *No Exit*. First performed in Paris in 1944, the story revolves around three people who seemingly can't get along, and who are trapped in a small room together for eternity. The people become aware that they have been condemned

to hell, and are soon convinced that they are not awaiting their torturer, but are instead there to torture each other. "In a way, they're similar to rats stuck in a laboratory experiment, as if someone is watching them to see how they'll cope with the situation," says Gwen. "They try to both help and ignore each other at different points in the plot. At the end they recognize and accept their fate."

For Gwen's interpretation, the actors will perform all around the audience. The seats will be arranged near the outside edges of the room, but

the boundaries of the performing space will be the walls behind them. "The audience is right in the middle of the action," Gwen says, "and will really be able to tap into the energy projected by the performers."

After graduation, Gwen hopes to work in theatre administration. "It's steady work, and it's an aspect of the business that you have to learn on your own," she says. From there, she wants to attend graduate school to fine tune her directing skills. "The ideal profession for me would be to write and direct," says Gwen. "Directing informs writing, and vice versa. The experience of directing *No Exit* has definitely helped me for whatever will come in the future. It's a lot of work, and I think it will pay off."

Michael Quinn '95

Asst. A&E Editor

Students at Providence College are fortunate to be able to experience the creativity of their peers. They can listen to student bands and see painting and sculpture exhibits right on campus. Next week, students will be able to attend the premiere of an independent student play featuring performances by fellow students, as well as the directorial debut of senior Gwen Gelsinon.

Gwen first became interested in theatre while attending grammar school. Her first performance was in a student written musical called *Out Of Print* as a member of the chorus. She progressed into more prominent roles in high school, when she played the part of Gilmer in *Godspell*. "I used to love those fun musicals, *Showboat*, for example, and I still

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Fort Apache/MCA Records
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It isn't often that a recording studio gets as much attention or respect as the hallowed Fort Apache. The original Fort Apache was the recording site of early records by American bands such as the Pixies, Dinosaur Jr., Sebadoh and Throwing Muses, as well as European acts like Billy Bragg and Radiohead. While the studio itself was never close to anything glamorous, the producers at Fort Apache were always able to bring the best out of recording artists by having them concentrate on the most important factor to consider when recording an album: the music. A group of producers closely affiliated with the studio have recently signed a production deal with MCA that will form a Fort Apache record label. *This Is Fort Apache* is a collection of Fort Apache recordings by various artists that is serving as the inaugural installment of the new label.

To appreciate the rootsy appeal of Fort Apache, one has to have a good understanding of the studio's history. The Fort started out as being an old, broken down building in the Roxbury ghetto that a group of producers turned into a recording studio. Karen Schoemer of

Newsweek is the author of the album's liner notes, which are both informative and funny. She writes that the studio "was cheap, it was comfortable, and most importantly, the guys who ran the show understood this kind of music." Most of the bands that recorded there felt that Fort Apache was more like their rehearsal space rather than a recording studio. The producers who ran Fort Apache had a special passion for indie label music and chose to work with mostly unknown artists instead of making bigger money with the more commercial record companies.

The primitive conditions of Fort Apache often made the artists who recorded there work in a rather uncomfortable atmosphere. Treat Her Right recorded their debut album in the unheated studio in the middle of winter, which forced the band to wear mittens in between song takes. Big Dipper worked on their album *Heavens* in the unbearable heat of June and apparently recorded most of the record in their underwear. These kinds of working conditions exemplified the do-it-yourself spirit out of which Fort Apache was born.

The Fort's location was another unattractive feature of the studio. Since Fort Apache was located in the heart of Roxbury, crime was a problem that plagued many of those who recorded there. Cars were stolen on a regular basis. The Volcano Suns almost had their hibachi stolen off the fire escape when

they were still grilling on it. The studio finally closed down in 1990 when a band was held up at gunpoint.

By that time, Fort Apache had already opened a second studio in Cambridge. With the new studio came a new found acceptance of this kind of music. The Lemonheads and Juliana Hatfield were now on Atlantic. Dinosaur Jr. and Throwing Muses signed with Sire. The Fort bought some more advanced equipment and eventually signed a deal with MCA records to start a new label. This brings us to the new 13 song compilation, *This Is Fort Apache*.

The album kicks off with Cold Water Flat's abrasive yet melodic "Magnetic North Pole." Cold Water Flat is the first band to be signed to the new label and their song is among the best on the album. Belly also stands out on the record with the full band version of "Star", a far more superior version to the original acoustic track. *Fort Apache's* other highlights include one of the Lemonheads' finest earlier songs ("Stove"), an excellent Buffalo Tom track ("Crutch"), a rare pop gem from Billy Bragg ("Sulk") and a bluesy classic from Treat Her Right ("I Think She Likes Me").

The strength of this compilation lies with the song selection. There is literally not a weak song on the record and each track really seems to capture each group at their best. One drawback is that most of the songs have been previously available. For die-hard fans of the Lemonheads, Radiohead or Throwing Muses,

this compilation really doesn't offer anything new. It would have been nicer to see more B-sides and outtakes on the album rather than just reissuing older songs on a newer record.

This Is Fort Apache is the best compilation disc to come out in recent years. Even if you have those early records by the Lemonheads, Sebadoh or Buffalo Tom, buy it for the Billy Bragg and Juliana Hatfield B-sides and especially for the Cold Water Flat single. The release of this album begins the second part of Fort Apache's tainted yet highly illustrious history. The Fort Apache story shows that you don't need a fancy studio, hi-tech equipment or even climate control to record great music. You just need a comfortable little space to call home.

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Nothing to do on a Friday night?

How about a little game?

Patrick Heap '96

A&E Writer

Most people have heard of a role-playing game before, but what is a role-playing game and why would someone like to spend an evening playing? These are some common questions asked when people start talking about role-playing games. What I intend on doing with this article is to explain what a role-playing game is, how to get one, the different types of games, and list a few benefits one receives from playing. To start off I would like to say that role-playing games are not for everyone. Some people would rather spend all of their money at a bar every weekend of their academic career instead of using a little imagination. And imagination is the center of role-playing games.

A role-playing game is basically what the people playing make out of it. A game itself just lays down a plot to follow and a system of dice rolling to determine events and create characters. A role-playing game is like a *Choose Your Own Adventure* book except the people playing are the main

characters and the person running the game is the narrator, villains, cats, dogs, and any other person or thing that the players may run into. Any action or character ability is determined by dice rolls. The dice rolls are then taken and related to the number system being used in the game. They are also used to determine if an action is successful or if it fails. This number system is also used to determine a character's physical and mental attributes. Every game is different and a lot of games use their own unique style of dice rolling. One's best bet is to find a system which is easy and allows spontaneity and then stick to that one system. This may mean buying just one brand of game or creating your own game based on a company's role-playing system.

Obtaining a game is simple. Most hobby shops have them, some comic book stores, and now there are even some stores completely dedicated to the selling of role-playing games. Most rule books or story books cost anywhere from \$10 to \$22. The difficult thing is to find a system and style which suits the people playing. Some people enjoy sci-fi games and play

Robotech, *Star Trek*, and *Star Wars*. Others enjoy super heroes and may play either the *Marvel Superhero* game or the *DC* and *Batman* series. Then there is the classic *D&D* for fantasy fans. The list of game genres goes on and on. There are games for people who just want to get just plain silly that follow the mentality and reality of Warner Brothers cartoons and there are games for people who want to bring their minds to the brink of paranoia. The game world is your oyster and the sky is not the limit.

So now that you know a little bit more about the subject, what fun is it? Well, have you ever wanted to fly? Ever wanted to save the world or fight an alien force? How about just escape from the reality around you and lose yourself in a world where good triumphs over evil? Everyone has their own reason for wanting to play, but basically it is just plain fun and trouble free. There is no line to get in, no cover charge, and no one there that you don't like. The materials to play will always be there once you have purchased them and after that all you need is a pen, some dice, paper, and two or more people to play.

An aspect of role-playing

which I think has been overlooked by is that it can be beneficial to the people playing. How? Well for starters the people participating are using parts of their brains which have been numbed by *Beavis and Butthead* and the TV decade. The players are actually hanging around listening to some one telling a story for about four hours and enjoying every second of it. The players are listening to one another and bringing the art of conversation back to life. Often times the players get so involved in their characters actions that they often come to realizations about themselves and situations they are presently in. Not to mention the sense of community and friendship a few games together can create among room full of strangers.

Still for kids? Maybe. After all the people who enjoy the game most are those who are open minded, have incredible imaginations, and dreams of saving the world.



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Summer internship opportunities

Mrs. Santostefano

Assistant Director, Career Planning and Internship Service

Sophomores: If you are looking for a PAID summer internship, then you should consider the International Foundation of Employee Benefits (IFEB) Internship Program.

This opportunity is open to sophomores from any major who have at least a 3.0 GPA and are interested in participating in the program for two consecutive summers. Opportunities are available in the New England area and referrals can be made to other regions throughout the country.

IFEB matches and places interns with company sponsors in various employee benefits fields. What, you might ask, are employee benefits? IFEB describes benefits as "the extras an employee receives in addition to a regular paycheck. Typically, for every \$1 paid in

a regular paycheck, the employer provides another 37 cents worth of benefits, including medical, pension, vacation, sick leave etc. Many individuals, organizations, and companies are involved in the process of benefit administration."

Last summer, three PC students participated in this highly selective program. Students who were selected had no previous formal training in employee benefits. During the summer, employers provide on-the-job training and during the school year students attend periodic IFEB seminars. As you might imagine, the experience and training can equip students with very marketable skills and a solid network of professional contacts (which come in very handy for your future job search!).

Students recruited for the program come from a variety of academic backgrounds. A math major might work on projects requiring strong analytic, quan-

titative and computer skills whereas an English major might work on benefits communication publications, or desk top publishing projects. The types of skills required vary depending on the needs of the internship sponsor.

Interested? Then, plan to attend an informational session to find out more and hear from current PC IFEB interns. The information sessions will be: Wednesday, February 8 at 3:30, Slavin 203 or Wednesday, February 8 at 6:30, Slavin 120 or Thursday, February 9 at 2:30, Slavin 203. If you cannot make one of these info meetings, stop by the Career Planning and Internship Service in the Student Development Center, Slavin 209.

The application deadline (including a transcript and reference) is Wednesday, February 22. Selected candidates will be interviewed on campus on March 9. So don't wait, get started now on developing a successful summer internship!

Attention Juniors

Semi-Formal Stag

Saturday, February 11th
7:00 p.m.-12:00 a.m.
at the Omni Biltmore
Buses leave Peterson at 6:30 p.m.

Tickets will be on sale:
Tuesday, February 7th thru
Thursday, February 9th
10:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.
in Lower Slavin
\$15 per ticket

Tickets will be sold on:
Friday, February 10th
10:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.
in Lower Slavin
\$17 per ticket

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Don't miss out!!

Seniors!!

Commencement Core announces:

There will not be a semi-formal during Commencement week!

There will be two casual events and a formal dinner dance.

The Student Development Center is sponsoring two workshops on Wednesday, February 8th for all students who would like to learn and share more about their concerns regarding how alcohol affects the people in their lives and their own relationships with them.

The workshop is entitled "Listen or Speak (if you can't at home you can here.)"

It will be held at 4 pm and repeated at 7 pm in Slavin 104. Everyone is welcome.

Students Organized Against Racism

will be selling red and pink carnations for Valentine's Day.

Carnations will be personally delivered on February 14th.

The cost is just \$1.00 and orders will be taken Wednesday, Thursday and Friday February 8th, 9th and 10th from 10 to 3 in lower Slavin.

Class of '96 Commencement Core Informational Meeting

Tuesday, February 21st
6:00 p.m. in Slavin Room 203

Commencement Core Interviews will be held on Monday, February 27th thru Wednesday, March 1st

6:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m. in Slavin 3rd floor in Father McPhail's Conference Room

ALL JUNIORS INTERESTED

Important taxes info

All students who earned wages through the college's CWSP or regular student employment program at any time during the calendar year 1994 are required to pick up their form W2 for income tax purposes in room 117 in lower Slavin Center. The W2's will be available on January 31st.

Please safeguard your W2 form and do not lose it. There may be a substantial charge for the issuance of a replacement.

Also, please be reminded that current tax law is com-

plicated and there are no general rules applying to students as a group. It is strongly recommended that you consult with your parents before filing a return and if in doubt, you and/or your parents seek professional assistance in completing federal and state tax returns.

Blank tax forms and instruction booklets are usually available at most banks and U.S. Post Offices.

The payroll office does not supply blank forms. Tax returns for most individuals are due April 15th.

TET: The Vietnamese New Year

Ngoc Nguyen '96

President of Asian American Club

Tet is the lunar new year festival and the most important Vietnamese holiday. Tet is the celebration of the beginning of spring as well as a new year. It is the time for family reunions, special foods, new clothes and new beginnings. This year's New Year is January 31, 1995, and it is the year of the pig.

Officially, Tet marks the beginning of a new year on the lunar calendar. In reality, it is a friendly, festive, family holiday. Painstaking care is given to starting the year out right, since it is believed that the first day and first week of the year will determine the fortunes or misfortunes for the rest of the year.

Legend has it that the spirit of the hearth or household, Tao Quan, must travel to the Palace of the Jade Emperor and report on the family affairs. Therefore, the first pre-Tet ceremony is the

Le Tao Quan which is designed to send Ong Tao off on his journey in a favorable frame of mind. In his absence, a special Cay Neu, New Year's Tree, is constructed of bamboo and re paper to ward off evil spirits. Shortly before the new year's eve ends, a sacrifice is offered

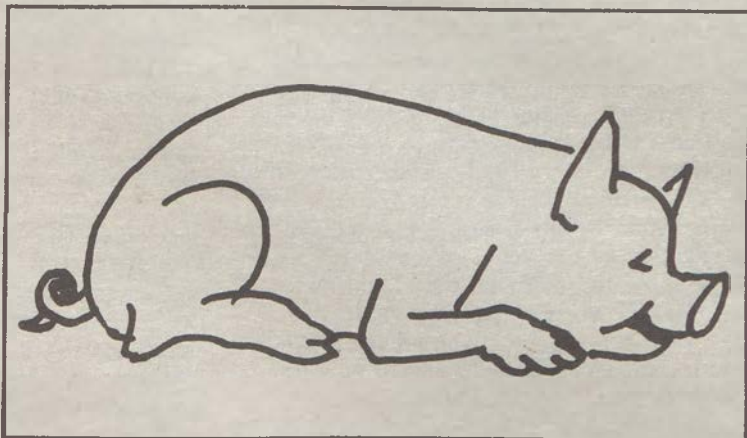
the houses are painted and whitewashed, new clothes are purchased for the first day of Tet and old debts are cleared. Great care is taken to avoid arguments. Families exchange visits. The holiday is also observed by a family visit to the church or pagoda to pray for good fortune and happiness. A sprig of the yellow blossomed cay mai, or plum tree, is used to decorate the home. Tet officially lasts for seven days.

Tet is

an extremely important event for the Vietnamese residing in the United States. The understanding of this important event by the American public will help the Vietnamese to keep alive their traditions and customs which will add variety to the richness of the American culture. So, if you see Vietnamese or Chinese (China celebrates new year on the same day) students on campus, wish them a Happy New Year!

to the deceased member of the family. At midnight on the eve of Tet, the family performs the ritual of Giao Thua which ushers out the old year and welcomes the new. The ritual is also observed by the pagodas, temples, and churches. Firecrackers, drums, and gongs welcome the new year and the arrival of a new spirit of the hearth.

In order to start the new year right and set the best precedent,



Contemporary Irish films

The Departments of English and History and the Humanities Program take pleasure in announcing a semester-long series of Contemporary Irish Films. Join us for the song, the sadness, and the spirit of the "indomitable Irishry" as these seven films (or "films" if you're really Irish) explore different aspects of Ireland, old and new.

Feb. 8: **The Field** Richard Harris in a powerful portrayal of the bitterness of land feuds in rural Ireland.

Feb. 22: **Hear My Song** The true story of Joe Locke, fugitive star of the London Irish music halls. Fugitive, that is, until he is smuggled back after twenty-five years for one last performance. Ned Beatty stars.

Mar. 8: **The Dead** James Joyce's famous story of memory and lost love haunting a Dublin Christmas party. John Huston's last film, and one he waited decades to make.

Mar. 22: **Into The West** A mysterious horse comes to a family of newly urban tinkers, or "travellers" as the Irish gypsies are now known. A wonderful journey to the mythical West of Ireland ensues.

Apr. 5: **My Left Foot** Growing up disabled in a wheeled cart in the slums of Dublin as only Daniel Day Lewis could do it. Based on the autobiographical novel by Christy Brown.

Apr. 19: **The Commitments** An Irish blues band? (With lots of blue language to match!) A college cult movie.

May 3: **In the Name of the Father** In a Northern Ireland wrenched by civil war, falsely accused father and son end up in the same prison. Daniel Day Lewis, again!

All films will be shown on Wednesday evenings at 7:00pm in Feinstein 209. Free of charge... all are welcome at "the pictures"! Informal discussion will follow. For further information, contact Dr. Charles Duffy of the English Department (x2730) or Dr. Paul O'Malley of the History Department (x2192 or x2193).

Things to do...

BOP Presents:

Spring Break Giveaway Stag

Friday, February 24 th
from 9:00 p.m.
to 1:00 a.m.
in Peterson
Admission is \$5

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BOP Films

Wyatt Earp Thursday,
February 9th
at 9 p.m.
in Moore Hal
Admission is free

The Lion King Sunday,
February 12th
at 8 & 10 p.m.
in 64' Hall
Admission is \$1

BOP Coffeehouse Presents:

COFFEE KIDS!!

Tuesday, February 7th
at Stuart's
from 9:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m.

Take a break and come to the Coffeehouse. You can relax with friends while enjoying gourmet coffees and scones. All proceeds go to the Coffee Kids in Columbia.

BOP Presents:

The Tony award
winning:

Guys & Dolls

Sunday, February 12th
at 2:00 pm
at The Providence
Performing Arts Center

Tickets are \$15
and go on sale Monday,
February 6th at 9:00 am

The name game

Stacy A. Baker '96

Features Writer

Remember a while back when they were trying to get everyone on Earth to speak one universal language, Esperanto? I'm not sure, but since everyone I know still speaks English, I don't think it went over too well. Well, I'm here to tell whoever is in charge of such things that they have overlooked the most universal of all languages—nicknames.

We all do it. You see someone you don't know, and whatever they happen to be doing or wherever they happen to be becomes their identity. Some people go to the cafeteria at exactly 4:30 so that they can get their favorite table and watch all the people coming and going. Others sit in Mondo for hours "doing work" and watching their classmates. And the same thing goes for the Phillips Me-

Head.

* **Balloon Girl** earned her name about a year ago when she was spotted in Raymond Cafeteria primping in front of her reflection in the mylar balloon she was carrying.

* **Clark Kent**, a well-known figure on campus, can be seen one minute as a mild-mannered man in jeans, a rugby, and brown bucks. The next, he is walking around in black pants, black shirt, and A COLLAR! What a waste.

* **Sick Kid** is a gentleman who looks like he was very sick as a child. Withdrawn and rather gaunt looking, he should not wear a fitted cap because the smallest size looks too big for him.

* **Gus** is a boy that lives in my building. This English major got his nickname because he looks like Gus Gus, one of the mice in *Cinderella*.

* **The Spitter** is a PC cheer-

Kristen Gariepy '95

Editor-in-Chief

I am trying to find a job. Are you? That depends, of course, on many factors. 1) If you already have a job. 2) If you don't want a job. 3) If you have even acknowledged the fact that we're graduating and need a job in order to not have to move home with the parents.

I am slowly discovering that many seniors already have jobs lined up for May. However, I am not panicking. Who really wants to know they have a future? Who really cares that they'll have \$ to pay back the enormous college loans they have routinely signed for in the past four years? Who really wants to know that they can afford a new car when the clunker they're driving breaks down in front of the Civic Center on May 21? Not me. I am perfectly content feeling like my \$80,000 will put me in an apron and hairnet at the local Friendly's come June.

Of course, I'm in complete

denial. This whole job hunting thing is just not meant to happen the final semester of college. Sure, I'm ahead of the game by actually knowing what I want to do. Too bad it's one of the toughest fields to get into and its a "who you know" basis. I met Woody Harrelson once, does that count?

The Career Planning Center is great. Constant support and encouragement. Always putting names of companies that are recruiting in my mailbox. Thanks. Too bad whenever I get a list or I talk to Mr. McGrath I feel so choked up and nervous about actually GETTING the job that I need to put a paper bag over my head. And, every time I come out of that office, I have a list of new things to do and avenues to take to look for jobs. Who has time to do this stuff? (Don't get me wrong. If you're a senior who wants a job and has no clue, go there now and get help and advice.)

OK, so for those of us who are not lucky enough to already have landed a \$30,000 a year job

(I won't see that kind of cash for several years, maybe I should reconsider becoming a vacuum cleaner bag salesperson), I have some advice of my own. First, try not to think of the fact that you will have to move home with the parents. Second, try not to think that you'll be panhandling in South Station. Third, try not to listen to your friends that either have been accepted to grad school or have jobs. Be a free spirit. Have no direction. It's healthy especially while you're young.

The informational interview thing is an interesting experience. I've been on about 30 and each one has its own laugh (Boston, snowing, in duck boots - "Hello Ms. XYZ. It's nice to meet you. Thanks you for setting this time aside for me and my dripping feet.") Sure, it's the best way to meet people, but let me assure you, it's a pain in the posterior. Sure, I've met a lot of people and hopefully that will get me somewhere in this "who you know" industry. But then again, who knows?

Babble-on

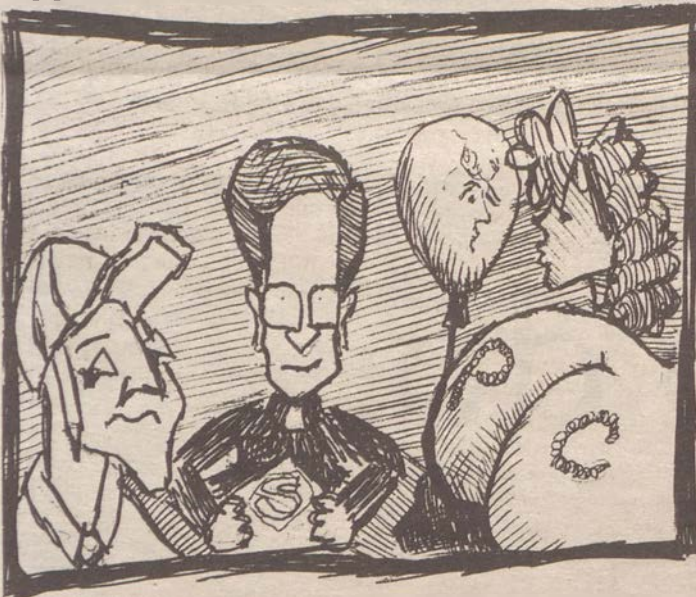
Mat Bunnell '95

Asst. Features Editor

Howdy campers, Mat Bunnell here; beer drinker, philosopher, chronic loser, pervert, you get the picture. I have just now come to realize that over the lazy, hazy, crazy, glazy days of college, the more people learn, the more they realize that they don't know jack. Who knows how far we could go if some of us only knew half as much about the opposite sex as we do about our own. Some people think they know the opposite sex like they know the back of their hand when, in fact, most know the opposite sex like they know the palm of their hand (average student): "Hey, Rosy, how about we just stay in tonight and get a movie? Sure you can bring your five sisters with you-we'll have a party" Friend: "Damn, Mahoney, who in the hell are you talking too?"). Girls at PC like to eat, drink and be merry... guys at PC like to drink, drink, and do Mary. Oh well, the conflict will always be there, everyone's got the questions, no one has the an-

swers. All I know is that dogs are considered man's best friend, dogs chase pussycats, men are considered dogs, men chase...umm...well, even I get edited sometimes so, without further ado...<>DisCharged Dept: Well the Super Bowl this year was yet again another Super Bowl. The 49ers lived up to their namesake (easy math: 7pointx 7touchdown = blow-out) easily outgunning the San Diego "could've been scored on by Charles in Charge"rs. The only things to look forward to were the new commercials. A couple of ads that didn't make the cut were the insect repellent ads claiming that "Nobody Beats Off", the ones for the new Purdue chicken campaign ("It takes a tough man to choke a tender chicken"), and the new Trojan ads spoofing that Cops TV show (Tonight!! Cops in Miami....Brothels: "When we're out on the job, we have the motto-To Serve and To Protect-yet when we're off duty we look for that same quality in our jimmy hats...)<>Daze of

Our Lives Dept: Well, seniors, 95 days until the old "9 to 5" haze. For those who haven't yet made a friend (and/or are psycho Whaler Fans), there's still time to meet other people! If you see someone all by themselves in the corner of Peterson Friday night, go over and talk to them...Please!! I'll be waiting for you...<>Top 5 things overheard at the Foxy Lady: 5) "Leggs and eggs only, sir, no sausage allowed here." 4) Boy, you sure got some crisp dollars in the collection this week 3) So, Busty, what time do you get off? 2) Sorry, sir, those aren't squirrels, now could you please keep your hands off those nuts? 1) The Dominican Room is now open<> Hey, ladies, looking for a man in your life? Call Slick Willies any weeknight between 7:30 and 10:00, order some ice cream treats and in no time at all, either yours truly or the "Pete Sampras" lookalike will be at your door...remember, just call Slick and get ready to lick <>Final Note: Only 35 days till Cancun...now, how do you say "wet T-shirt" in Spanish?..



morial Library.

We put these nicknames on people and they stick. We don't ever want to learn what their real names are. I'm sure every year at Commencement somebody yells something like, "Hey, there's Late-for-Civ Kid," because this young man took four semesters of Civ, five days a week, and never once was he on time!

As for myself, there are more than a few people here that I only know by these "nicknames." Whether I coined the names or they were dubbed by friends of mine, I will always remember these people by their aliases. And if any readers happen to recognize themselves in this article, please do not be offended. They are terms of endearment and are not meant to hurt anyone's feelings.

* **Pen Head** is a boy I met first semester freshman year. Every time I have ever seen him, he is wearing a yellow cap and has a pen conveniently placed underneath it, hanging from his head. Hence, Pen

leader who was seen in the Civic Center, spitting on the court. Do the cheerleaders get that worked up before the game even starts?!

* **Random Well-Dressed Man** was a regular in the Mondo area. He has since graduated and we hear he is engaged to be married. Well, we know he'll look good at the wedding.

* **Pasta Man**. The name brings me back to my days in Raymond. This boy refilled the food in the pasta bar with such finesse, that all we could do was watch—speechless. And finally...

* **The Butt Kid** is, of course, the young lad who bared all at Midnight Madness. I'm still working on finding out who wrote PC on his butt.

Trying to think of all the names my friends and I use to refer to people, has started to make me realize that somebody on this campus probably has a nickname for me. Everyone probably has one. Kind of makes you wonder what yours is, doesn't it?

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Home sweet home

Karen Stauffer '96

Features Writer

You know every time I go home for Christmas break things seem to change a little bit, but not too much. My family is always around. I really have to thank my parents for that. I have been apt to forget about their importance; however, every time I go home for break, it becomes easier to understand. Jane and Chas. My parents! What an unusual pair. They don't look out of the ordinary and they don't do anything fancy.

My Dad is fifty five years old, about 6'3", and maybe 200 pounds (I'm not too sure about the weight!). He is a stern looking man. Sort of scruffy, but in

a funny way. His voice is rather deep and at times can be intimidating. He is my encyclopedia. He watches old movies about wars, and trains, and gardening. He watches the classics (*The Honey Mooners*, Andy Griffith, and of course Dave Letterman.) He is always reading. He lures me into his quest for knowledge. He is a high school English teacher. He says he is a taught guy, but I know if I had had him for an English teacher, I would have appreciated what he would have had to say. My dad doesn't want anything fancy - just a view of Pennobscot Bay, a sunfish (maybe something bigger for his older age), a good book, and a scotch. He likes

relaxing with his feet in the air. I love my dad to death, but I am not quite sure what lured him to my mother.

Jane stands approximately five feet six inches tall. She's the normal weight for her evolution of fifty five years. She has dirty blonde hair which is styled in a typical "mom" perm. She has beautiful blue eyes. She is a gentle looking woman but doesn't totally look her age. My mother is always there for me, a comfort I know I will always have. Her mother died when she was my age, so the thought of what she went through frightens me. My mom works as a secretary in the town we live in. She also has an unsung talent with computers. My

mom is the youngest, as am I, so we have a hierarchical sibling connection. I think I understand my mom. She loves to hold on to everything. She loves pictures and cards, Christmas ornaments and holiday napkins. She loves to go out and socialize. She loves school committee meetings and going out with the "girls" in the office. She's always up and on the go! I just wish I knew what made her agree to go on a second date with Chuck!

They both have taught me so much in such different ways. I am a combination of two wonderful, but different people. I hope they know how thankful I am. It is always nice to be home.

Only in America

Juliette Marchioli '95

Features Writer

When one glances at the front pages of this country's most widely-read newspapers, it is not breaking stories about the floods in Europe or the earthquake in Kobe that grab one's attention. It is updates on the jury members for O.J.'s trial that receive coverage. Featuring O.J. on the front page, as every good editor knows, will sell more newspapers than any other headlined subject.

When one turns on the television to watch the major news broadcasts of the evening, updates on the war in Chechnya or information on the balanced budget amendment are not the only subjects presented. Instead one receives the latest rumors on the British Royals, or what Newt Gingrich's mother says he thinks of Hillary. When a talk show airs, instead of offering discussions on issues that affect American lives, the topic featured will be "Women stalked by their ex-boyfriends' mothers," or "Criminals who brag about their exploits."

While waiting in line at the supermarket, ridiculously indecent headlines in the tabloid magazines scream about alien abductions and transvestite husbands who perform at night clubs. Even reputable weekly periodicals run articles on Bill's expensive hair-cut.

There are times when it appears as if the media is catering only to the limited interests of the consumer, whose total attention span could fit on the head of a pin.

Is the average American really only interested in news about sex and scandal? Do issues of civic concern bore the public so much that they must flip the pages of the paper until they come to the section with stories like "Rosanne's affair with Macauley Culkin"? Those who make decisions on the news have succumbed to the demands of the masses. Where is American journalism headed, and why is this decline being permitted?

The question to ask is this: why does it appear that the average American considers O.J. Simpson's trial more important than the 5000 lives lost in Kobe? Certainly it is difficult to constantly hear reports on death and destruction from around the globe, or repeatedly listen to debates on issues that seem to stagnate indefinitely anyway, like immigration policies or wildlife protection. However, amidst all of the horror and tedium, there should be an attitude of concern instead of apathy, a voice of hope instead of resignation, a duty which journalists and the public should collectively attempt to heed.

She's getting married?!

Tina Kloter '95

Features Editor

Just call me a pioneer. As I sort through bridal magazines and pick out pans with my husband-to-be, that's exactly what I feel like. I am breaking new ground, venturing forth into the unknown and complex territory of weddings with my equally clueless beloved by my side. Deciding to get married this August 12th was the easy part. Since that moment, I've been faced with an entirely foreign language and many strange customs.

The first thing that I realized was that the bride is usually the star of the show. There are bridal magazines, bridal shows and bridal showers. (Not to mention the fact that you never hear the organist play "Here Comes the Groom.") The groom is kind of an afterthought. "Oh, that guy in the tux? I don't know, he must be a waiter." It is assumed that the groom enjoys nothing of the wedding preparations except for the "bachelor party". Happily, my groom-to-be is not content to say, "yes, dear, you do whatever you want." Unfortunately, many people still refer to our upcoming nuptials as "Tina's wedding".

At the first reception hall that we looked at, an elegantly dressed woman, who probably attended debutante balls in her

youth, headed straight for me gushing, "this must be the bride-to-be." Pushing Dave aside, she put her arm around my shoulder and began propelling me around the establishment, pointing out the dance floor, the romantic lighting and the variety of colored napkins that they offer. I attempted to escape her grasp, but all I succeeded in doing was seeing Dave staring bewilderedly after us. Recovering from the shock, he attempted to introduce himself to the woman. "Hi, I'm Dave," he said. Looking at him with disinterest, the aged debutante said, "Oh. Why don't you go play golf, shoot buffalo or do whatever it is that you do. I need to talk to the bride." Since there are no buffalo in Connecticut and seeing as there are two of us who are getting married, we left the debutante's domain. I tried to ignore the fact that she was clinging to my feet as we left, speaking of the wonderful reception she and I could have planned.

A few days after announcing our engagement, I enlisted my sister Rachel, the maid of honor (a.k.a. best person) to help me look for a wedding gown. (My mother argued convincingly that I either keep my dress a secret from Dave, or she kills me.) Anyway, Rachel and I set out to find the perfect dress, one that did not look like I was getting ready for my first Com-

munion or dressing up as Tinkerbell for Halloween. The saleswoman danced around us asking me questions. Phrases such as "shantung silk" and "portrait neckline" spewed forth from the her mouth like pea soup from *The Exorcist* kid. When the salesclerk left us alone, we looked at the price tag of the dress we had both fallen in love with. Let me put it this way: if both Rachel and I wore the dress and each had at least eight female offspring who would also wear it, maybe the price would be justified. Maybe.

We went to about ten different stores and learned a few things. 1) All the dresses are size 10. That means if you are a size six, you will be swimming in a sea of satin and if you are a size sixteen, you won't be able to get the dress over your hips. 2) No matter how hard the salesperson tries to convince you that the "can-can" sleeved wedding dress looks good on, remember that you will end up looking like a professional rumba dancer. 3) A train tends to make someone who is 5'2" look like an overdressed munchkin. And when the train is bustled (buttoned up) it makes the same person look like she has a sofa strapped to her posterior. 4) Don't let anyone tell you that those veils that stick up off the back of your head make you look taller; they don't. All

they do is make you look like a whitewashed rooster.

Meanwhile, my betrothed and I set out to Filene's to register. (Not to be confused with class registration.) This is one of those things you just do. We were instructed to go to the store, pick out stuff we liked and write it down. We were told to give our completed sheet to a person whose job it is to help amateurs such as Dave and I. The wedding consultant then enters our information into some sort of intergalactic wish list and then people we know buy us stuff. It sounded pretty cool to me. We started with dishes which as a tribute to Neanderthals are still called "stoneware."

Before long, we found a set we liked which was called Aura. (Isn't that a great name? I like to just say it over and over. Aura, Aura, Aura. It's a soothing word. We will eat soothing meals off of our soothing plates.) We spent the rest of our time in the store trying to determine the difference between a bath towel and a bath sheet. I'll let you know as soon as I find out.

In the meantime, I will be blazing trails. I'll be looking for a D.J., writing vows and thinking about how many people are saying, "I can't believe she's getting married!"



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Memoirs of a non-athlete

Melissa McCrosson '95

Features Writer



I vividly remember that first instant when I realized how completely unathletically inclined I am. I was about seven years old and playing on a girls' Little League team, happy with my cute little uniform and my cute little self. The sun was shining, my parents were beaming with pride, and my team was winning. Life was good. We won the game that day, defeating an opponent whose name escapes me, and as my teammates and I rushed the field in total exuberance, one girl turned to me and said, "What are you so happy about? It's not like you ever try to hit anything!" Ouch. But I guess she was right; in two years of little league, I had never swung the bat once. Well, why should I have? If the pitcher threw four balls, I could just walk to base, and if the pitcher threw three strikes, I could go back and sit with my friends in the dirt. I thought my system was perfect! Wasn't fun what the game was all about? Apparently not to some people. I was forever scarred.

When I was ten, I wanted to be a gymnast. More specifically, I wanted to be the next Mary Lou Retton. My friend and I turned a plank of wood into a balance beam/vault, and the bars on my canopy bed became parallel bars. For the whole summer of '84 I trained in my room and in the lot across the street. Then I heard somewhere that many Olympic gymnasts began training at birth and had to live away from home. Too much of a commitment for me.

In middle school, my athletic life became really bad. Elementary School

gym games were fun. We played scooter-soccer, parachute games, and TV tag. Gym went from fun to competitive and hellish. They made us change clothes in a locker room - a fate worse than death for any under-developed pubescent child. And they wanted us to play volleyball, soccer, softball, and basketball; basically, they wanted us to play sports. All of a sudden games were played to win. Whoever came up with the concept of picking teams deserves to be sentenced to pass their after-life in hell, spending eternity being the last one picked for a team.

The summer before I entered high school, I received a phone call asking me to join the JV cheerleading team. For a fleeting moment I thought that perhaps someone must see some sort of untapped potential in me, but then I realized that they were just hard up. Being the naive freshman I was, I decided to give it a try anyway. Perhaps this was exactly the kind of athletic activity I could excel at. Perhaps not: it was entirely too cold at the games, I didn't know when to use what cheers, and I couldn't stand the way the boys smelled after a game. That was the end of that. I spent my four years of high school gym class trying to avoid everything that was thrown, kicked, passed, or hit to me. In volleyball, I didn't know where to rotate and when, and when the ball came hurtling at me I would run the other way (much to the annoyance of my teammates). Soccer found me slowly pacing up and down the gym floor hoping that I could go an entire game without touching the ball. In four years, the only time I broke a sweat was out of nervous anxiety that I would again be the last one picked for a team. Thanks for the self-esteem booster, Mr. Gym Teacher.

One reason I chose to come to Providence College was the fact that there is absolutely no Gym requirement (although I would sometimes rather take that than Philosophy). I tried going to aerobics once or twice, but my friends asked me not to come back because I made them laugh too hard. I get all the exercise I need walking up to fourth floor Harkins or the steep back stairs of my apartment and I don't think I am any less of a person for that.

To Give a Damn

Jeff Komanetsky '98

Features Writer

To give a damn. Have you ever wondered what that phrase means-not just to you but to this college and, perhaps more importantly, to this generation? It seems crazy to sit and ponder over four little words, but it may also just do you a world of good. Each day, we all prove our guilt to the crime of thoughtless routine. Schedules and one identical week after another do this to us. So dazed are we by the regularity of life that often our emotions are thrown around and we begin to commit the ultimate crime against ourselves and our generation-we indiscriminately react to the world around us without giving a second thought to our reactions. In other words, sometimes we give a damn and sometimes we don't give a damn, but we never know why. Have you ever wondered if there's a time to care and a time not to care? Have you ever bothered to give a damn?

There is indeed a time to give a damn. Sometimes, however, we let these times pass us by because we've become desensitized to the world around us. First of all, we have to give a damn about ourselves. It's not a question of being selfish, it's just being realistic. Have you begun to care less about what's going on in your own life than what's going on in O.J. Simpson's? Are you more excited if there's a new *Seinfeld* on than if you ace a test?(Yeah, me too.) Well, it's time that you changed things around a bit. You should care about who you are and what's going on in your life. You should give a damn. You should start to care when your professor has to yell at you every class for giving more thought to picking your nose than picking an essay topic. You should start to worry when the last novel you read had something to do with a guy named Sam who was force-fed green eggs and ham(or did you have Cliff Notes for that?). You should think about working out when people continuously ask you when you're due and whether you think it's going to be a boy or a girl-and you're a man! You might consider calming down a little when the EMT's yell at you because this week's alcohol induced coma

wasn't as good as your last one.

You should also try to give a damn about the world around you. I'm not trying to say that you should send ten thousand dollars to the "Save the Sewer Rat Foundation" located in the backseat of an abandoned station wagon at the end of the darkest alley in Downtown Providence. But you should give a damn about your friends, your school and your generation. You shouldn't be afraid to speak up when your friends are doing something stupid. You should be angry when your school, the one place in the world that is supposed to reflect your personality and values, doesn't live up to its potential. You should do everything in your power to change things when your generation thinks more about reviving the dead past than preparing for the future. You should give a damn.

Please don't believe, however, that you should always give a damn about the world around you. There are many times when the best thing to do is to sit back and laugh at the situation before you and not give a damn. You shouldn't worry if a bad professor with bad suits, bad breath and a bad attitude yells at you for being bad. You shouldn't be angry with yourself if you've studied for eighty-two consecutive hours and just flunked an exam. You should laugh it off and wait for the next one because you did the best that you could. When the Ronzio's man is late, you shouldn't try to shove him into his little pizza holder. You should maturely let him walk away...tipless and with a "Kick me-I'm a slow dork" sign on his back. You should be able to move on with your life(believe it or not)if the package store runs out of your favorite beer or if someone spills a beer on you. Although, both circumstances are downright sinful and difficult to cope with, you can survive. Hopefully, you now have an idea of when you should give a damn and when you shouldn't. Although some things really aren't worth the worry, if you don't give a damn at all about the world, how can you expect the world to give a damn about you?

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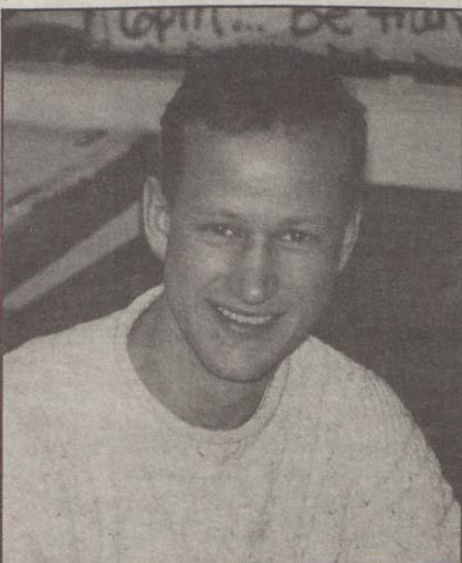
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Janeen Hurley, Brian Baker, Erin Callaghan & Bridget Walsh: "Waking up in Baker's bed."

Women's Ice Hockey continued

Brophy's shot. The victory was an emotional battle for the Lady Friars who began the game with a lot of enthusiasm. "We definitely came together during the UNH game. Since the Dartmouth game we have been playing with more enthusiasm." Kathleen believes that the Dartmouth game was a turning point for the Lady Friars, something PC has needed to turn around their inconsistency. "The tone has changed since the St. Lawrence game where we started miserably and lost which should not have happened. We came out for the Dartmouth game with a lot more emotion, which we also had in the Brown game where we played really well. The UNH game was one of the better games we played all year, things have improved since Dartmouth."

The Lady Friars appear as if they are a rejuvenated squad. They are playing more as a team and have been focused for each game. This will continue to be a necessity as PC heads for the road on their next five games. The Lady Friars realize that they have to be mentally prepared each game. "We have to stay focused for each game and just

take each period as it comes," answered Jenn Wagner. "It definitely helps if we communicate more out on the ice and keep everyone in the game. It is a major help if we all come out with intensity because we are short in numbers and we need everyone to contribute," added Kathleen Brophy.

PC followed up its success against UNH with a 3-1 road win at Northeastern. Tanley Miller scored her first goal of the season for the Lady Friars, who scored had a strong first period. Stephanie O'Sullivan scored the eventual game winner for the now 10-8-4 black & white, and Melissa Mills put in an empty netter to provide some breathing space.

SLAPSHOTS...PC is a combined 3-2-1 this season versus their upcoming road opponents...Natalia Fine started in goal versus UNH for the first time since Dec. 10...Jenn Wagner continued her goal streak scoring at least one goal in the last five contests...PC returns to Schneider Arena Feb. 18 versus Harvard.

Men's Hoop continued

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got guys out there who can rebound," added Troy Brown, referring to PC's 26-12 first half dominance on the glass. This was the first time the Friars outrebounded a Big East opponent this winter. Seton Hall also aided the first half cause, shooting 35% from the field, including 1-7 and 1-5 showings from leading scorers Danny Hurley and Donnell Williams.

Providence returned the favor by shooting 30% (12-40) in the second half. Although the Friars continued their rebounding dominance (53-36) for the entire contest, it seemed as if they were going to give up a more important lead in the second half: the final score. Seton Hall would rebound to connect on 17 of their 32 final shots. PC repelled the opening 6-2 Pirate surge, paced by Griffin and a subsequent Hurley 3 pointer, but Croshere's strong arm hook at 6:56 reinvigorated the temporarily sluggish Friars towards an 11-2 run, creating a 63-50 lead at the midway mark, with 10 minutes remaining in the contest.

Williams and Troy Brown successfully reprised John Wayne's role in "The Quiet Man," controlling the defensive zone for PC. Williams quietly finished with 22 points, while holding his SHU name-sake to 6 points on 2-10 shooting. "We tried to come out and win defensively," stressed Williams, the Big East's leading scorer.

The Pirates weren't prepared to sail to the northern New Jersey swamp yet though, embarking on a 9-0 run in the homestretch, which put the Pirates within a basket, at 68-66. Levell Sanders composed a 3 point play lay-up, while Griffin left the paint for the first time and swished a trey. "It was getting out of hand at the end with the easy baskets," admitted Williams.

In addition to a PC defensive lapse, the Friar fans ex-

hibited their "pro-style" attitude for the first time since the Rick Barnes era, booing starting small forward Franklin Western off the floor with a 10 point lead. Despite Western's current slump, he has consistently added a perimeter game to the Friars for 3 years. Maybe the Rhode Islanders had mistaken his 6'7 frame for the similarly built multimillionaire whiner/Celtic Dominique Wilkins.

Holding onto a scant 2 point lead with 1:19 remaining, Williams bailed out the Friars last night, when Donnell Williams committed his fifth foul on a successful fallaway jumper. After a successful 3 point play conversion, PC controlled the remainder of the game and made their foul shots, cruising towards an 80-77 squeaker. Sanders made the final seem closer than it actually was due to a buzzer beating 3 point bomb.

Although the Friars didn't impress in the second half, last night's contest displayed the most balanced frontcourt performance, a positive sign for a relatively weak outside shooting club. Gillen hinted that this was the formula he was searching for as well: "We don't shoot it that well from the outside, so we're looking for some inside game."

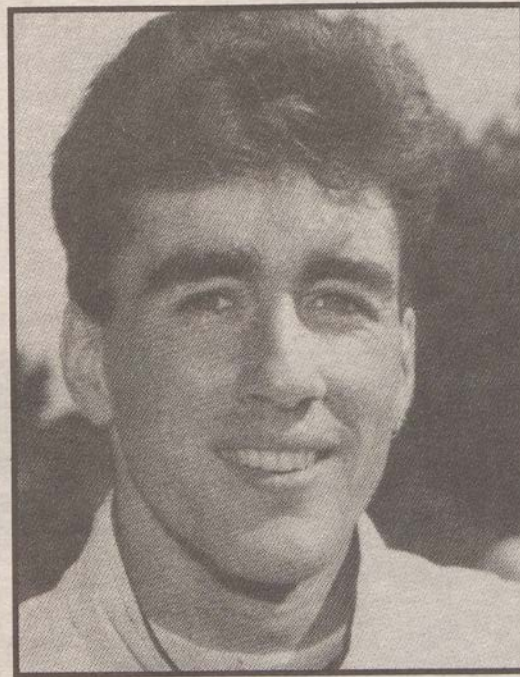
Searching for their first win of the season over a top 25 team, the Friars will need to hope that this balance remains in consistent vogue when they travel to Syracuse's dreaded Carrier Dome next Wednesday evening. In the nationally televised Civic Center contest two weeks ago, PC was unable to contain the SU guard combination of Lawrence Moten and Michael Lloyd. The frontcourt combination of John Wallace and Otis Hill sometimes prove to be nearly as lethal. The game versus the 10th ranked club in the country will be televised at 8pm on Channel 6.

Athletes of the Week



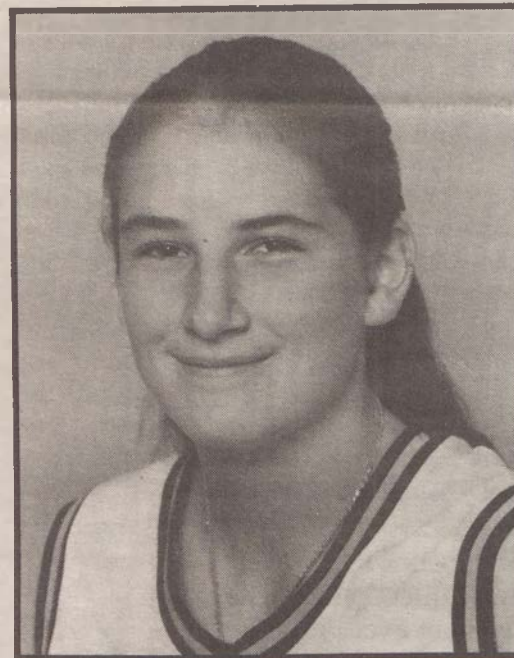
Marie McMahon '97
(Ennis, England)
Indoor Track

Marie McMahon finished in first place in the 3000 meter race at Boston University last weekend. In her race, Marie finished with a time of 9:16.16, which is the fastest time in the country this year in this distance. McMahon, with this time has qualified for the NCAA Championship for the 3000 meter race.



Mark Carroll '95
(Cork, Ireland)
Indoor Track

Mark participated in the Terrier Classic at Boston University this past weekend and finished first in the 5000 meter race. His time of 13:44.13 was the fastest time recorded in the country this year in this distance and qualified him for the NCAA Championships..



Kerri Chatten '98
(Hopkinton, Massachusetts)
Women's Basketball

The Lady Friars freshman forward is making a strong case for herself for Big East Rookie of the Year honors as she was named the conference's Rookie of the Week for her performance in two games last week. Chatten led PC to a 1-1 week with 53 points 16 rebounds and a 67% combined shooting average from the floor. In the 92-61 win over BC, Chatten scored a game-high 29 points grabbed seven rebounds in 21 minutes.

DID YOU KNOW..?

*****Freshman forward KERRI CHATTEN is the BIG EAST Conference's second leading scorer at 20 points per game and second leading rebounder in at 9.5 per game. She leads all rookie BIG EAST players in both categories and is also fourth in field goal percentage in conference play at 49.6%*****

*****Senior hockey captain, BRADY KRAMER, has tallied 53 goals and 65 assists for 118 points in his 130 games played at PC. Kramer's 118 points tie him with former Friar Athletic Director/Hockey Coach and former Hockey East Commissioner, Lou Lamoriello, for 27th on the all-time points list at PC***

Sports Sound Off

NCAA Standards Hope To Boost Academic Improvement



Justin Macione '95

Sports Editor

National Collegiate Athletic Association members recently upped their effort to boost academic standards for student athletes at its annual January convention in San Diego. On paper it seems that the most recent reforms and debates will improve the occasionally-spotty student-athlete reputation. However, one can also imagine that these rule changes are purely image-related and fail to promise substantive academic improvement. Providence College Acting Executive Vice-President, Reverend T. Keegan, the school's voting representative, holds a distinct fear of the latter possibility; "One way or another these kids are going to get into college."

PC athletic director John Marinatto and associate athletic director Patricia Nicole also attended the convention, which re-affirmed the recent trend towards improved academic performance. Possibly the most important vote among Division 1 schools involved an upgrade in the standards required for incoming freshman student-athletes.

The most important new piece of legislation approved was the implementation of Proposition 16 for the 1996-1997 academic year, replacing the heavily questioned Proposition 48. Under current standards, incoming freshmen student-athletes need to attain a 2.0 grade point average in 11 high school courses and a combined score of 700 on the Scholastic Aptitude Test. High school seniors who don't meet these qualifications won't receive an athletic scholarship or be eligible to compete in intercollegiate athletics their freshman year.

Proposition 16 places more stringent academic standards under potential student athletes. The 700 minimum SAT requirement remains, but the student-athlete must achieve a 2.5 GPA in 13 secondary school courses. Under a sliding scale system, a lower GPA must be offset by a higher SAT score. For example, a 2.0 student must achieve a 900 SAT.

A category has also been created for "partial qualifiers". Coordinated by a separate sliding scale, the student-athlete can score as low as 600 on the SAT provided they maintain a 2.75 GPA. This allows them to receive a scholarship and practice with their team as a freshman.

It is widely-known that these regulations were postponed until 1996 so that their most vocal opponents can attempt to modify or eliminate it. Although PC supported it, Father Keegan agreed with the consensus that it might be wise to further discuss the issue at next year's conference. Although he insists that he will always vote "in the best interest of Providence College", Rev. Keegan stresses that the school will accept the majority opinion; "In the long run we can live with whatever decision it is. The NCAA creates a level playing field."

Father Keegan and his Big East colleagues lost a battle on the second divisive proposal; granting a fourth year of athletic eligibility to Proposition 48 victims. Some felt that the current rule is unfair, placing a stigma and denying opportunity to disadvantaged student athletes, particularly underprivileged minorities.

The consensus among NCAA voters concluded that granting a fourth year of eligibility will encourage the student-athlete to adopt a lax attitude towards their academic progress, instead enjoying a "five year plan". Father Keegan disagrees with the majority position, alluding, "Having a fourth year of eligibility will give them incentive to learn more." The latter camp also feels that many of these student-athletes enter college trailing their peers academically. An additional year will give them a chance to "catch up".

Although the NCAA is attempting to increase academic standards, it seems that Proposition 16 contains a number of scholastic black holes. The higher GPA requirement should encourage student-athletes to improve their goals. However the partial qualifying rule provides inadequate high schoolers with a "safety net". In addition dishonest high school administrators still possess the ability to place potential candidates in GPA inflating classes. This further impedes the educational progress of a student-athlete, failing to prepare them for college-level study.

The defeated proposal helps contribute to the academic and social bias facing underprivileged student-athletes at Division 1 institutions. Although inadequate performance in the classroom can't be solely attributed to the environment, many Proposition 48 casualties hail from fundamentally inferior inner-city schools. An inadequate secondary education will prevent many of these young men and women from graduating in four years with an adequate course of study. In addition, wealthier students who completed unimpressive high school resumes receive the opportunity to "prep a year" at expensive schools such as Phillips Andover. Why can't a college provide the same opportunity to these less privileged, but athletically talented individuals, who will eventually contribute to the school's financial coffers with basketball and football revenues?

Tough Day At the Races Syracuse Powerhouse Comes To PC

Cory McGann '98

Sports Writer

Powerful Syracuse University came to Taylor Natatorium last Saturday, January 28, and left with wins for the men and the women swim teams. The Lady Friars, defending a 7-1 record overall, battled valiantly against the Orangemen only to lose 143.5 to 99.5. The 4-4 men, expecting to lose against the very strong and very deep Syracuse team, were not intimidated by the reputation preceeding S.U., but were still defeated 173 to 58.

The men's team for Syracuse posted five pool records during the meet; two by Vucetic (800, 400 Freestyle), two by J. Secor (200 Individual Medley, 200 Backstroke) and one by Zanetti (200 Fly). Providence was led by senior captain Jeff Longo who placed second in the 200 Individual Medley with a time of 2:14.46 and surprised everyone (except himself) by winning the 200 Breaststroke race with a stellar time of 2:29.01. His previous best for the season had been a 2:13.70 at Seton Hall University on January 21. Longo, not being favored to win, figured he had "nothing to lose." Says Longo: "I went wild."

Unfortunately, the rest of the team didn't go as wild in the pool. Besides some strong swimming by junior Paul Nathe in the 50 Freestyle (2nd, 24.34) and the 100 Freestyle (2nd, 53.82) and the always

strong 400 Freestyle Relay team of Tartaglione, Ahearn, Egbert, and Nathe (2nd, 3:41.62), Syracuse dominated the meet.

"Syracuse came in knowing they were going to win," explained Longo. "But I think at the end they (Syracuse) were surprised to find out that their team is just as good as we were." According to Longo, the Orangemen were also talking a little trash while in the water. This woofing led to the aforementioned 200 Breaststroke result.

The women didn't do so well either. Syracuse's depth was too much for P.C. as they consistently grabbed second, third, and fourth place points, even if they didn't finish first. Providence College was led by senior captain Michele Tamburo (50 Freestyle, 28.01), junior Michelle McWeeney (200 Breaststroke, 2:42.60) sophomore Colleen Doyle (400 Freestyle, 4:33.49), and freshman Kiersten Newell (100 Freestyle, 59.52).

The women are taking the loss to SU in stride and looking forward to upcoming meets against Boston University and Brown. "Right now we're looking ahead and hopefully we can pull it off against BU and Brown" said Tamburo. Brown comes to this side of town on Wednesday, February 7 at 7:00 to face the women and the men will arrive the next night to take on the Friars. O'Neill said that he hopes the men win their next two to up their record to 6-5 overall.



Jeff Longo paced the Friars in the Syracuse meet with his win in the 200meter breastroke.

Up Close With Alison Wheeler: Holding Her Own

Annica Ambrose '96

Assistant Sports Editor

Superb athletes are those who make themselves. If an opportunity is not place in their hands, they are determined to reach out and create an opportunity of their own. Alison Wheeler, a sophomore member of Providence College's Women's Ice Hockey team, is one athlete who has "grabbed" her own chances on the way to becoming superb. She is the second leading scorer on the Providence team and is only getting stronger in the national college standings.

Growing up at West Point in New York, Alison's brothers were involved in a local boys ice hockey program. Because there was no program for girls available Alison took the initiative to become the only female member of the league. From the age of three on, Alison remained in the guys league which was nothing but "normal" to her. Support from her family and "brotherly protection" helped her feel confident as a female in a largely male sport. "Checking was often difficult when certain players would come after me just because I was a girl while others would ignore me for the same reason. I never felt afraid," despite this isolated treatment; instead Alison Wheeler held her own.

Further encouragement to Alison came from 1960 Men's Olympic Hockey Coach Jack Rielly. Rielly, who is now retired, was a coaching legacy at West Point where her father would often help as the team physician. Coach Rielly used to let Alison skate with the Cadets during drills and practice time. She may have been on the opposite side of the ice but Wheeler was "impressed."

Moving to Vermont for play during her eighth grade year forced Alison to make the decision of which high school to attend. There is virtually no ice hockey program in New England public high schools and she was determined to stay with the sport she had grown up with. Once again, Alison would reach out to find opportunity. Tabor Academy and Philips Academy, two prep schools in Massachusetts, enabled Wheeler to play hockey through high school and for an additional year. Not only was Alison leading scorer for hockey but she was also voted "Athlete of The Year", both in all four years of high school. "Athlete" consisted of Alison being an All-American in lacrosse and a champion soccer player. Maintaining the schedule of a three-sport athlete included making time to play for the Assabet Valley hockey league. Assabet, a more serious team, accommodated for Alison to play games year-round while

attending school. In 11th grade, she helped Assabet Valley become National Champions in Minnesota.

Alison was recruited for all three of her high school sports. Providence College was the #1 women's ice hockey team in the nation and ice hockey was Alison's favorite, leaving PC as Alison's obvious first choice. She has moved right in step to PC's intense program. Finding college players to be more highly motivated than those in high school, Alison's freshman year capped off with an ECAC Championship. "This year is a rebuilding year for us," she said of the present season, "we are taking one game at a time

and are now on the upswing." Rebuilding or not, Alison has built herself up to 14 goals, 28 assists, and 42 points in the 21 games so far this season. The Women's Ice Hockey teams in the nation have all grown into competitive opponents: "We can't take any single game for granted," and she is assured that they will not.

After her growing years of self-motivation, Alison Wheeler has entered the Providence College athletic scene in fine fashion. She has proved her determination in the past, taking herself to a high spot in the college level where she will undoubtedly continue the tradition of holding her own.



Women's Basketball continued

ing 89-56 loss which, for a while, was closer than the score would indicate. The loss dropped PC to 2-9 in Big East play, and 6-16 overall.

"We played a strong game for a while," Foley said, "We made some bad passes and let them get back into it, and before you know it, they're up by 30. UConn's a great team and we gave them a run for a while, we just couldn't maintain for 40 minutes. We'll be a better team because of this experience. The girls were a little disappointed but it's really not they're fault, fatigue was a factor. They gave the number one team in the country a game, and they should be proud of themselves. I know I am."

On Saturday, the Lady Friars played Georgetown in Washington, D.C. in a game that was a struggle from start to finish. They could not execute, a sharp contrast to the UConn game. The balanced attack of Georgetown proved too much for PC. At the half, The Lady Hoyas led by nine, 38-29.

"We were very inconsistent in the first half at Georgetown," Foley said, "We

made turnovers, we got beat on the offensive glass, we didn't guard their best players. We stunk."

The second half was a decidedly different story. The Lady Friars put together a strong run and shot well from the field as well as from the stripe and really cut into the Lady Hoyas lead, but it was not enough, and the Lady Friars fell just short, 89-78. Kerri Chatten continued her strong play scoring a game-high 25 points and Lori Penrod poured in 15 points in a losing effort.

"We lost a game we could've won if we did the fundamentals," Foley added, "We got out of our game plan and it cost us the game."

Kerri Chatten received Big East rookie of the week honors for the second time this season, last week averaging 26.5 points and 11.6 rebounds in leading the Lady Friars to a 1-1 week.

The Lady Friars will take on Syracuse Saturday at 2 p.m. in Alumni Hall in what is sure to be a thrilling Big East battle.

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Eagles Squeak Past Friars

Keith Christensen '96

Sports Writer

Two games. Two losses. Boston College beat the PC's men hockey team this weekend, 5-4 and 7-5, respectively, to drop the black & white to 9-14-3 and 8th place in Hockey East (4-9-3). Those out there ready to bury the Friars, write the obituary for the season, well, hold those shovels, still that pen. The Friars may not be winning as often as anyone would like, but they have not quit, have not stopped scrapping, checking, and fighting back, all season. There is no question that the Friars have dug themselves a hole, just as they have in so many games this season, but the H.E. season is 24 games (plus play-offs) long, not sixteen, so there is time for this team, with all its verve and effort, to make its move. "It's easy to get down," said Coach Paul Pooley. "We're staying up and reaching high."

Down 6-2, 8 minutes through the 3rd period Saturday night at Schneider, the Friars could have rolled over like Friar Boy and played dead. Instead, the Friars responded to Coach Pooley's challenge and treated the few faithful who turned out to twelve minutes of frantic hockey as they charged back to make it a 6-5 game with 4:47 left. "We responded," Pooley said of the comeback that ended when BC scored an empty net goal with 19 seconds left to ice the game. "We showed a lot of character and leadership in coming back."

PC spotted BC a 1-0 lead early when George Breen,

whose solid play and leadership have inspired the team all year, inadvertently knocked the puck past Dan Dennis. "It brought us down," Pooley said of the fluke goal. BC held a 2-0 lead until 11:03 of the 2nd, when Trevor Hanson slid across the crease and beat BC's Greg Taylor, with line mates Dennis Burke and Travis Dillabough picking up the assists. The goal came just after the Friars' had successfully killed off first a 5-on-3 and then a 5-on-4, BC power play. PC knotted it less than 2 minutes later when Stefan Brannare redirected a flying Justin Gould slap shot in front of Taylor. BC re-established its two goal lead before the intermission and scored twice early in the 3rd to take a 6-2 edge.

An Eagle penalty at 9:22 of the 3rd put PC on the power play, and the Friars wasted no time in capitalizing. Brady Kramer set Chad Quenneville up in front, and though Taylor stopped Quenneville's shot, Brannare was right there to flip the puck over the sprawled Taylor. The crowd began to stir a little less than four minutes later when Breen took a David Green pass, beat the defense and found Joe Hulbig, whose shot went through Taylor's five-hole. Burke made it 6-5 when he redirected a low Gould slap shot over Taylor. Hulbig nearly tied it with 50 seconds left, but his shot was just wide, and Taylor stopped Gould's try with 30 seconds remaining.

Friday night's road game was equally heartbreaking. PC fell behind twice early, 1-0 and 2-1, but Kramer responded with

power play goals both times to tie the game. BC scored early in the 2nd period, but Burke answered to even the score briefly before BC struck twice more to carry a 5-3 lead into the third. Pooley sent Kramer, Quenneville and Breen out together, and the line, Pooley's "ace in the hole," which is designed to provide a quick spark, did not disappoint. Breen converted 1:31 in off of assists from his line mates. Try as they might, though, the Friars could not score again.

Senior Jon LaVarre missed Saturday's game after an elbow in Friday night's game broke a bone in his mouth. He will return for this weekend's home games with Hockey East-leading Maine and Merrimack. LaVarre's injury is the latest in a string of difficulties the Friars have had with player availability (Bob Bell's early season injury, Dennis Sousa's season-ending knee injury, Quenneville's one-game suspension). "This team has overcome a lot of adversity. Everybody has a price to pay, and ours is a large price." Though obviously not happy about his team's record, Coach Pooley feels that "we haven't played poorly. System-wise, we're playing pretty well." Pooley believes that if the Friars can "get some guys on fire, offensively," and reverse a tendency to allow "unearned goals," his team is "going to be tough to beat."



Sophomore Stefan Brannare has lit the lamp four times in the last three games

Runners Gear Up For NCAA's

Scott LaPrade

Sports Writer

With the passing of each week, the NCAA Championships get closer. Last week, Coach Ray Treacy implied the importance of qualifying for NCAA tournament and expressed that the time left for qualification seemed to be contracting at astronomical rates. With these thoughts in mind, the Friar indoor track teams each added a qualifier for the NCAA's. Marie McMahon, coming off an incredible week, grabbed the honor when she achieved the "unbeatable" time of 9-16.16 in the 3000m race. For the men, Mark Carroll, along with his 13-44.13 time in the 5000m, will be heading to Indianapolis as well. Both qualifications were made at this past weekend's meet held Boston University.

Marie McMahon has been having that kind of season!!! It's been the kind of season that one just doesn't want to ever end. Over the break, Marie set the mark for the mile in the country. Even though it was broken a week later by teammate Amy Rudolph, Marie still qualifies for the NCAA's. Her mile time is currently third in the nation. This past weekend, Marie topped that feat by becoming the runner with the top time nationwide in the 3000m (9-16.16). "This time WILL not be beaten!! It's such an incredible feat," an excited Treacy proclaimed.

Amy Rudolph's season could be parallel with that of Marie's. She will be going to the NCAA's for the mile, an event which she is currently #1. After this climactic winter break happenings in regard to these mile times, this week was sort of anticlimactic for Rudolph. She placed first in the 1000m contest, with a time of 2-48.61. This time qualified for the ECAC's, which will be held the

weekend before the NCAA's. It would have qualified for the NCAA's, but the event is not part of the tournament. This is about as anticlimactic as Amy ever gets.

Mark Carroll has the current #1 time for the 5000m race. His time of 13-44.13 qualifies him for the NCAA's, where he will have the job of defending that honor. This is the second event in which he has qualified to perform in, (the other is the 3000 meter). Carroll has been solid of late, especially in the longer distances.

This weekend the track teams will compete at Brown University in the Alden Invitational. (HINT: Go and cheer them on!!!)



Amy Rudolph is on track for another championship season.

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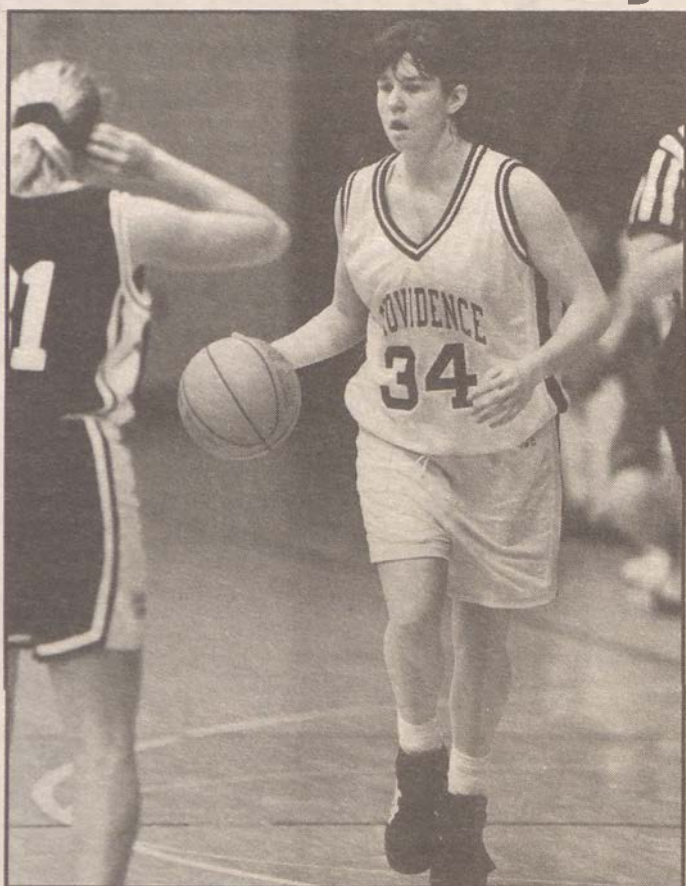
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So Close, Yet So Far Away



Julie Wheeler hit clutch three-pointers in the Lady Friars strong first-half against UConn.

Pieter J. Ketelaar '97

Sports Writer

The Providence College women's basketball team gave the number one ranked University of Connecticut Huskies a run for their money Tuesday night before a capacity crowd in Alumni Hall.

The Lady Friars accomplished something that no other team had accomplished against UConn this year: Build an eleven point lead in the first half.

"We came out and played the kind of game we wanted to play against them," said Lady Friars Head Coach Bob Foley. "We executed well and had a lead for sixteen minutes in the first half against the number one team in the nation. I'd call that an accomplishment in itself. Nobody else had been able to do what we've done and not many teams will for the rest of the season."

Alumni Hall was abuzz with a plethora of fans and media alike. Many UConn fans made the trip up to Providence to support their top-ranked team. The atmosphere was of utmost excitement as PC was set to take on the first ever number one team to visit Alumni Hall.

The game was played with a fierce intensity by both teams from the opening tap right until the very end. UConn won possession to start the game, but on their first trip down the court they fell victim to the tenacious defensive pressure of the Lady Friars and turned the ball over. PC was the first to score on Sarah Miller's lay up and just like that the Lady Friars had a two point lead. For the next fifteen minutes Providence would outplay, outrebound, and outscore the

feared Lady Huskies. To the amazement of the crowd and themselves, the Lady Friars went on a 23-9 scoring spree sparked by Julie Wheeler's consecutive three-point baskets to give them a 30-19 lead.

PC had sent the UConn juggernaut reeling just minutes into the game and silenced the busloads of Connecticut fans. But then the Lady Huskies remembered just who they were. They proceeded to go on a 20-4 run of their own to retake the lead at the half by a score of 38-34.

The second half served as a reality check for the Lady Friars. PC won possession to start the half and cut UConn's lead to two points, 38-36, but that was as close as they would get. The Huskies then proceeded to put on an offensive clinic sinking two consecutive treys and storming their way to a massive 43-13 surge that put them up by 30 points. The Lady Friars could not stop the constant deluge of three-point bombs and gave UConn several second chance baskets.

When all was said and done, UConn had shown they were indeed worthy of the number one ranking. The Lady Friars had done their best given that several of their better experienced players were on the sidelines due to injuries, but you don't win games on the basis of effort.

There were four Lady Friars who scored in double digits to end the game. Lori Penrod paced PC with 13 points, Kerri Chatten and Sarah Miller each chipped in 11, and Heide Moyano added 10 of her own in the dishearten-

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PC sinks Pirates 80-77

Justin Macione '95

Sports Editor

The 12-6 Providence College Friar basketball team has followed a pattern of dispatching inferior talent, while failing to pull off an upset of the top four Big East powers.

Aided by the emergence of sophomore Austin Croshere and senior power forward Troy Brown, the Friar frontcourt has provided steady if not spectacular efforts. However, the inexperienced back court has plagued PC versus upper echelon clubs all season. Saturday night's 88-67 loss to Villanova at the Dupont Pavilion proved to be no excep-

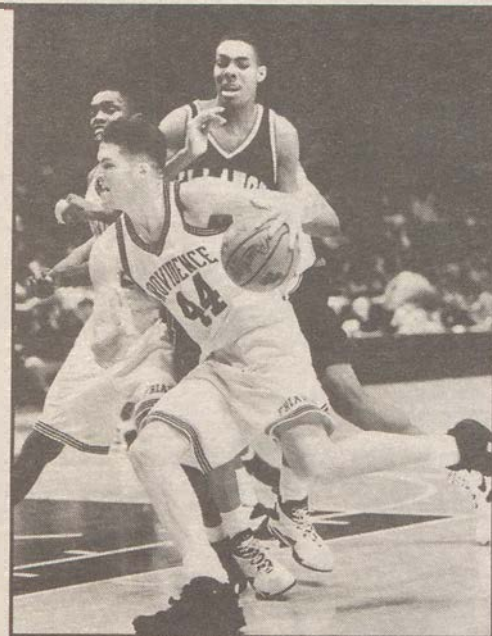
tion. Following the listless weekend, the Friars showed their backbones by dropping the feisty Seton Hall Pirates last night, 80-77.

The deeper Friars quickly realized the need to speed up the game though, initiating a 17-2 run midway through the half, extending the score to 33-18. Featured in a sixth man role, Croshere was a key in this streak, which gave PC a 15 point lead, scoring all his 12 first half points in a four minute period, 19 for the game. "He gives us some good offense off the bench", commented Gillen on his increased role in

the offensive flow. Still feeling flu symptoms which put him in the hospital and forced him to miss the VU game, Larragan dished five assists in this period, perfectly feeding the Friar frontcourt throughout the stretch.

Following an SHU time-out at 11:28, the PC managed to hold onto a 44-30 lead at the half. Michael Brown forgot his Villanova nightmare of 1-8 shooting with a late half seven point outburst. Troy Brown and Williams also sparked the Black and White, scoring in double figures, and grabbing 8 rebounds each. "We

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Austin Croshere '97

Three-Peaters Head For The Road Lady Friars Back To Their Old Tricks

Derek Stout '95

Sports Writer

The Lady Friars are back to their old tricks. Just when it seems they are heading toward a losing streak, they surprise everyone with a win. It has been a rollercoaster ride the entire 94-95 season. Last Sunday the Lady Friars avenged an earlier two losses to New Hampshire with a 3-2 victory over the Wildcats.

The victory assured PC of not falling below the five-hundred mark which they recently hit during a 5-4 loss to Brown last week. This victory versus UNH was probably the most satisfying for PC the whole season. "We played with a lot more enthusiasm than we did in the previous two games against them," commented Jenn Wagner. "Our passing was a lot more on target and overall our hustling and positive attitude was the main difference."

The game began well for the Lady Friars who skated to a quick lead twenty-two seconds into the first period. The goal came compliments of Karen McCabe who took a slapshot from the blue-line which was redirected into the net by Kathleen Brophy. It was an impressive beginning for PC who opened the game as if they were on a power play controlling the puck setting up for the perfect shot. Natasha Fine was superb in goal throughout the contest including three great saves in the first period.

The first period was not over before Jenn Wagner scored on a backhand shot as she was cutting across the net. O'Sullivan led the onslaught on net which Wagner cleaned up with 4:06 remaining in the opening period. UNH followed-up with a goal, a result of great stickwork in front of the net. Overall it was an offensive-minded period for both UNH and PC who switched off on goals and headed to the locker room tied 2-2.

The second period was a turning point for PC. The Lady Friars began to focus defensively as a team, something they hadn't done previously in games leading up to this matchup. This was followed by a solid third period by PC who had good offensive chances and finally converted with 3:51 remaining. The goal came courtesy of Amy Carlson who backhanded the puck into the net off

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Kathleen Brophy rallied to redirect a slapshot into the net in the Friars 3-2 win over UNH.