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Park at your own risk

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News Writer

Violent acts against cars is a topic that pops up every now and then here at PC. Last week, there was yet another outbreak of vandalism in the Providence College parking lots. At least two cars were reported vandalized and there seem to have been more incidents that have gone unreported. Various stu-

its hood and the other on its rear window, with blue paint and vulgar statements. One car even had the name of a well-known gang scrawled on it.

One of the victim's of last week's vandalism was a freshman who was advised by her insurance company to remain anonymous. "At first I was scared, because I thought it was a personal attack against me.

Bathgate admitted, "but if you compare Providence College with other institutions, then you will see that we have far less than they do." He continued to say that the parking lots are "inspected on a regular basis by a patrolling officer who reports the incident and keeps it in the records."

A little more than a year ago, thirty-eight cars had their tires



Why does it seem that cars parked near Schneider are always the ones who get the brunt of vandalism?

by Carey Capone

dents have experienced smashed windows and stolen radios while their cars were parked in a PC lot within the last month, but those acts have not been documented as of yet.

The two cars in question were vandalized last week, sometime after Tuesday night and before Thursday night. They were parked in the Schneider Arena lot, a rather desolate and dimly lit area. The cars were spray painted, one on

Then I realized it wasn't since I noticed that the car next to me had been vandalized also. I then became very angry and thought, 'How could this happen on a campus that is supposed to be so safe?'" she said.

Chief of Security, Cpt. Philip Bathgate, responded to the situation by saying that he is not always made aware of such incidents, and many do seem to go unreported. "We do have some ongoing incidents," Captain

slashed while parked in Schneider, Peterson, and the commuter lots. Security discovered the crimes during a patrol, and extra guards were immediately assigned to watch the lots more closely. The perpetrator was never found.

"It's impossible to eliminate these problems (in Schneider) given the access to outsiders.

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Admissions '99

Mary M. Shaffrey '97

Asst. News Editor

The deadline for applications from prospective members of the Class of 1999 was last week. According to Catherine Solomon, Associate Dean of Admissions, it is too early to judge the academic quality of the class as a whole. However, "the early action applicant pool is usually a good model for the rest of the applicants, and this year we are very encouraged."

Applications for PC's early action program increased by nearly 3% compared to last year, and this year's early applicant pool has also shown an increase in SAT scores and class rank. This year the college re-

and Fairfield have also seen a decline in the quality of their applicants as well, particularly in SAT scores.

"The population of students varies and sometimes we have mountains, but there will also be valleys. When you have few students applying to college, you will have even fewer of a higher academic quality. In the late '80's we saw a rise, and then it began to drop. We are happy to see it rise again," commented Solomon. She went on to say that PC is going to continue to accept applicants based on quality, as it did last year with the Class of '98, rather than attempt to make the class a close 50/50 ratio.

There was some concern over whether or not the *USNews*

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ceived 337 early action applications, of which the average SAT score was 1044, which is six points higher than last year for those who were accepted. Also, 32% more students ranked in the top 20% of their class compared with last year.

In recent years the academic quality of PC has slightly declined. Most of the reasons for this decline are beyond the control of the college. PC's peer colleges, such as BC, Villanova

& World Report College survey, that came out in September '94, might have a negative affect on the number of people deciding to apply to PC. Solomon believes that it is difficult to gauge whether or not it had an effect, but that the total number of applications is running dead even with last year's.

"We had more parents of current PC students call and ques-

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Correction:

The Cowl wishes to correct a misrepresentation which appeared in the article entitled "Sixth Annual Multicultural Celebration" in the February 2, 1995 issue. The article, as it appeared in the paper, said, "The panelist from South-Eastern Nigeria stated that the land and houses are placed in the female's name. . ." The very opposite of this is actually true in most Nigerian cultures. Cletus Nwabuzo, O.P. stated, "This part of the report is certainly not the case and cannot be attributed to the panelist who spoke on the tradition from South-Eastern Nigeria." *The Cowl* wishes to apologize for any misunderstanding which may have occurred.

Getting answers

Theresa Edo '96

News Editor

Following *The Cowl's* pledge to supply PC's students with the answers to questions surrounding the recent dismissal of Mrs. Frances Shipp and Dr. Owen Logue, the paper has sought to dispel any rumors that might be circulating.

Rev. Thomas D. McGonigle, O.P., Vice President for Academic Administration, stated that although his office has read the student petition, the decision is final. He explained that the administration's reluctance to make a statement besides the one which was earlier released to another campus publication

is to protect the legal rights of all who are involved.

"It's not that we want to try to hide anything," Fr. McGonigle said. It was to maintain confidentiality and the good name of the two staff members, he went on to say. The college does not want to damage their professional reputations for the future, he said.

Mrs. Shipp did reiterate to *The Cowl* that she is not to have contact with the campus and did not read the issue of the paper in which the article concerning she and Dr. Logue appeared. She did admit that at the time of her dismissal she was given a security escort off campus.

Chief of PC Security, Captain Philip Bathgate, could not comment on that situation stat-

ing that he was on vacation at the time of the question. He referred *The Cowl* to Fr. McGonigle's office.

Fr. McGonigle stated that a security escort is normal procedure in a situation like this. He also emphatically said that no legal action between the school, Shipp, or Logue has been made known to him.

The Office of Academic Administration will use this semester to figure out how best to structure the area to meet the needs of the students. Dr. Sally Thibodeau, whom Academic Services is currently reporting to, will be questioning the staff and students to try to discern what is working in the department and what is not.

The Outside World



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Asst. News Editor

BASEBALL STILL ON STRIKE

President Clinton says he will send legislation to Congress seeking arbitration to end Major League Baseball's six-month strike. The announcement came after meetings at the White House Tuesday night, between players and owners, failed to bring about a solution.

"The American people are the real losers in this strike... we will keep working at it," Clinton stated.

With Spring Training scheduled to open in eight days, Clinton noted the long range impact of no baseball and the threat of no season at all in '95.

Leaders in Congress, from both sides of the aisle, have stated they are opposed to such intervention. Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole and House Minority Leader Dick Gephardt have indicated that such legislation will be dead on arrival.

NOMINEE IN TROUBLE

President Clinton's choice for Surgeon General is coming under fire. If his nomination is approved Dr. Henry Foster, an OB/GYN from Arkansas, would replace Joycelyn Elders, who was fired in December. That approval, however, is not

as clear cut as Clinton would like it to be.

Dr. Foster is coming under fire from abortion opponents, not only because he has performed them, but because of discrepancies in the amount he has performed. Also, many question his involvement in a study of a suppository that was used to induce abortion.

President Clinton is standing by his nominee and some are disturbed at the fact Dr. Foster is getting a bad rap. Among his supporters are Louis Sullivan, the former Secretary of Health and Human Services under the Bush Administration and David Satcher, Director of the Centers for Diseases Control in Atlanta.

"I never heard anybody say that Dr. Foster was an abortion doctor... he is known for trying to help teenagers deal with their sexuality in a positive way," commented Satcher.

RELIEF FOR MEXICO

Opponents of President Clinton's \$20 billion rescue plan for Mexico's embattled peso failed to dramatize their opposition through a resolution seeking to reassert Congressional authority over government spending. Critics lost a 288-143 floor vote on the matter, which would have called for debate.

Articles compiled from *USA Today*.

Parking vandalism

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We concentrate on particular areas in terms of patrols, and when there's an incident, word is passed on and specific attention is given to that area." He states that the parking lots are patrolled as often as possible, depending on the amount of emergency calls and other situations that Security officers are involved in.

The woman who's car was vandalized says that she "definitely thinks there should be more security at PC and that the lots should have more patrolling to put fear into the people responsible." Captain Bathgate stresses that parking at PC is a privilege and you do so at your own risk, as with any other parking facility. "Of course, we can always use more security," he states, "and we're hoping for camera equipment down the line."

Many students complain that the lots seem to be much more crowded since they have returned from break. Captain Bathgate attributes this to students illegally parking their cars and he ensures that eventually security will catch up with them and slap a ticket on their windshields. Bathgate claims that "not too many students park at Schneider, and since there are now more students requesting parking spaces, we let them park in Schneider."

Captain Bathgate admitted that Schneider Arena does call for more frequent patrolling between rounds. He brings up the point that a lot of the acts that occur may be personal paybacks and they are not always the work of a vicious vandal strolling the lots of PC. Bathgate also stresses that PC does not pay for repair costs—that is left up to the students and their insurance companies.

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Bedford's Ink Intruder

Judith Colonna '95

News Writer

This past weekend, February 3-5, Bedford Hall was once again a site for unexplainable vandalism. Much like the first weekend in September, Bedford's walls have been used as a "writing-pad." Unlike the first incident, however, the graffiti was written in permanent ink.

Located primarily on the 6th floor and in the stairwells, the vandal(s) left a "twisted," as one Bedford resident put it, poem, a group of indecipherable letters/words, and the word "DIE," in various places. As of right now, no one knows who committed the crime, and if the vandal(s) are not caught, the residents of the hall will be responsible for the cleaning costs.

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"DIE"...

As Christine Goyette, the Apartment Complex Director, said, "This whole incident is a disappointment; it's a brand new building, and I'm really sorry to see this happen. It would definitely be a shame if we have to charge innocent residents."

Though Goyette and the Office of Residence Life are trying to find out exactly what's going on, hall residents have their own ideas. Since it is known that the front door in Bedford is sometimes propped open, or can be opened by tugging on the door, some feel that local community members may be the cause of the crime.

"I've seen [local] [kids] run in and out of Stuart's and Bedford all the time," stated one concerned resident, "and I wouldn't be surprised if they did it."

If you have any information that may help in the investigation, contact either Christine Goyette at x4214 or the Office of Residence Life at x2392.

New minors in the works

Erin Piorek '96

News Writer

Two English Minors

Terrie Curran, English Department Chairperson, announced in the January 1995 issue of "Erratic English News," (a newsletter sent to all English Majors at the beginning of every month), that the English Department is getting closer and closer to offering two Minors in English. One will be in Literature and the other in Writing. Currently, no Minors in English are offered at PC.

According to Curran, the English Department met on Wednesday, February 8 to look over the proposal one more time. The Academic Affairs Committee will be meeting next week to review the proposal, and on March 1, the Faculty Senate will be meeting about the proposed new Minors.

Curran doesn't foresee any major obstacles, and the Minors should be in effect for September, 1995 if all goes well. The proposal is in its final stages and more information will be available soon.

Black Studies Update

A memorandum from the Presidential Committee on Black Studies went out to the

Providence College Community on February 1, 1995. For the past three years, a number of students and faculty members at PC have been working to put together a Black Studies Program for the college.

The memorandum states that "the existing curriculum at the college is Eurocentric and that some attention should be given to alternative views, e.g., an Afro-centric perspective." The need for a curriculum that reflects a variety of different societies is stressed throughout the memorandum. According to the committee, the problem is that "a historic, Eurocentric focus at the college has produced a curriculum with few of these courses and no regular, full-time faculty to teach them."

One of the major goals of the Black Studies Program is "to provide courses that will assist Black students on campus...to develop a better sense of their own history as it relates to African/African-American history and culture." The members of the Black Studies Committee feel that the approval of a Black Studies Program is essential. It will expose all students to courses on African history and culture that will allow us to attain an understanding of an African world view. The committee hopes that, with the help of the members of the PC community, this program will soon become a reality.

Won't you be my neighbor?

Kristen M. Garipey '95

Editor-In-Chief

Any PC student who has attempted and even succeeded to make the adventurous move into the off-campus community has repeatedly heard of the mandatory inspection policy. For those of you still oblivious to the

wanted to offer our students more decent and secure properties to rent," said Carolyn Ryan, Director of Off-Campus Housing.

In order to provide more desirable and safer housing, all off-campus landlords were required to have their properties pass state inspection. Many

pus Housing Office been working to provide proper housing, they are also attempting to meet with off-campus residents. Every Wednesday afternoon, Carolyn Ryan and Ron Kelly, Judicial Officer, visit off-campus houses to speak with students about concerns, problems or general questions.



Off-Campus Housing has been working to provide more desirable and safer housing.

by Carey Capone

rule, it can again be stated: Any PC student wishing to move off-campus must first receive permission from the Director of Off-Campus Housing and live at a residence that has passed state inspection.

As of this semester, it was announced that the first phase of the inspection process has been completed. In October 1992, following the adoption of the Good Neighbor Plan, over 200 off-campus residences were in need of inspection. This component of the plan sought to improve the housing being offered off-campus. "We

residences had to have repeated inspections to ensure that they meet housing code standards and several have just finally passed inspection. At the conclusion of the first phase, 182 off-campus residences have passed inspection.

Off-Campus Housing began Phase II by sending out letters to the landlords whose properties passed inspection in October 1992 and requested a second inspection. They hope to eventually have each off-campus residence inspected annually.

Not only has the Off-Cam-

Any student
wishing to
meet with
Carolyn
Ryan or
Ron Kelly
can contact
them at
x2420.

Abroad Controversy

Michael J. Walsh '97

News Writer

Students going abroad next year have been sent mixed signals from administration on housing status. The college policy of living in the on-campus apartments and going abroad for a semester requires payment of a full year's rent. This policy has been in the books since 1988. The discrepancy occurred at a meeting held last semester where the Apartment Complex Director Christine Goyette informed students going abroad that they would not be held responsible for a full year's rent.

When informed that if living in the on-campus apartments they would be held responsible for a full year's rent the students involved had an overall feeling of discouragement. "It seems the school only cares about my money and not my education" commented Lisa Durica '97. The Sophomore class Secretary

John Reid said that "Most colleges don't make you pay if you go abroad and here it's like a penalty if you do."

Fr. McPhail O.P., Vice President of Student Services, acknowledged Goyette's misunderstanding of the college's policy, and in a letter dated January 31, 1995 offered students a compromise to this predicament. A loophole has been created for this year only where students going abroad have the option of living in the traditional residence halls for their semester at PC.

Fr. McPhail stated "It's a question of justice and economics, we don't want to penalize students but the college could lose up to \$200,000." Fr. McPhail also said there never should have been any misunderstandings for this policy has been in effect since 1988. The policy stands and will be enforced if anyone going abroad wishes to reside in the on-campus apartment.

The college does offer help and options to students wishing to go abroad such as switching roommates and helping students find off-campus housing. Mrs. Carolyn Ryan, Director of Off-Campus Housing, said that her office is willing to do what they can to help the students. "We try to match the student up with someone who's living off campus and needs a roommate," commented Ryan. The office also works with local landlords to enable students to rent for just one semester.

Now the students are left with the option of going abroad and living one semester in the traditional dorms, living off-campus or paying a full year's rent to PC and living in the on-campus apartments. "This is a compromise and compromises won't make everyone happy" commented Fr. McPhail on the issue.

Mr. and Mrs. Slavin Econ 101

David Canal '98

News Writer

It's time to take a moment away from the current, weekly news of The Cowl to start to take a look at a question that we face each day. We face it at least once a day on our way to check our empty mailboxes in Slavin or to wait in line at Alumni Cafe. And that important issue is, "What is that statue outside

many have found out exactly who those two are. Contrary to popular belief, they are not Mr. and Mrs. Slavin. Good try though.

The statue is actually a gift to Providence College given by Joseph (Bo) and Alice Bernstein in 1974. You would think that Bo Bernstein had some long standing legacy with Providence College since he donated

children. Their son is an artist in California and their daughter is married to a sculptor in France. Several years later, Bernstein's agency was handling a fund drive for PC when Bo decided that he liked the school so much that he would like to donate a statue to everyone at the college.

So once the Bernstein's had decided to donate the statue, it was up to Gilbert Franklin, the sculptor, to construct it. Gilbert Franklin was the head of sculptor design at Rhode Island School of Design (RISD). Before constructing the statue, Franklin took countless pictures of the campus and examined each facet of Providence College.

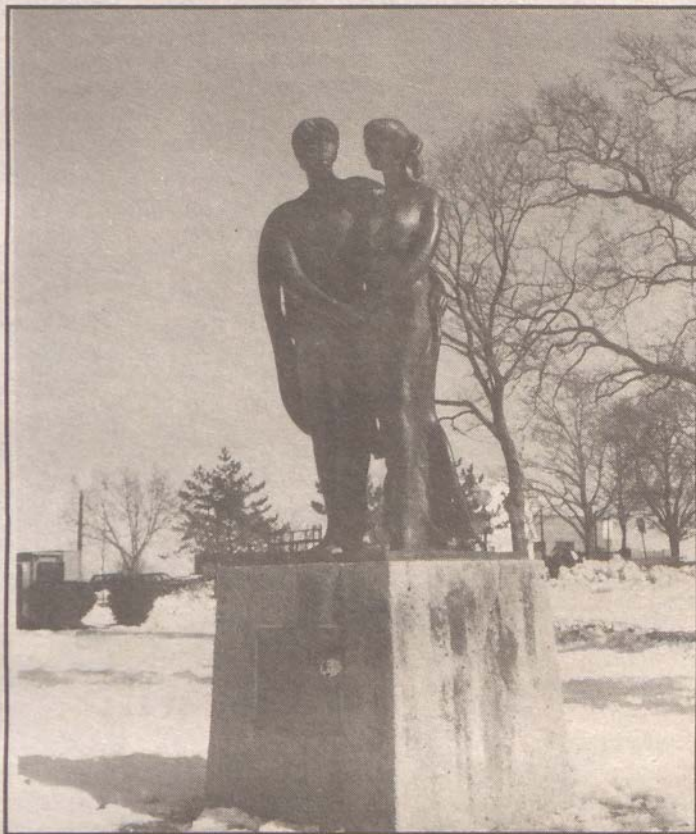
Finally, the statue was constructed. The statue depicts a young man and woman stepping forward from a cloak that represents home, family, and school. Franklin was known to say, "The young people are stepping out of the classical fold that shields them from the outside world." The bronze statue is 7 feet tall and weighs 900 pounds and the inscription reads "Veritas Eternaliter Juvenis" which is Latin and translates to "Truth is Eternally Young".

Franklin chose the theme of PC going "co-ed" for the first time in 1971. The statue was dedicated at Commencement in 1974, one year before the first women graduates.

So the mystery of the alleged statue of Mr. and Mrs. Slavin has been solved. Twenty-one years later the statue remains intact, standing steadfastly on Slavin Lawn. They quietly watch over us each day. Stop by and say hello sometime. They could use the company.

a statue to the school, right? How's three weeks sound? Yes, Bo Bernstein attended Providence College for three weeks before leaving to establish his own advertising agency in downtown Providence.

The Bernstein's interest in art came as a result of their two



They quietly watch over us each day.

by Carey Capone

on Slavin Lawn?" Yes, that statue that everyone walks by each day saying, "Someday, I'm gonna find out what that statue really is."

Well, this statue has been around for 21 years and it has been the subject of vandalism and speculation because not

Brian Hylander '95

News Writer

On Wednesday, February 8th at 7 p.m. in '64 Hall, the Department of Economics and the Economics Club sponsored a paneled discussion on the United States economy and the recent actions of the Federal Reserve Bank. Entitled, "Impending Inflation: Is The Fed Right?" the talk was led by Harvard educated economists James Medoff and Andrew Harless. Rounding off the four-person panel were Peter Phipps, economics editor for *The Providence Journal* commenting on the consequences of the Fed's policies on Rhode Island communities and Professor George Sawdy of Providence College's own Economics Department.

The informative event attracted approximately seventy-five students, faculty, and members of the general public and filled the hall almost to full capacity. After an introduction by Dr. Maryjane Lenon, Chair of the Economics Department, Prof. Medoff of Harvard University, a native Rhode Islander and a National Fellow at the Center for National Policy, began the discussion outlining what he observes as a transition in the United States from "an affluent society to an in-debt society." Citing the slowdown in productivity rates and the substantial increases in consumer, corporate, and federal debt, the result of has been an increase in white-collar permanent job loss. Where once these jobs were guaranteed by an "implicit contract," they have now become subject to slashing in order to reduce costs. The ultimate result, he argues, has been the emerging presence of a highly frustrated group of laid off workers he terms, "angry prime age males." Briefly discussed were the political implications of influence

of this group, namely the success of the Republicans in the recent Congressional elections and the popularity of fiscal conservatives political thinkers like Newt Gingrich.

Although the subtitle of the presentation was, "Is the Fed Right?", discussion of the recent Fed's action of increasing interest rates was not brought up until Mr. Phipps spoke. A very readable economics writer, especially for non-economists, Mr. Phipps' contributions focused on the impact of current monetary policies on the Rhode Island community. While other parts of the nation might be enjoying robust economic growth, he argues that Rhode Island has been, "crawling along." Giving various examples of individual citizens who have been hurt economically by the increase in interest rates Mr. Phipps commented on the Fed's unfortunate need to clamp down on the whole economy because of the increasing growth of certain regions at the expense of other areas lagging behind.

Prof. Sawdy continued the discussion on inflation and unemployment rates, helping to translate and define some of the technical economic jargon used by the speakers. Offering commentary and questions, Prof. Sawdy helped clarify and was key in rounding off the panel. While the presentation was laden with technical economic terms, the presence of an undergraduate professor and newspaper editor helped to offer a balance to two technical economists. The result was an intelligent, enlightening, and informative discussion. Although discussion of the recent Federal Reserve's decision to increase interest rates was kept to a minimal, important trends in the economy were highlighted.

Anyone who has an idea for a story, additional information, suggestions, questions, comments, or anything to say about the News Section is asked to contact Theresa at the office - x2214.

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tion about the article, than of prospective students," Solomon stated.

On average, PC receives about 5,000 applications each year, of which about 3,000 are accepted. This year they plan to have the Department Chairs take a more active involvement in the actual recruitment for those students who were accepted.

William DiBrienza, Dean of Admissions and Financial Aid,

would like to have the Department Chairs actively participate in the acceptance process by calling students who have declared a major in their particular field. The purpose of this is to show prospective students that teachers at PC are accessible, and that there are no TAs (Teachers Assistants).

The letters of acceptance for the regular applicant pool will begin to go out in mid-March, and then those who are accepted will have until May 1 to make a commitment to the college.

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Civ: On the road to extinction

Christopher Roche '96

Editorial Writer

The Development of Western Civilization program (Civ.) is undoubtedly one of the cornerstones of Providence College. It has been praised by such notables as William F. Buckley, and it sets this college apart from other so-called liberal arts institutions. However, there are some serious areas of deficiency within the program that need reform, if PC expects to provide its students with the tools to compete in the twenty-first century.

As the Civ. program stands now, it is a failure. The majority of the students do not want to be there, and the lectures are too broad and sweeping to gain any real knowledge of what actually happened at that time. For example, the Civil War is covered in one fifty minute session by a speed talking history professor who has already admitted that his task is impossible. Despite the enormous effort of many of the professors, especially in seminars, the Civ. program is destined to fail. Professors attempt to teach students who are passionless because they are forced to go to a class they did not even choose, five days a week. Many students feel insulted by the high school-like structure of the program, complete with pop quizzes and true-false and matching

questions. How are we supposed to compete with students from major colleges when they are learning the essence of what Hobbes, Locke and Descartes meant to this world, and we are getting questions like, "True or False: Hobbes, Locke and Descartes each had illegitimate children." Superficial questions like these appear on Civ. tests because the current structure of the program does not allow for any type of probing inquisition. How can a professor ask a specific question about Vatican I when only twenty minutes are allotted for it on the syllabus? The answer is that it is impossible. Students do not come away with any more understanding of the events surrounding the development of western civilization at the end of the second year than they did at the beginning of the first year. The only "knowledge" that is gained are a few names and maybe some facts. This type of knowledge is characteristic of the turn of the century, unfortunately for the students, it is not this one.

The Civ. program simply tries to do too much. Trying to cover 10,000 years of philosophy, history, theology and literature is frivolous. The Civ. program sounds great on paper, but I would like to use a simple metaphor to illustrate that the Civ. program is not all it is

cracked up to be. If a friend offered me \$10,000 in cash, I would think that was great. However, if the only way I could collect that money was in pennies, and it was to be thrown off of a five story building at me, I would surely change my mind. I would be buried under the barrage of thousands of small bits of currency, and I would not be able to catch very much of it. This is what the Civ. program does. It literally heaps tons of information on the students, and it buries them until the students become disinterested and apathetic. Students put aside their will to learn, and they replace it with a will to know enough for the tests. This is the program's greatest failure; the program is a giant game of Trivial Pursuit rather than a scholarly course.

Thankfully, many professors recognize the problems surrounding Civ. The recent pro-

posal of a Black Studies program is a sign of the times, and it will hopefully send a message that PC will not put up with the Eurocentric status quo that is Civ. The fight to reform Civ. is of course an uphill battle, but if reform does not occur, it will damage PC's credibility as a viable institution. The fact that there is not one Dominican representative on the Presidential Committee on Black Studies is not encouraging.

Most students would just as soon see Civ. eliminated, but since it has become part of the PC tradition, that will never happen. The Civ. program could be amended for the next century though. One solution would be to cut back on the burdensome twenty credit requirement and switch to eighteen, and the student should earn an automatic academic minor in Civ. The program should re-

main interdisciplinary, but there should be a list of courses designated as "DWC". The Eurocentricity should also be drastically reduced. Other programs such as Women Studies, Asian Studies, Latin American Studies and Black Studies (if the proposal becomes reality) should share their influence with Civ. This would allow for more in-depth study, and it would eliminate the five day monotony of Civ., as well as offering students some choice. As it stands now, white men are almost the sole focus of the program, and this leaves students with a false sense of who or what shaped our culture. Women and minorities are an integral part of our society, and to ignore them in a program that claims to "give students the opportunity to gain a deeper understanding of themselves and their identity" is asinine.



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Limbaugh's Legacy of Lies

Mike Sullivan '97

Editorial Writer

If ever there was a man who made an art form of lying it's Rush Limbaugh. Ever since he first hit the airwaves he's done nothing but distort the truth, twist facts and straight out lie in order to convince his fans that liberalism is bad and conservatism is good. The true mark of a Limbaugh fan is their inability to think for themselves. Anyone who's argued with one of his more ardent listeners can tell you that it's like listening to a record player. They are only capable of repeating what they've heard him say and if you ask them any in depth question that requires some thought the response is almost always, "I don't know". We really can't condemn Rush for the mindlessness that has infected his followers but we can condemn him for his own hypocritical inconsistencies.

One example of Rush's hypocrisy is his military experience. Guess what, he has none. Rush likes to criticize the President for not going to Vietnam. He has even gone so far as to suggest that the President was working for the death and defeat of U.S. soldiers. If Rush thought the Vietnam War was so good then why didn't he go fight in it? In reality Rush and many of his followers all turned tail and ran from the draft during the war. Like most other conservatives they either went

to college, got married or got some phony medical excuse just to avoid doing what in words they claimed to be the right thing. Translation: Some of the most ardent war supporters, Rush et al, were some of the most notorious draft dodgers.

Another example of Rush's hypocrisy is his stance on health care reform. Since day one, Rush has railed against the Clinton Health Care Plan saying that the government shouldn't intervene in the health insurance industry even if it means that 47 million people are without coverage, 10 million of whom are children. Typical Rush- He doesn't believe in government intervention when it helps others, but when it benefits him he's all for it. When he moved from Sacramento to New York he had no health insurance so he joined the COBRA program. COBRA is a federal mandate that provides health insurance for people who lose their jobs but were insured by their previous employer. This mandate includes price controls and guaranteed coverage for 18 months, no matter what the cost to the insurer. He's against price controls and guaranteed coverage for average hardworking Americans, but supports them for himself.

Another problem with Limbaugh is that he glorifies greed. He supports massive tax cuts for the wealthiest 1% of Americans because he claims

that they work too hard to pay higher taxes. He also supports tax breaks for large multi-billion corporations so that the executives can increase their pay while laying off more workers. At the same time he supports deep cuts in programs such as Welfare and Medicaid because he claims that the recipients, half of whom were children, are lazy and should go out and get a job. He has attacked labor unions on his show as being lazy and greedy, simply because they want such things as decent pay, safe working conditions and adequate health-care for their families. I'm sure that Rush and his followers enjoy all three.

Limbaugh represents the "Me First" wing of the conservative movement. He and his followers would support any program that benefits themselves and oppose any program that doesn't. That's why they support spending public money on their kids' private school tuition; it saves them money. That's why they support massive defense budgets, because many of them work at high paying defense industry jobs. And that's why they oppose immunizing young children against disease with federal cash; they don't get anything out of it. Unfortunately, many people, but by no means a majority, fail to see Rush as the narrow-minded pseudo-intellectual that he is and let themselves be brainwashed by his empty words.

Abortion: There is no common ground

John J. Olohan '95

Editorial Writer

Murder is the unlawful killing of another human being. The word abortion contains the word "abort." Abort means, "to end." To end what? A pregnancy. A pregnancy is what? The creation and development of human life. Ergo, abortion ends a human life. In an educated world, that is all the reasoning one needs to realize that abortion is wrong because it takes the life of another human being. But that is the beauty of language. The media, and we ourselves, use terminologies and phraseologies to make an immoral act seem moral.

The wittiest and cleverest of individuals come up with arguments to justify abortion. Many of the arguments would be very convincing if one lost sight of the human beings that are being aborted. If a person keeps in mind that abortion ends the life of another human being, no fancy

rhetoric will be able to justify it.

Have people not learned about how we enslaved blacks because it was "OUR RIGHT?" Do people not know that the Supreme Court of the United States ruled on Dred Scott, in 1857, that whites were a superior being to blacks? Laws are man made, and men are not perfect. By the transitive property of equality, laws are not perfect. Will anyone be ignorant enough to tell me that slavery was a just law?

It is sad to think that man is able to twist around terminologies the way he does, to get what he wants. It is common practice to use words to further one's cause. Remember the jungle? Now it is called the rain forest. Remember the garbage man? Now he is a sanitary engineer. We twist, turn, and make up words to make ourselves feel more comfortable, when we are actually hiding from the truth.

Rhetoric makes it difficult for people to come to an agreement because there is no common ground. There can't be common ground if I personally use the word "choice" when I speak of selection, while my antagonist uses the very same word when speaking of abortion. Until there is clarification, we could be speaking about two completely different subjects, at the very same time. But people don't listen, they only hear what they want to.

"A rose by any other name would smell as sweet." The same is true for abortion. Call abortion anything you like;

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Cowardly Congress

Robert Mendes '95

Editorial Writer

Last week, President Clinton authorized millions of dollars in loans and loan guarantees to the Mexican government. It was the right thing to do and the move is good news for Americans.

The Mexican government was about to default on key international loans, a move which would have destroyed their economy. If the government had defaulted, the value of the peso would have declined even further than it has in recent weeks, resulting in lower profits, higher taxes, lower consumer confidence, and less jobs. The loans and loan guarantees will help Mexico temporarily solve its financial problems. Obviously, that's good news for Mexico.

It is also good news for the U.S. Mexico is the United States' third largest trading partner, with trade increasing even more since the passage of NAFTA. If the Mexican economy is in shambles, trade will decrease and American

jobs will be lost. Therefore, the loans will help to save American jobs in both the short and the long terms. Furthermore, it is a proven fact that illegal immigration into this country increases dramatically when the Mexican economy is doing poorly. These loans will help keep more Mexicans from illegally crossing our borders.

In light of this, why was the President's decision so controversial? The answer is disturbing because it reveals the fundamental weakness of the Congress in the Twentieth Century.

When the President acted on his own emergency authority, the consensus among lawmakers was relief. Most congressmen were torn over the President's proposal because they knew it was the right thing to do, but they were afraid the voters might not like it. They were glad that they would not have to defend their votes to their constituents. The Republicans know that the country wants them to reduce spending, but this plan is really a plan to spend money on

Mexico. Many lawmakers agreed that it would have been unpopular and it may risk their political futures. To put it simply, they feared that they would not have been able to explain to the public that some government spending is good.

That's why this is such a disturbing time in American

clear. Representatives should make decisions for the people. If they make the wrong decisions, the American people will make sure they are voted out of office. The American people are reasonable though, and probably will be convinced by a good, solid defense of the proposal if there is one. Yet, our

ers do that today if an equally serious crisis broke out in the world?

Congressmen do not deserve all the blame for what they have become. Most journalists today, particularly television interviewers, are too lazy, incompetent and stupid to adequately and accurately explain the issues. They prefer to paint all issues as black and white, often ignoring the issue's complexities and nuances. Even worse, most journalists waste time trying to get a politician to commit early and unquestionably to one side, rather than working to reveal the politician's complete thinking on the issue and and respecting the fact that he or she may be undecided, which is not always a bad thing. Ultimately, the politician's vote is public and can be debated afterwards, certainly at election time. That's responsible journalism.

Our democracy will be in serious trouble if congressmen don't start leading instead of following, and journalists don't start intelligently interviewing those leaders.

Clinton's actions will help Mexico temporarily solve its financial problems

politics. Our so-called leaders are afraid of doing the right thing because an opinion poll shows that it is not popular. What a bunch of gutless, wimpy, cowards!

Any democracy faces this problem: Should representatives strictly follow the wishes of the people or should they make what they think are the right decisions even if the people disagree? In order to have a successful democracy the answer is

leaders are either unable to defend their actions and develop consensus or they are afraid to. Neither trait is characteristic of a true leader.

It's disturbing to think what this world would have become if FDR was unwilling or unable to ask this country to sacrifice her sons for WWII. He knew it was the right thing to do and when the people heard his defense, they rallied behind a true leader. Could our lead-

Don't blame me, I voted for Bush

Jamie Lantinen '97

Editorial Writer

I was a Bush supporter in 1992. Of course, I didn't publicize the fact. It seemed at the time, that if one wasn't a supporter of Clinton or Perot, then one was somehow ignoring our economically depraved country. I actually had somebody tell me that "I'm voting for Clinton because I don't have a job." Two months later, he got a job - a pretty good job too. Bush was still President, and the economy was rebounding. Imagine that! Maybe it wasn't Bush's fault that this person was unemployed. Two years later, I am proud to come out of the closet and say that I supported George Herbert Walker Bush.

We are not any better now that we were under Bush. In fact, things might be worse. Internationally, President Clinton has failed to be stern and decisive as a President should. His leaflet and food supply air drops on Bosnia was a complete fiasco. Many of the boxed missed their target and failed to reach the truly needy. Since the problem, Clinton has taken little interest in the war-ravaged region.

On some issues, his administration has merely been in the right place at the right time. The Middle East Peace has been in the making for years, yet Clinton gets the pleasure of witnessing the signing. The North Korean crises could have been explosively dangerous for the U.S. and to the international community if it wasn't for our old friend Jimmy Carter. Clinton tried to take a stand in Haiti, but it was Carter

once again, along with General Powell and Senator Nunn that got the job done. What's a President for if he can't handle his own diplomacy?

On the home front, Clinton has failed to produce on the same topics that he made issues in the 1992 campaign. At the start of his term, he reneged on gays in the military - taking a much more moderate stand.

Is your job any safer now than it was two years ago?

Soon after mocking Bush during the campaign for raising taxes, Clinton does the same. Health care failed in 1993, and just last week, 60 Minutes focused on how Clinton's Crime Bill has thus far been a miserable failure.

His administration has been plagued with both professional and personal scandals. Two out of three nominees for Attorney-general were brought down on Social Security fraud. Paula Jones has attacked Clinton's credibility, and the Clinton Defense Fund is a testament to the futility of the legal system. (Would Bill help me if I needed a million dollar lawyer?) Within two short years, countless administration officials have come and gone. Positions including

Chief of Staff, Surgeon General, Defense Secretary and White House Spokesperson, have changed so often that one can barely remember who is who. Amid this confusion, it is Clinton's vacillation on the issues that stands out.

Economically, President Clinton has faltered as well. Clinton claims to have "created" 134,000 jobs in January, but all he has succeeded in doing is "replacing" jobs. Some jobs have been added, but they are unlikely the result of the work of the President. Also, his new minimum wage proposal is under fire. Many believe that the increase will force employees to lay off more workers. Plus, the increase would mostly affect middle class teenagers whose parents earn upwards of \$50,000 a year. The cuts in Clinton's budget have also been blasted by and independent budget monitoring firm as not being near the Administration's estimation of \$144 billion dollars in cuts.

Looking back on the good old days of the Bush Administration, controversy and capitulation are conspicuously absent. The very attacks that Clinton used to get elected, are now applicable to him. So when voting a year and a half from now, be sure to remember the promises of Clinton, and ask yourself: is your job any safer now that it was two years ago? Are any jobs safe? Is your family safer - both financially and physically? And most importantly, in the areas of economics, government corruption and crime, has Clinton done the job he promised you and I he would do? Come on back George, we miss you.

Abortion: There is no common ground

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it still takes the life of another human being. People justified slavery very convincingly, if and only if, one did not take into account that we were speaking about human beings. But when a person held fast to the fact that blacks are the same as whites, no argument, no matter how articulate, could justify slavery.

The same is true for abortion. The bottom line is, abortion ends the life of another human being. Women don't give birth to trees, books,

and sister's, because their misguided parents ended their brother's or sister's life, through abortion. I would not dare destroy a masterpiece painting done by Monet, let alone, a masterpiece done by God. When a person takes the life of another human being, they are destroying a work of art far greater than any painting, or sculpture.

Congressman Henry Hyde said it best. "When the time comes, as it surely will, when we face that terrible mo-

No fancy rhetoric can justify ending the life of another human being.

cars, or cats; women give birth to boys and girls like ourselves. Holding a six-pound, defenseless, fragile human being, which will completely rely on someone, just to merely stay alive until he is old enough to fend for himself, is a rather awesome and overwhelming feeling. And to think that only a short time before, this baby that I am holding could have been legally killed, it is heart wrenching.

There are millions of children who don't have brothers or sisters because of abortion. Millions of children go to sleep at night, not having engaged in conversation, or play, with their very own brother's

ment, the final judgment, I have often thought, as Fulton Sheen wrote, that it is a terrible moment of loneliness. You have no advocates there, you are there alone before God and a terror will rip your soul like nothing you can imagine. I really think that those in the pro-life movement will not be alone. I think there will be a chorus of voices that have never been heard in this world but are heard very beautifully in the next world, and I think they will plead for everyone who has been in the movement. They will say to God, 'spare them, because they loved us.' And God will look at us and say not, 'did you succeed?' but 'did you try?'

Letters to the Editor

Are weekend alternatives needed?

B.O.P. Explains

To the Editor:

The Board of Programmers Executive Board would like to take this opportunity to respond to last week's Letter to the Editor entitled "Weekend Alternatives Needed." We would like to begin by recognizing the seriousness of the author's central argument; the fact that he/she is "personally tired of PC being referred to as a party school" is definitely a valid concern. Where we cannot say the allegations cited by the "concerned PC student" are completely ill founded, we would like to give further explanation concerning the student's belief of the inadequacy of alternative weekend activities at Providence College.

It has been our experience as a Board, that weekend events are difficult to program when we must take into account the cost-effectiveness of an event (i. e. attendance to be expected, amount subsidizing etc.). All of these things must be considered when planning events. Events such as the first Stag and major concerts pretty much guarantee a large crowd, but how can we explain our Pre-Midnight Madness party featuring Boston band "The Mystic" or the German Oktoberfest, both quality events, yet poorly attended? We cannot predict a large crowd for any event, and even though serving alcohol does appeal to the Over 21 crowd at PC, it does not guarantee attendance.

On the subject of

showing weekend night movies, again the "concerned PC student" draws a valid point, stating that "students would still pay \$2 to see the latest movies" on weekend nights. However, what the student may not know, is that last year's Film Committee experimented with Saturday Night Films such as Clint Eastwood's "In the Line of Fire," a box office hit that appealed to less than 10 PC students on Saturday night but filled '64 Hall to capacity when it was shown on the following Sunday night. Obviously, the weeknight chosen to show the movie makes all the difference, these movies are costly and it is not in our best interests to spend your student activity fee on an event that we know will be poorly attended.

The "concerned PC student" mentions him/herself "who has money to burn?" The BOP simply cannot justify spending large amounts of money on events which will be poorly attended. Therefore, we program quality events on weeknights (i.e. every Sunday, Tuesday and Thursday) where we know we are guaranteed an audience. On the occasions where we do hold weekend events we try and address a large PC population, for example: Stags, Concerts, Fine Arts trips to NYC, Over 21 Events in Stuart's, etc.

We would also like to mention the invalidity of the student's statement that events are poorly publicized. The Board of Programmers utilizes

over 12 mediums to advertise each event. Namely, the ways we advertise for each event are: Posters (located in Slavin, Harkins, Moore, Raymond, Stuart's, and Feinstein), the display case and white boards located in Slavin lobby, the easel that stands in front of the Slavin Post Office, The Cowl, The Spectrum, Table Tents (located in Raymond and Alumni Cafe), the PC Cable Info Channel, stall streets, monthly calendars stuffed in mailboxes, the BOP event hotline, the Blinker Board located in Slavin, the TV monitor above the ATM machine in Slavin, and other isolated promo items to advertise for specific events (i.e. the memo boards and magnets with the semester's film schedules).

Many of the "virtually endless ideas" listed by the student have already been realized by this year's BOP. We would like to invite you to all of our coffeehouses to see some of your ideas in action.

As a Board, we strongly feel that we program quality events for this community. We would like to invite the anonymous writer of the letter to come into the BOP office and talk to us; we would be more than happy to discuss/explain this issue further. We sincerely encourage you to leave your name and number on the BOP Executive bulletin board in Slavin 119 so that we can discuss ways to "accomplish the goal of giving students more options on the weekends."

-B.O.P.

To the Editor,

In regards to last weeks letter, "Weekend Alternatives Needed," I wish to show a different point of view. I believe (and many others would agree) that it is not really the school's fault that there aren't a lot of alternatives to drinking on the weekend. I think the problem truly lies in the students. Drinking is not only accepted at this school, it is somewhat expected, and to many it is a way of life.

The social scene has gotten to the point that the only way you can meet anyone or socialize in any way on the weekends is to either go to a bar or go to a party. That's it.

I have no problems with people drinking or partying. It is an essential part of college life. So, with this scenario set, it's no wonder that there are minimal alternatives, and the ones that the school does sponsor are usually poorly attended. Even if students do decide to go to an on-campus event like a hockey game or Stag, they usually drink beforehand. Why do people think that they have to drink before a hockey game? Or why decide not to go see a Blackfriar theatre production because they are afraid that they are going to miss out on all the action that is going on at Old's that night.

Call me crazy, but sometimes you really don't need to drink to have a good time. It's upsetting to see that so many people have become so insecure with themselves that they have to turn to "the sauce" to have fun. I think that once the students begin to realize the true reason why we don't have many weekend alternatives, the more weekend alternatives we will begin to see.

Andrew Schreiner '97

Stuart's Responds

To the Editor:

I am writing in response to the letter from the "Concerned PC Student" on behalf of the number of people who are involved in the day to day operation of Stuart's. I first want to say that I thought his/her letter was well presented and made several valid points. It is encouraging to know that students realize how essential their input is to those of us who program events for their benefit. However, I must respond to what I feel are some inaccurate statements.

First, the "Concerned PC Student" makes the very legitimate statement that the centrality of alcohol at PC is a problem, notably on weekends. Those involved with Stuart's, in an effort to deal with this, have thus far made Saturday nights an alcohol-free night. As an alternative to drinking on these nights, we have offered a variety of events. Among these events are the mentioned multicultural dances and Amnesty International card-signing parties, all of which ran until at least 1 a.m. For nights when no particular event has been scheduled, we have always hired WDOM DJ to play dance music until 1 a.m. Sadly, these no-alcohol Saturday night events have usually been poorly attended.

As far as Friday nights (when we do serve beer), we have made a consistent effort to program events that are "substantial", and avoid making alcohol the focus of the events. We have had a wide variety of live bands, ranging from students alternative and rock bands, to Irish and blues ones. Bands generally like to be paid and/or play for a large crowd, and unfortunately, the large crowds have almost always only materialized when alcohol is served. Not only have we had bands, but also a costume party, an 80's dance night, and a "Gong Show", all in an attempt to offer a variety of events.

I was also distraught by the comment that our events are "poorly publicized". Informing students about events is a constant challenge, primarily because the most important form of advertising is word of mouth.

For Stuart's, we have consistently had table tents in both Raymond and Alumni cafeterias. We stuff flyers into student mailboxes. We have hung posters all over Slavin as well as other buildings, made announcements in Raymond, put ads in *The Cowl*, and have had events mentioned on the on-campus event calender (Channel 6). It is frustrating to hear students say that events are insufficiently advertised when myself and others work so hard to make people aware of what is going on.

I also want to point out that any group of students who wish to hold an event in Stuart's may do if they go through the proper channels. I am sure that there is a group of students who agree with this concerned student, so why not plan one of these suggested events for a Saturday night and hold it at Stuart's? Almost all events that are held are sponsored by the various student organizations on campus, and all are welcome to see me or Geoff Gaunt in the Student Services office if they wish to plan and hold events on any night that has not been reserved.

Again, I do not believe that the "Concerned PC Student" was off the mark in many of his/her observations, in fact, work has begun over Christmas break to make his/her suggestions a reality. Stuart's is still in the growth process, and we are testing out various events in order to find what events attract students. Sadly, our successful events (those that are well-attended) have almost been exclusively on Friday nights when beer is served. I am sure that there are a number of students who are looking for Friday/Saturday night alternatives to bars and parties, and they either need to voice their opinions more frequently or explore the options that already do exist. As we at Stuart's work our way through the rest of the first year, we hope that we can best learn how to satisfy the varied interests of the PC student population. We look forward to students continuing to voice their concerns, so that we may do this to the best of our ability.

Michelle Regan '94
Stuart's Co-Manager

Another concerned Freshman

To the Editor:

Last week's letter to the editor entitled "Weekend Alternatives Needed" hit home to me. The letter explained how here at PC, the college social life is set up so that the only thing to do on weekends is to drink. Many Providence College officials would argue against this statement, but the bottom line is that the letter was completely true. Unfortunately, I am a victim of this system and I feel that my story is important as it corroborates last week's letter 100%.

I am a freshman here at PC, and my first semester here is one that I won't soon forget. I found myself questioning my morals and ethics and wondering if the "right" thing to do wasn't always the best thing to do. I suppose the most disheartening thing to accept for me was the fact that I was an unusual student at PC.

I was in a new school and things were all confusing to me. However, this is a big adjustment and the confusion was to be expected. Yet, it didn't take me long to begin to question whether or not I fit in here at PC. From a bystander's point of view, I don't seem to be an unusual kid. I am a fresman, but by no means am I a geek, nerd, or loser, but also, by no means am I the "big man on campus". I am very happy with who I am.

So what makes me unusual from most students here at PC? Well, it's Friday night and I'm in my dorm room playing Sega.

Yes, believe it or not, I am not out at Club Eagles or Brad's. I'm not out at a party with seven kegs, and I don't have a ticket for some off-campus bash.

So I'm the good guy, right? I'm following the rules. I'm not an under-age drinker out getting wasted like everyone else. That's just what the school wants me to be like. Yes, I am not the usual student here at PC. It seems pretty impossible but there is a student at PC who doesn't drink, smoke or swear. This is unusual, but the fact that I am home alone makes me the most unusual. Unfortunately, the fact that I am home alone is simply "cause and effect."

I am home alone and what is there to do? Well, I could go visit my pal next door, but he's in there drinking with 8 other people. I suppose I could go in there but I don't feel like explaining the fact that I don't drink. I'm also not in the mood to face peer pressure from 8 people. Well, I could illegally go to a bar and watch other people drink, but that doesn't sound like much fun either.

O.K., so the question I'm getting at here is what are the alternatives to playing Sega and not drinking? Well, I could

find a couple of non-drinking friends and watch a movie, again. No thanks.

The fact is that it's Friday night and Peterson is closed, the box for tonight on my BOP calendar is empty, there is no hockey or basketball game, there is no dance, Stuart's is doing nothing, and my roommate is drinking in our room (That rules out Sega).

Fine, I'll call a girl and ask her to....?? What? A movie? Nope. No movies on campus on the weekends. How about dinner? Nope. Freshmen can't have cars. That pretty much rules out dinner and a movie. (Let's face it, it's not too romantic taking a date out in a cab.)

At first, my answer to this was to go home for the weekends to escape this problem. However, this wasn't solving anything. So, I'm now a victim. It is now February and last night I was drunk. I am not proud of myself for this. I still don't smoke or swear, but I'm wondering if that's next to go. My morals are non-existent and I'm not happy with myself anymore. I don't like to drink and I don't want to drink; but I have to drink. There is no alternative. I think my point is clear. Nice guys do finish last. Something has to be done before next year's freshmen are next year's victims, too.

Name Withheld By Request

Letters to the Editor

To the Editor,

In her February 2 commentary entitled "Abortion, Violence and American Society," Ms. Vera Schomer painted a highly inaccurate picture of the Pro-Life movement as it stands in today's society. Ms. Schomer incorrectly associated John Salvi, the man who allegedly shot and killed two abortion clinic employees, in Brookline, MA, with being a member of the Pro-life movement, when in fact the President of Massachusetts Citizens For Life (MCFL) denied that he was ever, or will ever be a member of the group. MCFL does not believe in or justify murder, even in a case where it might bring the abortion debate out into the forefront of issues to be legislated upon. MCFL is for the preservation of human life in all of its forms, from conception until death and even though it does not sanction what abortions doctors do, it would never put their lives, or the lives of their clients into jeopardy by terrorizing abortion clinics.

"We are a pro-life organization, and we are concerned to protect life," says Wanda Franz, president of the National Right to Life Committee which has 3,000 chapters in all 50 states. "We are opposed to having our members engage in any kind of illegal activity." Franz would agree that the issue with Salvi is just one...peripheral issue that involves a very small proportion

of fringe people who have nothing to do with the mainstream pro-life movement.

What MCFL and other pro-life organizations around the country do, in addition to conducting peaceful demonstrations (not random acts of terrorism as Ms. Schomer would have us believe) is to sponsor fundraisers to collect money to educate women considering having an abortion. Money is put into television and radio commercials that inform (not threaten) women that the developing embryo inside her uterus is not just a collection of cell tissue but a living, breathing, human person.

Back onto the subject of the radical John Salvi. There is another more radical anti-abortion group called Operation Rescue, headed by Randall Terry that would, in fact, terrorize abortion clinics to get its message across. Operation Rescue's unofficial slogan became, "If you think abortion is murder, act like it!" I am not claiming that Salvi was a member of the latter association, but myself and the gentle members of MCFL believe that violence is never the right way to go about spreading the message that abortion is fundamentally wrong. True Pro-lifers know that "two wrongs don't make a right" and therefore would never try to end abortion with the murdering of abortion doctors and patients. I also feel that onlookers who associate terror-

ism with the true pro-life cause have a lot to learn about what we indeed stand for.

Ms. Schomer stated that "Salvi's actions must have shocked and embarrassed pro-life advocates because he claimed to be fighting for their cause." Yet this advocate was not embarrassed by his actions because I know that because of his evil doing he could never be representative of MCFL morals. Instead of being embarrassed by Salvi, I am instead enraged at those narrow-minded individuals who jump to the twisted conclusion that "Oh look at that nut...he's obviously a member of that so called pro-life cause." These persons who think the above nonsense and who like to refer to themselves as Pro-choice see this as a way to bash pro-life advocates. Ms. Schomer also wrote, "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." She is wrong. The real war casualty, especially in this wrongful act by Salvi, was the pro-life movement who got the bum's rap for a crime they did not commit. But in spite of all this publicity, the movement will not die, but will continue to educate women about what abortion really involves and safe alternatives to it.

Linda Walling '97

To the Editor,

In regards to the commentary by John Olohan titled "Strength through discipline," it makes me wonder what type of discretion your staff uses in choosing articles to be printed in *The Cowl*. I found this article to be a weak attempt at a written assault directed toward our educators and our parents, blaming them for all of society's problems. Now let's be realistic here, Mr. Olohan. It is very easy for you to sit back in your comfy college residence and point fingers at everyone you can think of and blame them for society's troubles. It is so easy for you to be critical and judgmental about our educators by insinuating that they actually guide our youth to smoking, drinking, drugs and sex. The solution you propose is self respect? Sure it's a good idea, but a bit idealistic. Educators could preach self respect until they are blue in the face, but anyone can see why our youth is in such disarray. The sturdy walls of our schools can hold the students for a few hours each day, but what happens when the kids leave for the day and are forced to step over drug addicts in the streets and dodge bullets on the playground? Believe me, I, too, wish we lived in a perfect world where we could solve every problem with a world-wide boost in self respect, but, unfortunately, we do not. Education's main goal is to open the eyes of

our youth to what they will be facing in the world and helping them to make the right decisions.

I also do not understand how you have acquired the tenacity to take such a belligerent stance towards the parents of today. You say: "Parents are afraid of their children or they just don't care about their children." Where do you see this? It is a pretty hefty responsibility to lay all social problems on the shoulders of today's parents and then accuse these people of not loving their children. I think you fail to see that children are individual people, not puppets. Although parents play a major role in influencing their children, parents do not control their children's every move. To say that a parent does not care for their troubled child is a bold statement which has gone a step too far.

I would like to extend an invitation for you to join me at the inner city school I volunteer at every day. You can step away from PC and meet some of the kids who do not live the ideal life. You can meet them, talk to them, get to hear and see the things they see everyday. Then you can decide if preventative education is all that you have slanderously reported it to be. Then you can see for yourself how loved these children really are.

Therese Del Duca '96

HOW TO HANG ON TO YOUR DOUGH.

(WITHOUT CRAMPING YOUR STYLE)



Separate "needs" from "wants."

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Letters to the Editor

Black Studies Program can help heal wounds of racism

To the Editor,

"You don't stick a knife in a man's back nine inches and then pull it out six inches and say your making progress."

—Malcolm X

Providence College is referred to, like many other colleges and universities, as an institution of higher learning. However, in at least the last decade, the role of higher learning has decreased while the role of the institution has increased. Webster's Dictionary defines institution as, "an organized pattern of group behavior established and generally accepted as a fundamental part of a culture, such as slavery". In the case of American society in our day and age, this pattern takes the form of racism. As much as it is gen-

erally denied, racism continues to grip much of the university system. It is in this sense that Providence College fails at the higher learning it claims to embody.

Since 1971, there have been attempts to establish a Black Studies Program here. Many academics tend to dismiss such programs as forces of segregation in American society. By acknowledging black people outside of the context of an integrated country, it further separates the races. However, this viewpoint does not consider the context of black people as part of America. In the book *Race Matters*, Cornel West states, "Hence, for liberals, black people are to be included and integrated into our society

and culture, while for conservatives they are to be well behaved and worthy of acceptance by our way of life. Both fail to see that the presence and predicaments of black people are neither additions to nor defections from American life, but rather constitutive elements of that life."

There are many who might also argue that establishment of a Black Studies Program might lead to further splintering of the curriculum; that the end result would be dozens of specialized programs for the study of fringe groups. This is however, a twisting of the goals of such programs. The goal of Black Studies should not be one of permanent separation from the core of American edu-

cation, but an eventual fusion of the two. This fusion would only be possible after the healing of severe wounds that racism has caused in America. "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." While there are many issues that threaten the country's stability, the obvious and long standing problem of racism needs to be addressed. A Black Studies Program is one way in which Providence College can help deal with the issue.

At one time in America, colleges resided on the leading edge of social

change. Today, they aid in the struggle against such positive social change. The benefits of a Black Studies Program would be extreme, but it might be kept in perspective. It is merely a step in the right direction. For over 20 years, Providence College has resisted this first step, and it is time to end this resistance. It is important for the college to face this problem rather than ignore it like so many other problems. Personally, my biggest regret is that I waited until the last semester of my Senior year to make my voice heard.

David J. Lang '95

Murder is not the N.R.A.'s fault

To the editor,

Being a lifetime member of the National Rifle Association, I feel I must respond to the article "The N.R.A. and the industry of death," by Mike Sullivan, printed in the February 2nd issue of *The Cowl*.

The N.R.A. is not an "industry of death." The N.R.A. trains people in the safe use and handling of firearms, holds national competitions all over the U.S. and, most importantly, defends our Bill of Rights.

To ban guns because criminals use them is to tell the law-abiding citizen that their rights and liberties depend not on their own conduct but on the conduct of criminals, and that the law will permit them to have

only such rights and liberties as the lawless will allow. The crime bill banned 19 guns by name, and over 200 others because of cosmetic reasons. These guns were banned because of their looks. If the gun looked mean, it got banned. The logic was absurd.

Are these guns "dangerous and deadly" or are people? Semi-automatics use the same ammunition as other firearms; they are no more powerful. Are they the weapon of choice of criminals? Not according to the FBI. Most recent statistics show that rifles of any kind are involved in approximately 3.4% of homicides in the U.S. —semi-automatics, less than 0.5% of that 3.4%. Sullivan

writes that these guns pose more of a threat than a switchblade. The FBI reports that knives were used in 16% of all homicides in the United States. Fists and feet came in at 6% and clubs were 5%. Should we ban fists and feet if they kill more people every year than rifles?

The article says "there are more gun shops than gas stations in America." Maybe that was correct in 1776 when we didn't have cars. I'd like to know where that false statement came from.

Sullivan writes: "A child in the United States is 15 times as likely to be killed by gunfire than a child in Belfast, Northern Ireland." This is an absurd comparison. Has

Sullivan looked at a map and seen the size of Belfast? Comparing something so small to a country as large and populated as ours doesn't work. Have you looked at what the gun laws are like in Belfast? I doubt it. It's a lot different there. For one thing, the military own most all of the guns. They have very stiff gun control laws. Have you been to Belfast recently? I went this summer. Would you like to be stopped by military patrols everyday, and be asked for your I.D., where you are going, why, and then have your car searched? This happens everyday. Its like that over there. The Second Amendment gives us the right to own firearms because it is necessary for the "security of a free state." Don't think Belfast couldn't happen here.

Hitler gained control of Germany legally and set about to confiscate and register all guns. In 1938, he said: "For the first time, a civilized nation has full gun registration! Our streets will be safer, our police more efficient, and the world will follow our lead into the future!" We know how safe Germany became, and how efficient the police were in hunting out the undesirables (Jews, Catholics, etc.) and sending them off to be executed.

Sullivan says we have to ban these guns because they are designed "to kill as many people as possible in as little time as possible." To do that you'd need a fully automatic weapon; these have been banned for many years. Semi-automatics are made for recreational purposes. Some owners use them to hunt, some for self defense, others for competition. I, myself, have used these guns in competitions.

Bans only affect law-abiding citizens and restrict our right to keep and bear arms. Existing laws restricting gun ownership are ignored by criminals. More has to be done to address the real problems of our wayward society. The focus needs to be on the criminal and not guns.

Matthew Joe '95

Support for students' right to know about staff dismissals

To the Editor,

I agree with "The Right to Know" editorial (*The Cowl*, 2/2). *The Cowl* rightfully feels obligated to ask several important questions about the two Academic Services dismissals. I find it difficult to comprehend why the Administration is reluctant to comment on the dismissal issue.

When I was a student at St. Pius V School in the 1930's, I had great respect for the good Dominican Sisters and Fathers (parish priests). They requested that I be courteous and forthright when dealing with people. Since Fr. Philip Smith, O.P. promised at his presidential inauguration last year that "Providence College's future will rely on fairness and morality," I think that it would behoove Fr. Smith's Administration to heed the requests that were asked of me at St. Pius School, by being courteous and forthright and by explaining the double dismissals to the PC community.

Since the Second Vatican Council (1962-1965) reminded the Church that it does not consist only of priests, bishops and cardinals, and that God distributes his gifts to the faithful of every rank, I think lay people should be encouraged to undertake tasks on their own initiative. I believe that is what *The Cowl* is doing concerning their right to know about the basis for the dismissals.

Since we are the "people of God" and because many of us in the PC community take pride in being "knowers," I hope and pray that the Fr. Smith Administration will please respect our intelligence and concerns over this dismissal issue by not ignoring us in the future. God expects us to be kind to each other.

Russell P. Demoe '73

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IV. The staff respectfully requests that all articles contain no personal attacks.

V. All submissions should be delivered to the Cowl office no later than Tuesday at noon prior to the publication on Wednesday.



They Might Be Giants will be performing at Lupo's this Friday.

Mark Cybulski '95

A&E Editor

There are few bands today that have a persona as familiar or unmistakable as They Might Be Giants. Ever since they debuted on the scene in 1986, John Flansburgh and John Linnell have always had a unique approach to their craft that has made them carve out their own little niche in the world of pop music. The duo will be appearing this Friday at Lupo's Heartbreak Hotel in support of their latest album, *John Henry*. Chris Stamey, formerly of the dB's (a one-time favorite opening act for R.E.M.), will open for the band.

They Might Be Giants originally started out making records in their New York City home studio using tapes and a drum machine with accordion and guitar. The band's early live performances

consisted of Flansburgh and Linnell on stage together armed with only a double bass and an accordion. The duo built up a loyal following through this unique stage show and earned critical acclaim with albums such as *Lincoln* (1988), *Flood* (1990) and *Apollo 18* (1992). In spite of their growing popularity, TMBG continued to stick with the original duo format in their live shows.

All that has now changed. TMBG recently expanded their act to a seven-piece band. The duo has been touring with the full band since the summer of 1992. Flansburgh said in a recent interview that the idea to expand the group's sound came out of the desire to improve the group's live shows. He says, "On our records, we were always able to achieve everything we were looking for. However, it became increasingly harder to convert songs from studio to stage". Flansburgh says that the duo has stolen the "NRBQ idea of a live band". TMBG's current line-up consists of Flansburgh on guitar, Linnell on keyboards and accordion, Brian Doherty on drums, Tony Maimone on bass, Tim Newman on trombone and Jim O'Connor on trumpet.

Flansburgh says that the current seven piece act has been widely received, even from the duo's most loyal fans. "It's really been a treat for some of our hardcore fans to hear our older material with the new band," he says. In cities such as Boston and Chicago where TMBG have been scheduled to perform two shows,

Giants make big changes

Rock's most eccentric duo expand their sound

the band has played their entire 1986 debut album in sequence for one of the performances.

Aside from a quirky and somewhat eccentric approach to music, another characteristic of TMBG is their candid approachability. The duo will grant interviews to almost anybody and are often seen doing acoustic performances in local record stores. TMBG even have a Dial-A-Song number (718-387-6962) where the group's fans can call in and hear a new TMBG song every day. Flansburgh says that the group's openness to their fans started out as an independent grass roots attitude. "We didn't want to take our success for granted," he says. "We just see it as part of the work. It also helps us out by putting us at ease and keeping the pressure off when we perform."

On a more personal note, Flansburgh has recently founded the Hello CD of the Month Club. Since 1993, the club has been releasing brand new recordings by both established musicians and great up-and-coming artists. Flansburgh's group provides recording artists with a forum for side projects that bigger record companies would find too uncommercial to release, as well as for new acts to find a larger audience. Some of the selections in the club's catalog include solo EP's by both Flansburgh and Linnell, the Dambuilders, Frank Black and Andy Partridge of XTC. If you are interested in learning more about the Hello CD of the Month Club, call 1-800-HELLO-41.

They Might Be Giants are currently entering a fresh new phase in their musical career. Flansburgh remains open and enthusiastic as to whatever comes down TMBG's path. He says that nothing is set in stone and that TMBG may even go back to being a duo someday. But for now, he'll settle for the bigger and better sound of the new live band. The duo's fans should thank him for doing just that.

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Patrick Heap '96

A&E Writer

In The Mouth Of Madness Staring Sam Neill, Directed by John Carpenter. Now playing at Showcase Cinemas, Warwick. Grade: B+

About ten years ago a movie with a scary looking monster or bad guy, some gore, and some scary music is all it took to make a hit horror film. In today's society though, it is hard to scare an audience. Most viewers are numb to gore or scary special effects. All of the old techniques are used on t.v. everyday. People are tired of the same old song and dance. People want to be scared again, but how? They are all numb. The answer: create a movie which makes the viewers think and question their own reality. Make them paranoid.

John Carpenter, who scared us as children with the cult classic *Halloween*, has taken horror to the next dimension. When writing his latest hit, Carpenter knew that the only way he could scare today's audience would be to make a movie which they would carry with them out of the movie theater. Remember what it was like as a kid? Afraid

to think of a monster because you may make it real because you believed in it. Well Carpenter has made a film which makes one afraid to think of the possibilities. *In The Mouth of Madness* rips the fabric of reality and lets it run loose in your head.

Sam Neill plays John Trent an insurance claim investigator who is hired by a publishing company to find Sutter Cane, a writer whose novels have been having a peculiar effect upon the readers. They go mad, not in the sense that the term is often used. I mean they go mad because their madness is reality and they can't deal, so they go mad. Go figure. Better yet, go see the movie.

The movie has a complex and twisting plot so don't go tired and go to the bathroom before you see it. Also don't go see it if you are already out of your mind.

Has anyone ever told you "reality is what you believe it is"? Well, that is the device which Carpenter uses to scare the pants off of the audience. In a world where a majority of the people read and believe what is said in absurd and chaotic literature instead of the Bible, anything is possible. Do you read Sutter Cane? Find out!

No Way Out

Student production of *No Exit* a success

Michael Quinn '95

Asst. A&E Editor

Imagine living a short, wasteful life and finding yourself in hell shortly afterwards. Once there, you find that you are to be taunted forever by two people you cannot stand and cannot escape from. Such a situation has the potential to provoke serious philosophical thought and provide insight on human relationships. This may be what Jean-Paul Sartre had in mind in the 1940s when he conceived the play *No Exit*.

No Exit is an unusual and threatening vision of the afterlife to be sure. Three characters with various irreconcilable differences are ushered into a room where they are to spend eternity together. In the inescapable space, there are three chairs, inextinguishable electric lights, no windows, and a particularly hideous wall hanging. The prisoners must learn not only to cope with each other but also the fact that they are being forgotten on earth by their loved ones. At some points, they seem to be able to help each other, at others, they viciously attack each other. At the end, they come into full realization and acceptance of their common fate, punctuated by the line, "Well let's get on with it".

What made this production great was the intimate surroundings of Sienna 212. With a packed house of about sixty or so, no one had a

bad seat. The chairs were set up so as to facilitate interaction between the performers and the audience, as the acting space was bounded by the outer walls of the room. While this may sound confusing, this was the ideal format in which to observe the action. In addition, there was a great twist placed on the role of the valet. Upon entering the confines of Sienna's second floor, valet Rodrick Cappiello escorts each audience member to their seat with careful and deliberate placement of each party. When everyone is seated, he motions for all to be quiet, since the performance is set to begin shortly. Afterwards, he escorts the damned characters in one at a time in a similar manner, and proceeds to participate in the plot.

This stripped-down version of Sartre's vision really allows the actors to shine. There is no elaborate lighting, no fancy sets, and very little music to distract the audience from the performers. At some points in the play, there are no more than six inches between

the players and some audience members. And the performers rose to the occasion. Rebecca Kupka was more than convincing as the shallow, sex-crazed Estelle Rigault, but was not to be outdone by the sour Inez Serrano, played by Nicole Kempskie. Kupka and Kempskie played off each other beautifully, with Inez incessantly prying into the sanity of the overly proper Estelle. F. Michael Scafati did a terrific job of portraying Joseph Garcin, who is somewhat of a Willy Loman figure with a painful honesty and ambivalence about him. Though he vanished from the plot altogether within a half an hour of the play's opening, Cappiello was excellent as the wise cracking, omnipotent valet.

This student production of Sartre's work was both enjoyable and admirable. In addition to great acting performances, first-time director Gwen Gelsinon deserves a great deal of credit for making the play a success. Watch for announcements for possible encore performances of *No Exit*. I can't recommend it enough.

Blackfriars Theatre presents Lettice and Lovage

The Blackfriars Theatre will be presenting Peter Shaeffer's *Lettice and Lovage* on February 10 and 11 at 8:00 p.m. and February 12 at 2:00 p.m. The play examines the relationship between two women: Lettice, a lover of history and theater and opponent of all life that is "mere", and Lotte Schoen, a personnel bureaucrat who is devoted to fact as much as Lettice champions romanticism.

Directed by Fr. Matthew Powell, the play stars Jessica Salvatoriello, Beth Ford, Stephen Radochia, Geanine Cappello, Stephanie Craus, Nicholas Shobrack, Jen LaRou, Amy Gicewicz and Sir Henry. Theatre Arts faculty member David Sullivan is assistant directing. Scenic design is by Brian Jones and costume design is by David Cabral. Abigail Arban '96 is doing lighting for the show.

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Sicilia's gives pizza a bad name

Rand J. Refrigeri '97

A&E Writer

Sicilia's. Located on 181 Atwells Ave. Tel: 273-9222. Grade: D+

It's something most of us often do. On the weekends, during the week, while studying, with beer, after sex, whatever your pleasure. The act in question is that of simply ordering a pizza, eating it, and later returning it to the earth in the form of revolting waste matter. Actually, forget the part about the waste matter. Otherwise, you'll get dreadfully noxious and stop reading due to a hurried trip to the toilet. Rather, concentrate on the mere deliciousness of the pizza itself, the purely American version of Italian tranquility. Being college students, we certainly seem to consume quite a bit of this cheese-ridden escape into an almost orgasmic type of flavor.

Because of its enormous amount of consumption and demand, there have been many attempts at creating the perfect pizza at the right price. For

example, there are our neighbors like Ronzio's, Argo's, Picasso's, and Campus Pizza. There are also many other establishments hovering around the Providence area. I recently checked out the Federal Hill native, Sicilia's. However, I did not directly visit Sicilia's, since I wanted to test their delivery service.

So the Man said, "Let there be pizza." And there was pizza. Delivered right on time. No hassles, no arguments with the delivery boy, no fuss. Then the Man looked at the pizza, tasted it, and said....."This is Disgusting with a capital 'D'."

Now I could go on. I could tell a tale of such misery, such woe, such suffering (as I suffered while eating this pizza), that the graphic nature of its diseased entity would not be appropriate for this newspaper. Instead, I will simply describe a Sicilia's pizza and later explain why you should never get one.

Sadly, it turns out that Sicilia does not make a good pizza. However, I have ordered salad and subs from this restaurant before, discovering them to be

very good. So what exactly is wrong with Sicilia's pizza, if all of her other food is adequate? Well, there is one big, giant turn-off. It's not the sauce, not the cheese, not the toppings. All of these are fine. So what is the problem? Let me just say that it is about as dry as a desert, tasteless as water, and about as enjoyable to eat as a rug. This problem (if you haven't already guessed) is the pizza's disturbingly awful crust. In fact, it's just like one massive saltine cracker.....literally!!! Like a damn Sunshine Bakerman's cracker!! Would you want to eat pizza on that? I didn't think so.

So please do yourself a favor and steer clear of Sicilia's pizza. However, if you really like saltine crackers or the pizza one would receive at an amusement park, then this is the pizza for you.



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Dance for Hope will take place on February 10th at 7:00 p.m. until February 11th at 7:00 p.m.

College establishes classics prize

The study of Classics at Providence College has recently been boosted by a new annual book prize to be given through the Leroy D. Aaronson Classical Fund.

"It's encouraging to see people on campus and in the community who strongly support the study of Latin and Greek and are willing to show that support in concrete ways," said John Lawless, Assistant Professor of Classics.

The Aaronson Fund supports the purchase of a book prize, which will be awarded

each spring to an undergraduate student who demonstrates outstanding progress in ancient Greek or Latin. A growing number of students take ancient languages as free electives at Providence College, and there is hope that a Minor Program in Classics will eventually be established.

Dr. Aaronson, a prominent Warwick dermatologist with an intense interest in classical studies, has vowed to contribute annually to the new fund. This support and other private donations will eventually make it possible to purchase the classical prize from interest on the Aaronson Fund.

Art Club Presents:

Dr. HRH Beckwith
"Toolbox Approach to Art Theory"

Wednesday, February 15th
at 7:00 p.m. in
Hunt Cavanagh Gallery
Refreshments will be served
(Art History majors/minors meeting will follow)

FOUR MYTHS ABOUT SEXUAL ASSAULT

1. MYTH: Rape is motivated by sexual desire.
FACT: Rape is an act of violence, not sexual passion. It is an attempt to hurt and humiliate, using sex as the weapon.

2. MYTH: Most women are raped by strangers in high-risk situations—hitchhiking, walking alone at night, going alone to a bar.

FACT: Rape can happen in these situations, but approximately one-third of all victims are attacked in their homes and in over half the reported rapes, women know their attackers.

3. MYTH: Women invite rape by dressing seductively.

FACT: Victims do not cause rape. It can happen to anyone—children, grandmothers, students, working women, mothers, wives, the rich and the poor. Rape victims often are simply in the wrong place at the wrong time.

4. MYTH: The majority of rapists rape only once.

FACT: Most rapists continue until caught. And rape is one of the most underreported crimes.

What To Do If You Are A Rape Victim

✓ Get help. Go to a safe place and call the police.

✓ Don't shower, bathe, or destroy any of the clothing you were wearing.

✓ If there is a rape crisis center or hotline in your community, call. They usually are listed in the telephone book under rape, community crisis center, or sexual assault hotline.

✓ Make sure you get medical attention for any injuries and are tested for venereal disease and pregnancy.

✓ Rape victims feel rage, guilt, anger, and helplessness. The best way to handle these emotions and recover from the rape experience is to talk about it... with sympathetic friends and family or counselors from the rape crisis center, mental health agency, or a women's clinic.

If you know someone who has been raped, show her your care. Be supportive, go with her to court, and let her know she did the right thing to survive.



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Stay alert. Be observant of your surroundings, who's in front and who's behind you. Don't get distracted. If you're worried about crime, ask a friend to accompany you when you go out.

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Trust your instincts. If you feel uncomfortable in a place or situation, leave.

Know your neighborhood. Is your route safe? Find out what stores and restaurants are open late and the locations of fire and police stations.

Help make your streets safer for everyone. Organize a Neighborhood Watch. Clean up neglected parks, vacant lots, cluttered alleys. Trim overgrown shrubbery. Lobby for good street lighting.



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Monday, Feb. 13th: Sexual Assault Program in McVinney Hall, 7:00 p.m.
Fire Safety at PC (presented by Richy Kless) 9:15 p.m. in Aquinas Lounge.
Information table in Raymond.

Tuesday, Feb. 14th: Self Defense Workshop in Aquinas Lounge at 7:30 p.m. (we will also be advertising some other self defense groups that meet in Alumni on a regular basis every week).

Wednesday, Feb. 15th: Sexual Assault and Alcohol Program (Step 1) in Aquinas at 8:00 p.m.
Campus safety walk with Security, 9:00 p.m.

*Possibly a mass for survivors of crime or those whose lives have been impacted by any type of crime (4:00 p.m.).

Thursday, Feb. 16th: 2:30-5:00 p.m. in Slavin- a symposium on Safety issues. Potential speakers include: Claire Rodriguez, Sergeant Balcomb (Providence Police), Lt. Bill Thomas (Providence Fire Department), US Marshall's Office, Someone from the F.B.I.

Friday, Feb. 17th: Information table in Raymond Caf.

Also look for...

• Rape prevention Program in Dore Hall

• Door to door safety program in the Residence Halls.

• Advertisements for a running loop through campus for students (for those students who like to run after dark).

• Six Safety videos will run in Slavin and Student Health through the week.

• Safety Information on Ronzio Pizza boxes.

• Safety related movies in the residence halls.

• Information on Cable Channel 6.

• Safety giveaways during the week.

Above and Beyond

Chris Roche '96

The Office of Residence Life recently went above and beyond the call of duty. The entire staff, which is comprised of six central staff administrators and secretaries, spiritual advisors, nine hall directors, sixty-three RA's and nine student workers, collaborated on a holiday community service project. The project consisted of making stockings for the patients at Hasbro Children's hospital in Providence. The staff output totaled 180 handmade stockings, and stuffed them with bookmarks, small toys and stickers.

This project was definitely something to behold. Everyone from the Executive Director of Residence Life, right on down to the first-year RA's displayed

their skills, (or in some cases serious lack of) in basic needlepoint. For some, the project was definitely an exercise in humility, as needlepoint proved to be harder than it looked. However, by the end of the project the staff demonstrated that it is truly a team, and an assembly line mentality developed where the less skillful sewers were relegated to tracing, cutting or stuffing the stockings, and those blessed with needlepoint prowess did the majority of the legwork. Overall, the project was met with enthusiasm, and it proved to be a positive first effort for the young patients at Hasbro. In fact, the hospital recognized the entire staff with a very special letter of thanks. The Residence Life staff is now setting its sight on its spring community service project with equal enthusiasm and humility.

Students Organized Against Racism will be sponsoring their
Second Annual Cultural Explosion
on Thursday, February 16th at
7:00 p.m. in '64 hall.

Students and faculty will share poetry, readings and music personally written or from a favorite author, some in English, others in their native language. All are welcome to attend and especially to participate.
Stop in the SOAR office or call Jennifer at x3723.

S.O.A.R. and B.M.S.A.
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The cost is \$1 and orders will be
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On Cupid, and Carnations

Melissa McCrosson '95

Features Writer

Early February in elementary school was the time when the teacher would bring in the handmade Valentine's Day Mailbox, decorated in red heart wrapping paper, to serve as the liaison between the young students of the class and Cupid. Life was easy and pressure free; there were no complexes about the deeper meanings of Valentine's Day greetings, because everyone in the class sent a Valentine to everyone else. At the end of the day you would walk home, your book bag laden with tokens of your classmates' esteem, feeling that the spheres were spinning in your favor. At home, Mom would be waiting with her own special Valentine for me, and Dad would come home from work with flowers for his little Valentine princess. February 14th was a day to be eagerly anticipated. Somewhere around Fifth Grade the innocence became tainted.

When we became too cool for the Valentine's Day Mailbox, the holiday took on completely different connotations. That first spark of interest was ignited between the sexes and February 14th as we knew it was forever altered. All at once, this incredible amount of pressure was heaped on the shoulders of small children who simply could not deal. That invisible line between males and females was dug a little bit deeper. No longer could a girl send a harmless Valentine's Day greeting to a boy (or vice-versa) without their presumed love

affair being the hot topic at recess. The only safe people to get Valentines from were parents and female friends (provided you were also female).

In high school, February brought the beginning of the Valentine's Day Carnation Sale. The system was easy: white symbolized friendship, pink symbolized a secret admirer, and red symbolized love. Pink was always the hot commodity. If you received a pink carnation in homeroom, the rest of your day was filled with a sort of exciting mystery; white ones, however, were the most prevalent. High school also brought the pressure of actually having a significant other to celebrate the holiday with. Having a special someone was a double-edged sword, because now you had to agonize over finding the perfectly appropriate gift. Nothing in life was easy anymore, but I would have much rather gotten red or pink carnations than white ones, while white was better than none at all - oh, the hierarchy of the carnations.

Now that I am a senior in college, Valentine's Day still seems to hold a lot of the intrigue of earlier years. I think that I have finally achieved the perfect balance in my life to fully appreciate all aspects of the holiday. I have the sweetie, I have other assorted platonic cupids floating around, and there are always Mom and Dad who never forget. Nonetheless, I think the season would be just a little bit more interesting if we reinstated the Valentine's Day Mailbox.

A few of my least favorite things

Stacy A. Baker '96

Features Writer

* *Murphy Brown* going off the air * Attendance at Women's Basketball games * The new meal plan * The Treasurer's Office being moved to the fourth floor of Harkins * The price of a ticket to see Barbra Streisand * "You have, one new message," FROM JUDY TANSEY * The clock in Mondo is gone * Frisco is a bad guy on *Melrose Place* * Movies that are edited for television * We don't have E-Mail * The new Dance Team outfits * Teachers that don't give me A's * Pens that skip * Not being able to come up with things to write about * People who have MTV and the radio going at the same time * PC's obvious lack of diversity * People who go to plays drunk * Michael Bolton * When the lights on Huxley are flashing * V-8 * Intermissions * When it's already pitch black at 4:00

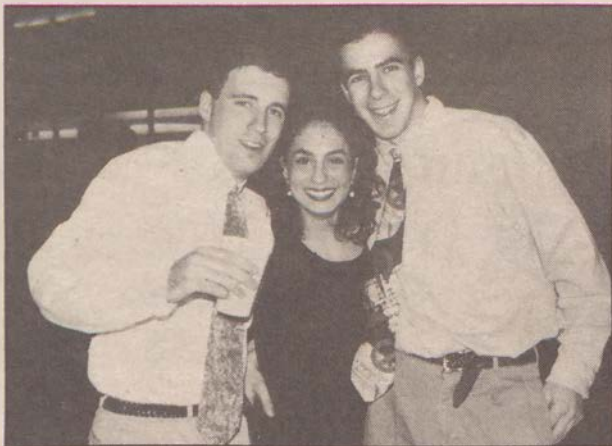
* Snubbers * The price of books in the bookstore * The price of anything in the bookstore * When guys leave the toilet seat up * Phone bills * Ex-boyfriends * Checkout lines at Super Shaw's * The traffic jam of people going into Harkins * Commercial for feminine hygiene products * Getting mud on the back of my pants when I walk * Closemindedness * All talk shows except *Oprah Winfrey* * When you get a pink card on Friday and the mail people are at lunch * People that hurt other people's feelings * The Butt Kid * The confusion in Massachusetts over the changing of the television stations * The sound of my alarm clock * Everything that tastes good is bad for you * Eyeglasses * G.E. Smith and the *Saturday Night Live* band * Standardized tests as a measure of intelligence * Woody Allen movies * People making fun of Kathie

Lee Gifford singing at the Super Bowl * The ever-increasing price of stamps * When people signal left and turn right * Getting a borrowed book back and finding the pages dog-eared * Having ice cube trays in the freezer be empty * Answering a question with a question * Not stopping for a red light just because there

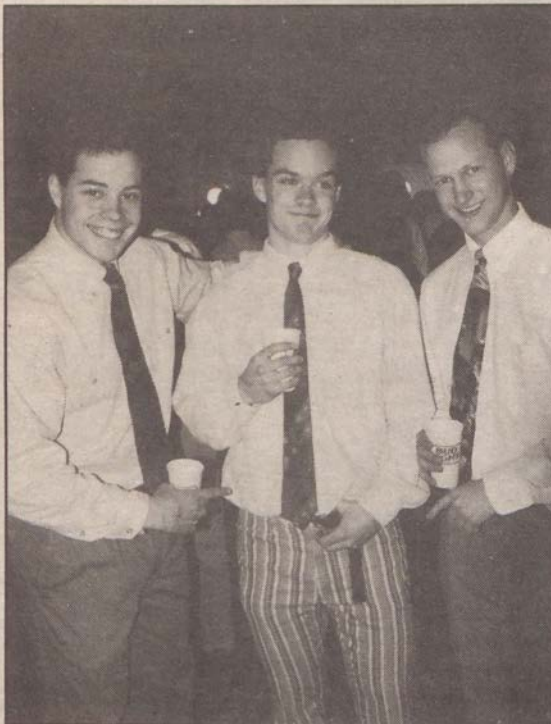


isn't anybody else on the road * People that push all the buttons in the McViney elevator and then get out— and you live on the tenth floor! * Reruns of *Saved by the Bell* are on more frequently than reruns of *The Brady Bunch* * Killing over abortion * Keeping the remote on top of the TV (doesn't that defeat the purpose?) * Dionne Warwick's psychic friends * The moment you realize your flowers have died * It is only the fourth week of the semester * I don't have a car * The dean doesn't really have a list * No mail on Saturdays * There has never been a woman President * No one ever responds in writing to articles in *The Cowl* that they feel strongly about— good or bad

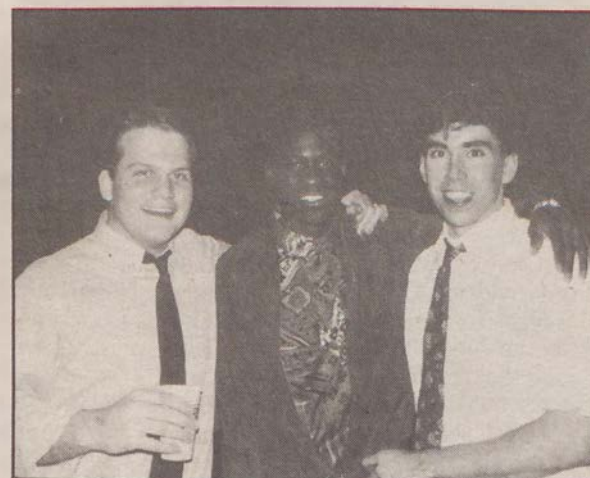
'95 Nites



Ryan Larkin, Lisa Sanchez, and John Verner



Garth Trask, Chris Chisholm, and Rob Nelson check out the latest fashion.



Jim McCarthy, Tony Turner, and Rich Regan



Christine Jolen, Lynn Flannery, Maura Cragan



Liz Morrow and Eileen McCabe

A navel idea



Karen Stauffer '96

Features Writer

You know every time I hear about one of the "big issues" here on campus it makes me sort of sick. The most recent issue I have been unnecessarily made aware of is the dance team's "suggestive" new uniforms. I guess the dance team decided to get new uniforms and some people are upset with the choice in apparel. Now, I don't care who said what, who ordered the uniforms, or even if we have a dance team at all. But what I do care about is that my college tuition goes to support this fine institution, and if the administration is going to busy themselves with issues such as this one, well then it seems to me that my money is being poorly spent.

Perhaps if the dance team was really wearing something indecent it would be an issue. But long pants and half shirts surely do not suggest anything more than dancing. Now if showing off a couple inches of navel is what the dance team chooses to do... then so be it. It seems to me that a basketball uniform reveals more flesh than a new dance team uniform; however, it seems as if the skin on the legs is much different than the skin on the stomach. Yes, I know our dance team members are representatives of this school's values, but how do someone's clothes reflect one's values?

Okay everyone- first lesson of Providence College: judge a book by its cover. In my opinion the dance team is there to raise the spirits of our fans. If they would prefer to wear pants and a half shirt rather than a leotard and a skirt- who really cares? Are we interested in attracting people to this school who would choose to judge us entirely on our dance team's uniforms. I do not think so. So my advice to anyone who is a little hot under the collar- loosen up! It is a basketball game! Perhaps, we should be worrying about more significant items.

Cheese, please

Tina Kloter '95

Features Editor

Once upon a time, a person could go to the store and say, "I'd like a pound of cheese." Imagine someone going into Super Stop & Shop and saying that today...

Deli worker- (with a look of annoyed impatience) What kind of cheese do you want, you pain in the neck member of Generation X. **Me-** (smiling happily) Just plain cheese. **Deli worker-** (gritting her teeth, wishing she could put me and the rest of those *Reality Bites* types through the meat grinder) Okay here are your options: Swiss, provolone, cheddar, American, gouda, mozzarella, gorgonzola, havarti, goat cheese, pepper cheese, dill cheese, smoked cheese, bleu cheese, cream cheese, fake cheese, feta cheese, fat-free cheese... **Me-** I think I'll try the Swiss. **Deli Worker-** (over-

with twelve kids clinging to her legs- Listen sweetheart, get out of my way before I sick Spike Jr. on you. **Me-** (noticing that little Spike appears to be wielding a machete) Okay. Excuse me sir, which kind of bread do you recommend. **Businessman with sunglasses-** (looking frightened) Shoo shoo! Go away!

Walking away quickly, I grab a loaf of butter-top wheat. All I need now is some juice. Realizing that it is no longer the era of Apple, Orange and Grape, I decide to find something without banana or prune in it. I watch a little boy pick out the Ectoplasmic Gooseberry Kiwi Cooler. **Me-** Is that any good? **Boy-** I'm not supposed to talk to strangers. **Me-** Oh yeah, well I'm not supposed to either. **Boy-** My name's Gorrest Fump. **Me-** Hi, I'm Tina. **Boy-** Life's like a box of stupid is as stupid does. **Me-** Okay. Great. Well, I'm just going to grab this Pine-



flowing with enthusiasm) Great. Do you want domestic, imported, low salt, no salt, low-fat, no-fat... **Me-** (feeling oh-so European) I'll try your finest imported.

After putting my Swiss cheese into my racy silver cart, I decide to get some bread so that I can make a sandwich. So, cruising past coupon-clippers, I hum along to a peppy rendition of "Maneater". After going past the aisle three times, I head down the one marked "Bread, Cookies, Garbage Bags and Kitty Litter." I am faced with a bakery facade the size of the Berlin Wall. There is white, wheat, rye (with or without seeds), pumpernickel, sweet bread, raisin bread, oatmeal bread, potato bread, French bread, pita bread, Italian bread, fat-free bread... Overcome by the possibilities, I begin asking the people around me for advice. **Me-** Hi. Excuse me, if you were going to make a Swiss cheese sandwich, would you use this potato bread? **Woman**

apple Peach Passionfruit Punch. I don't think we've been formally introduced, so I'd better get going. **Boy-** Bubba gump, bubba gump, bubba gump...

I finally make my way to the express line and notice the Businessman with sunglasses is in front of me, so I decide to have a friendly chat. **Me-** Hi, how are you? I decided on the wheat bread. See? Hey what are you going to do with all those batteries, steel wool pads and bottles of honey. **Businessman with sunglasses-** (looking around suspiciously) I'm going to catch Winnie the Pooh with it. Shhh, don't tell anyone. You are my one and only confidante. **Me-** My lips are sealed. **Businessman with sunglasses-** What? Who are you? You're the worst devil in hell. Shoo shoo go away.

As I leave the store, I shake my head. This Pooh character really has him strung out. Either that or he just can't handle the modern shopping experience.

No, you suck

Defense of a generation

Jeff Komanetsky '98

Features Writer

Have you ever heard someone insult your generation? It might not always be so obvious as an old guy with a big fat JFK campaign button running up to you and yelling "Hey, you're generation sucks!!!" But it does happen. If you'd bother to think back, you would probably realize that all of your life you've heard people praise the generations of earlier years and look down upon the generation of the present. Did it bother you? It should have. When someone takes the time to recognize the supposedly untarnished glory of yesterday, it is not only a reflection of their own ignorance-it is a direct insult to you. Because it is you who shapes this generation and gives it its character, morality and personality, you should be bothered. Instead of looking the other way or nodding without thought as some burnout who claims he once saw Jim Morrison playing poker with an angel while on an acid trip complains about the "younger generation," take it personally. Realize that when your generation is being attacked, you are being attacked-when someone is saying that your generation sucks, they are saying that you suck. It's time that this generation takes a stand and looks away from the future just long enough to look back at the past to smile and say "No, YOU SUCK!"

So, what makes us so damn good? The answer to that question lies in the world around us. One of the most obvious answers to that question is the advancement of technology. While we might not be beaming ourselves to Civ or chowing down at a Wendy's on the moon (not yet, anyway), the world has moved along and we've moved right along with it.

First, there are the obvious advances. Well, let's see...for starters we no longer run the risk of growing a third arm just by standing too close to the microwave and there's always the fact that our personal computers no longer have the area of a football field. Aside from the practical breakthroughs, our generation also benefits from medical and scientific advances that we work with to make our lives better (and hey, how about ice beer?!!!). From the Eight-Track to the CD, the past and the future are worlds apart.

Our generation has often been questioned about its morality. Well, excuse us for protecting ourselves and not embracing genital warts and herpes like a good generation should. We are smarter, we have cable and we have the stupidity of the past to prevent the mistakes of the future. Perhaps we aren't as active as the past but maybe we'd rather not have a sit-in every time the bagel machine breaks down in the cafe. There is nothing wrong with protest of what is wrong but it should include praise of what is right.

It is time that this generation realizes the promise that it holds. Why live in the past? Why be a 70's revivalist? If you want to relive the 70's go home and put on a diaper-because that is what you were really wearing back then. It is alright to learn from the past, just as long as we live in the present and look towards the future. So the next time someone with a headband and a Charlie Manson T-Shirt walks up to you and tries to tell you that the present sucks and the past was SO much better because everybody loved each other (when they weren't busy rioting, fighting wars or worrying about the end of the world) turn around and tell him "No, YOU SUCK!"-and mean it.



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It's all in my jeans

Mat Bunnell '95

Asst. Features Editor

Have you ever gone to class and giggled when the teacher says something like "balls" or "beaver"? (or "pop quiz"...just kidding) Do you ever sit next to a hot babe at church just to be able to touch her hand when its time to give the sign of peace? (Put your fingers down you stinkin' hippie, it means we're supposed to shake hands!) Do any of you girls out there still get *Seventeen* or *Sassy* and do any of you guys still sneak a peak at them when no one's looking? ("This issue!! Should I Stay or Should I Go?: Why Patience Is a Virgin") If any of these statements sound familiar to you, don't be alarmed. You're just premature!!!!...wait a minute...sorry...that's immature (whoops, I guess I got a little too excited). It's all right, there's nothing wrong with it. Look at me...I'm perfectly normal...HA!HA!HA!HA!!

I don't understand what's wrong with being a little immature. I mean what exactly is mature? Some think mature means that you're finished with puberty ("I don't know Doc, I've gotten hair on my face, on my chest, even on my feet...but not down there...is that normal?") Doc: "Nurse, quick, call security...we've got another freak for the circus!! You can put him in with that red headed step-child we got from Plymouth..."), while others think that it happens gradually until one day...BAM!...you're mature (as in "Wham, Bam, thank you ma'am" or "BAM!...you're the father"). Whatever the case may be, I believe that some people take longer than others (I'm tired, honey, why don't you just finish without me). As is obvious for anyone reading this article, I am in this immature category. And contrary to what you may think, yes, I did get through my own private puberty and I have in fact, lost my...umm...patience...(see *Sassy* article above). Thus, I don't really have an explanation. I guess it is possible to go on in years and still retain some of your youth (alright now Edward you're 32

years old, could you please stop sitting in the shopping cart?...Please?? Don't make Mommy smack you upside the head with her shoe again, OK, schnookums?). And, as we know, the older one gets the more one reverts back to their childhood (like eating baby food, drooling, not matching clothes, losing teeth, smelling, wearing diapers, etc). Thus, it just might be possible for one to skip the middle and stay the same for one's whole life.

When I turned 21, I looked in the mirror and said to myself "Wow, I'm 21. I've got a passport to do things that only mature people do. Am I ever going to act my age?" Right after I did this, I decided to use my new freedom of maturity and went to the nearest outlet available for the sophisticated and accomplished...yes, I went to the Foxy Lady. (So this is what mature people do in their free time.) The crowd which ranged from the bums throwing up on stage to the Al Bundy-esque low lifes throwing change on stage (c'mon, baby, what can I get for a quarter?) to the Trump-esque upper class (c'mon, baby, what can I get for a quarter mil?) throwing themselves on stage all had one thing in common. They were supposed to be at that age which supposedly means you're grown up. And this doesn't just relate to men at strip clubs(ex. women at grocery stores, women at the half price sale at Penney's, men playing sports, women playing bingo...etc, etc). With all of this immaturity out there, it makes me wonder if someone like me will ever grow up. Hell, it's so much fun being this way. Come to think of it, I don't want to grow up (I'm a Toys 'R Us kid, they've got the best for so much less, you'll really flip your lid...!!) Why fake something when you know that that's where you wanna be (Jill: "ooh, baby, baby Yes! YES!!" Jack: "Umm, dear, open your eyes, I stopped 5 minutes ago..."). Well, I know where I wanna be (the Lady) so I must hit the road. Remember, it's not how mature you are, it's how secure you are...c-ya next week...

In search of: The perfect Valentines's Day card

Juliette Marchioli '95

Features Writer

A few weeks ago, I embarked on a quest to find the perfect Valentine's Day card. Hallmark has a huge selection conveying every sentiment possible, so I assumed, however naively, that my search would be successful. But with February 14 looming right around the corner (exactly five days left), I have yet to discover "The Card."

Perhaps the reason for my difficulty begins with the fact that I am not just looking for an ordinary card. I don't mean anything fancy, like those that are gold-embossed and cost eighty dollars. It can be a very simple card with a very modest message. My search has been impeded by the fact that the card I am attempting to find does not fit into any of the traditional categories. Herein evidently lies my dilemma.

In the Greeting Card aisles at stores, one finds clearly marked headings over each category to help facilitate the selection process. There are cards for Mom and Dad, grandparents, siblings, friends, roommates (not to be confused with "friends" — oh, I'm just kidding Jenn!), significant others, pets, etc., etc.. It's as simple as defining the following three things: (1) the proper holiday (which is not as obvious as it may seem, as Thanksgiving cards are sometimes still available when the Christmas cards are put out); (2) the person for whom the card is destined (refer to the above listing); and (3) the type of card that will be appropriate (i.e. serious or silly).

In theory, all I should have to do is provide the answers for the preceding questions, and then go about my merry way in search of "The Card". But you see, my category does not exist under one of the nice traditional heading so generously provided by Mr. Hallmark, so my quest is not as uncomplicated as it should be.

It is Valentine's Day, that I am sure of. It's the second and third points I'm struggling over. No, I'm not a complete idiot and do, of course, know who the card is for. I've also pretty much figured out that I'd like the tone of the card to fall in between a nice balance of both serious and silly, so actually the third part is already sort of solved.

But back to point two, this person does not fall into any of the conventional categories, because he is, in fact, in a category all his own: the "non-definable relation, new friend/boyfriend." It's only been a few months so I'm not sure where we stand. We're certainly not at the 'My one and only' stage, but we're not completely uninvolved either. Actually, he's quite special, but it's so soon and I'm not even sure what I feel, except that I really like him a lot. But I don't want to scare him away either by appearing superficial or coming on too strong. So I'm having trouble finding the right card.

I've searched in the "Friends" section, where I've found lots of cards which compare your "friend" to a piece of chocolate, telling him/her that he/she

is just as sweet and edible. There are occasionally some witty ones that border on that balance of lighter, rather than heavy emotional. But even those have drawbacks, and it's usually because there are some ridiculous looking cherub-like fat little babies with wings and arrows, scattered across the front of the card with clouds and rainbows. I considered buying two cards in this case. One with a nice cover and the other with the appropriate commentary inside, then cutting them up and discarding the non-desirable parts, and taping the leftovers together. I'm not entirely sure, but I had the feeling that the scotch tape might be too noticeable.

The "Spouse" section offers little more option wise, considering that the majority of cards are the lace-covered ones with hearts all over them, which proclaim in giant letters "To my most precious loved-one". The eloquent phraseology on the inside is equally undyingly devotional-oriented, with discussion of: "all of our many years together, through the suffering and the pain, the happiness and joy, how our unconditional love for one another has only grown and flourished like the flowers we planted in the yard of our house where we buried our first dog, how I will always love and treasure you, blah, blah, blah." Somehow I'm also sensing that this is perhaps a little too soon for our relationship.

Then there are always the cards that are blank inside, which would leave me with the responsibility of coming up with the exact words all on my own. I'm all for being inspired, and I always write a few words of my own anyway, so this wouldn't necessarily be a big deal. Incidentally, you might have gotten the wrong impression and think that I'm the kind of person who just signs her name to a card and affixes a stamp.. I would never, in fact, ever do this. Actually, I'm just uptight and really want to find the perfect card, even if I write several more paragraphs of my own. At any rate, there is one main drawback to this option, and it is that there's no real excuse if the words are completely cheesy, because I'll have written them myself and therefore cannot place the blame on the pre-made card.

All of my other card selections have been much easier. Take Mom and Dad for instance. I decided to follow the emotional route and found a mushy card that is five pages long and lists every reason why I love them. (i.e. "I'm sorry you had to wipe the drool off my mouth when I was a child, but please know that I'm glad you did, even if I've never said so before.")

As for my "non-definable friend", I'm beginning to realize that I may have to give up on the conventional card idea. I can be really creative with construction paper, so maybe I'll cut out a heart and just write "Happy Valentine's Day" and be done with it. And as for the status of our relationship, I'll just give it a rest and leave that for a conversation over coffee some day in the future.

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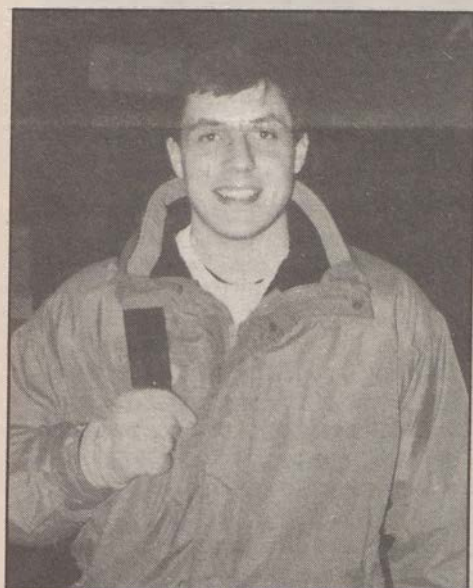
Ali Fallon & Trish McCann '98:
Slept off the night before.



Kevin O'Connor, Matt Worthen, Rachel Motyka & Kim Tuscano '95: We watched Worthen bring out his gimp!



Deirdre Cogan & Elaine Whitney '97: When was the snowstorm?



Steve Zanolunghi '95:
Drank myself silly!



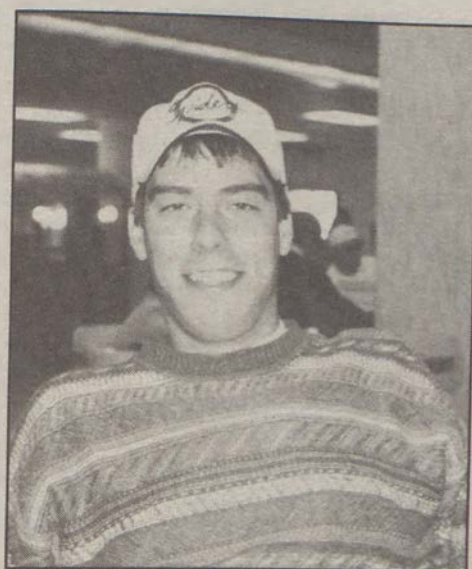
Marnie Panek & Aileen Koprowski '95: Dutch Ovens.



MJ Connors & Greg Sullivan '98: Played football in the snow.



Kaitlyn O'Brien, Rebecca Conroy & Mary Zottola '98:
We slept.



Eric Burton '95: 4 Cases, tube Yahtzee, and several HBO movies!



Lisa Vedovelli '98: Went to a party.

K and A: It's all one big white blur!

Valentine's Day Personals

**Ski, Potts, Noelle, McGuire
- you're missed! We
laughed about the Vomit
God article tonite.**

Are There Any Fans Out There?

To the Editor:

It's a Tuesday night and the home team is up by eleven with eight minutes, thirty seconds left till the half. The crowd anywhere would be chanting and cheering. On top of that it is against the number-one team in the nation. This would be a typical reaction by any school, anywhere with a sport, especially on TV, but not at Providence College. Silence and talking to one another was the activity of the crowd during what could have been one of the great upsets of college sports in the making. For the students and faculty who were present they turned it into a social gathering or a silent group of people like bumps on a log. The number of people who showed consisted of probably about seventy percent UConn fans. They were the crowd while the home team's supposed "fans" were at their loudest when the ref made a bad call and at that it was a mumble.

We were out-cheered, out-rooted, and out of the game. The horrible display we made to anyone watching the game was not on the court but in the stands. What big time player would want to be a student athlete at our school? The women's team played up to the challenge at the game it was only until the lack of enthusiasm, care, attention and pride was felt, that the game slipped away. As an athlete, I know the feeling of people yelling out my name and cheering on the team. It is also great to be able to cheer on your team, your classmates your friends and your students. But when the crowd, the people you are looking toward for that extra boost of inspiration, is not there to cheer you on or not even cheering, you can start to lose hope even when your up. The unfortunate thing is that the women get a loss on the record while the fans just go home wondering what happened. It's time we look at why we show up to the games and start to act like a bunch of crazy college students rooting for the old home team. LETS GO PC!

Paul T. Sullivan '97



PC sports needs more fans like these who unconditionally show their continuous support and enthusiasm.

Swimmers Add A Win

Cory McGann '98

Sports Writer

On a rare Tuesday night appearance for the Providence College Women's Swim team, the Friars added another one to the win column as they defeated Boston University by the score of 131 to 107. Led by familiar names such as Colleen Doyle, Michelle Tamburo, and Michelle McWeeney, PC claimed first place in six of the thirteen events.

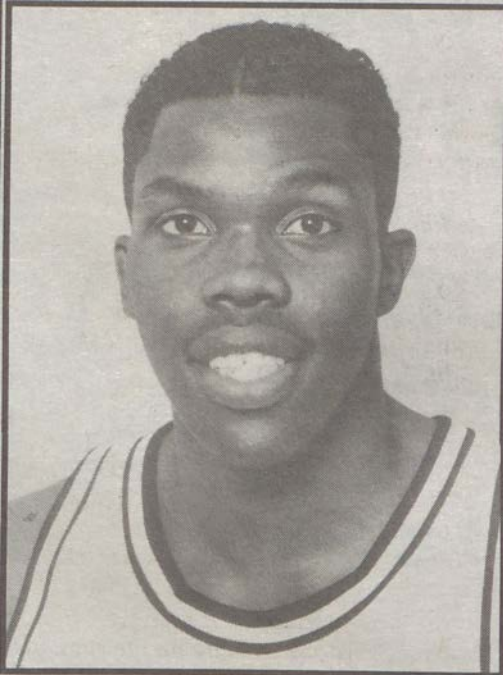
Doyle not only was a participant of the first place 400 Freestyle Relay team (4:06.38), but also scored firsts in the 100 Freestyle (1:01.10) and the 400 Freestyle (4:34.39). The always steady Tamburo won the 50 Freestyle with a time of 28.03 and Kiersten Newell chipped in with a first in the 200 Freestyle (2:08.47).

Outstanding in the 200 Breaststroke was junior Michelle McWeeney who came in first with a time of 2:43.49. Coach O'Neill expressed his pleasure with the performance against very competitive competition.

The men swam the next night, dropping a heart breaker to the Bears. The Friars started out with an exciting win in the 400 Medley Relay (4:01.47) but dropped the next four races. Providence, although much deeper than Brown, lost due to excellent swimming by the Bears. The Friars are also at a disadvantage being without a diver due to injury.

The next meet for the men and women is Saturday, February 11 at the Taylor Natatorium. The teams will go up against BU to end their regular season schedule.

PC Athletes of the Week



Eric Williams '95
(Newark, New Jersey)
Basketball

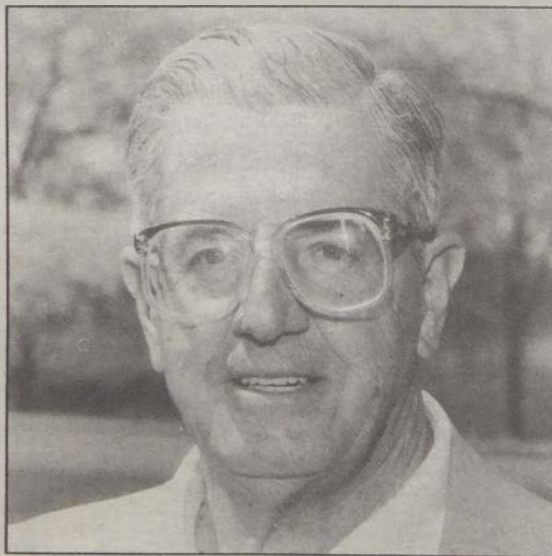
Williams led the Friars to their fourth Big East win and the their 12th of the season overall in the 80-77 win over Seton Hall. In last Wednesday's game, Eric totaled a team high 22 points and grabbed 13 rebounds. Williams is PC's leading scorer, averaging 19.5 points per game, 20.3 in the conference games.



Natasha Fine '97
(Concord, New Hampshire)
Women's Ice Hockey

Fine paced the Lady Friar ice hockey team in two of their three wins last week. In a 3-1 victory at Northeastern, Fine stopped 23 shots, and against Cornell, she turned away 14 en route to a 7-3 PC win. On the season, Fine has recorded 7 wins, 2 losses, and 1 tie, in addition to 2 shutouts, one solo, and one combined.

Prisco named coach of the year



Providence College golf coach
Joe Prisco

Providence College golf coach Joe Prisco has been selected as the Golf Coaches Association of America's (GCAA) NCAA District 1 Coach of the year for the 1994 season.

The long time head coach of the Friars, now in his 42nd season at PC, was honored last week in Florida at the annual coaches' convention. This marks the eighth time in his distinguished career that Prisco has received this honor.

During the 1994 season, Prisco's Friars took three first place finishes at the Big East Championships, the Yale Spring Invitational and the Big Four Championship. His team also finished second at the Toski Invitational, the New England Invitational, and the New England Division 1 Championships.

Earlier this winter, Prisco also received the New England Intercollegiate Golf Association's Gordon McCullough Memorial Award as New England's Coach of the Year.

A 1949 graduate of Providence College, Prisco has coached eight All-Americans during his career and has seen his teams advance to the NCAA Championships nine times. He was inducted into the Golf Coaches Hall of Fame in 1987 and is also a member of the Providence College Athletic Hall of Fame.

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Ten Reasons Why I Hate Syracuse University

Cory McGann '98

Sports Writer

My grandfather went to Providence College. My mother graduated from Providence College. Class of 1980, to be exact. My uncle attended Georgetown University, around the time when the Hoyas went to the NCAA Tournament finals two years in a row behind Patrick Ewing. The timing was perfect. The Big East was in full bloom and my whole family was transfixed by it's greatness. In college basketball, the Big East was IT! Naturally, arguments got pretty heated and tensions were high. Through it all, though, we always agreed on one thing.

We hated Syracuse University.

So, as a public service for those of you who are red blooded Friar faithful, yet do not know why you should hate the Orangemen, I have compiled a list of ten reasons why I personally hate Syracuse University.

Enjoy.

1. Knocked PC out of the 1987 Final Four.

1987 was the last time the Friars made it to the promised land: the NCAA Final Four. Believe me, we weren't supposed to. Unknowns such as Billy "the kid" Donovan and "Pop" Lewis led an extremely gritty Providence basketball team who were well drilled in their fundamentals. That year two of the four teams were from the Big East (the other two were Indiana and Nevada-Las Vegas). In walked Syracuse and quickly disposed of us and our dreams. (Incidentally, the coach of the Friars was some guy named Rick Pitino who left to coach in the NBA. His pro career didn't last very long).

2. Derrick Coleman.

DC is no longer in college. He is now making a fool

of himself in the pro game. His antics are causing heart attacks and faint spells of almost every New Jersey Net administrator. Where did he learn to act in this very adult manner? Hmmm.

3. Convicted felons.

If you have a little time on your hands, it might be fun to do a little research on which team leads the Big East in the most players with criminal records. With the recent Georgetown acquisition of super frosh Allen Iverson (who, in my humble opinion, should be freshman of the year... he is unbelievably good) who spent his senior year in jail and had to be pardoned by the Governor, it might be interesting to see who has had the most. My money is on the Orangemen.

4. Not politically correct.

This year the St. Johns Redmen changed their moniker to the Red Storm in an effort to be more politically correct. Why hasn't Syracuse? I'm not an orange, but if I were, I'd be plenty mad!

5. Michael Lloyd's three point shot.

On January 21, 1995 at the Providence Civic Center Mike Lloyd dashed my hopes of rushing onto the floor in celebration with his three point jumper that won the game for Syracuse (see The Cowl, 1-26-95, p.21). The Orange Storm (see number four above) did not deserve to win.

6. Jim Boeheim.

This coach is the biggest whiner I have ever seen, and believe me, I am an authority. And by the way Jimmy, you are no Louie Carnasecca and never will be.

7. Safety school.

8. Lawrence Moten.

Don't get me wrong. I really like Lawrence Moten. He is the second best player in the Big East (it's all you, Eric!). I like him too much. His fundamentals are excellent, he works hard, he has a

great mind for the game... he doesn't belong at Syracuse!

9. "The 'Cuse"

For some asinine reason, sports commentators all over the country must refer to Syracuse in this ridiculous fashion. On top of that, whenever S.U. plays P.C., it's Syracuse that these people talk about. Our Friars are put on the back burner.

10. Traffic during the Syracuse game.

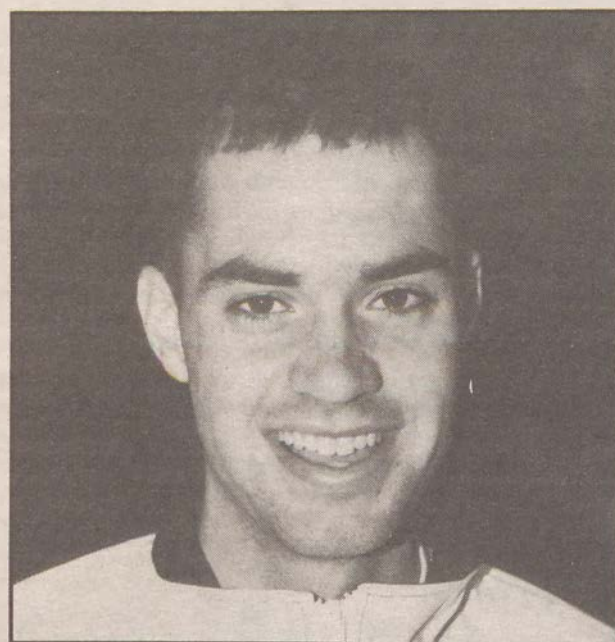
I go to every home game. Yup, that's right! Rider, Bryant, and Brown, oh my! How come people seep out of the woodwork to watch us play Syracuse. Where are these people when Niagara comes to town?

I admit, I do respect Syracuse University. It is a fine institution of learning. I have friends who attend there. Their basketball team is always one of the top teams in the nation.

But I still hate them.



Friars On Rest And Race Pace



Nick Kent '97

Scott Laprade '97

Sports Writer

After a couple of very eventful weekends for the indoor track teams, last weekend was just what the doctor ordered. When the winter's first substantial snowfall hit on Saturday morning, it meant the possibility of cancellation, and ultimately rest. Instead, the snow subsided and the meet was held as scheduled. Held at Brown University, the Alden Invitational occurred on Sunday, and was smaller than most meets. For this reason, some of the members on the squad received some much needed rest. Among those who took the weekend off were Amy Rudolph, Marie McMahon, and Mark Carroll.

The runners, characteristically, placed first in two long distance events. On the women's side, the distance medley combo of Burke, McNeice, Davey, and Couture crossed the line with a 12:27.7 time. The win qualifies them for the New England Championships. For the men, Nick Kent paced all runners with a 4:19.77 mile time. Kent bested his teammates, Mike Donnelly and Gary Blair, who finished second and third, re-

spectively.

Steve Myers and Moira Harrington also qualified for the New England Championships with their efforts this weekend. Myers placed second in the 800 meter men's race and Moira placed fourth in the same event for the women. Their times were 1:56.6 and 2:19.95 respectively.

This coming weekend, Coach Ray Treacy will be sending two distance medley teams (one from each team) to Boston University, in the hope that they will qualify for the NCAA's. Even if the teams are unsuccessful, there is still plenty of time left for qualification, but the competition gets better as each week passes. After the meet at BU, the Friars find themselves at the Big East Championships the next week. Following these races are the New England's, ECAC's, and NCAA's on three consecutive weekends. So, last weekend's rest might have provided just what the doctor ordered, but only will time tell if it was the proper cure or the mistaken antidote!!

Four in a row... and counting

Derek Stout '95

Sports Writer

The tide has begun to turn for the Lady Friar hockey squad. After a turbulent and inconsistent start PC has finally begun to blossom into the team representative of three consecutive ECAC crowns. The Lady Friars have won their last four games. Last weekend, they traveled to Cornell and Rochester Institute of Technology where they outscored their opponents by a 20-3 margin to boost their record to 12-8-4 on the season.

Despite the snowstorm, the Providence survived the trek to RIT (5-7) for their first of two road games. Upon arrival, PC erupted for its largest offensive output of the season, winning 13-0. The contest saw seven different goal scorers led by Stephanie O'Sullivan's hat trick. The RIT contest was marked by clear Lady Friar domination from the beginning with Amy Carlson's (12-16-28)

situations that much easier." PC has defeated RIT in both games played this season, previously on November, a 7-0 blowout. After these two embarrassments, it's difficult to imagine how RIT has managed their five victories this season.

Although a blowout, the RIT contest held special significance for Stephanie O'Sullivan. Stephanie (35-22-57) moved four points closer to the all-time total points leader title at Providence College. She only needs eight points to break Cammie Granato's (1993 graduate) all-time points record for a season of 245. O'Sullivan currently stands second on the all-time PC goal leader board with 118, second to Granato's 135 goal output. Stephanie recently eclipsed the 115 assists which had stood for ten years set by Cindy Carley (1985 graduate).

Following the RIT rendezvous, the Lady Friars traveled to Ithaca, New York to play Cornell University. This game

classmen goaltenders: freshman Meghan Smith and sophomores Natasha Fine and Natalie Mancuso. The three have combined for an impressive 2.34 goals-against-average. "Individually Natasha has been solid all year and has improved in her quickness," explained co-captain Brophy. "Meghan Smith is probably the most aggressive goalie out there and the most confident. Natalie is probably the hardest worker of the three, they have all been great." A major factor in this goaltender trio's increased maturity was the work ethic Natasha and Natalie saw last year in Gina Martiniello. "I think it helped that they got to see Gina play last year. Gina was always yelling and really motivating everyone. She was also a hard worker which has rubbed off on this year's team," said Kathleen.

PC has two road games remaining, the first versus Princeton which will be a major test for them. PC lost earlier in the season 2-1 to the Tigers who

Up Close With Jeff Longo: Keeping Above Water

Annica Ambrose '96

Assistant Sports Editor

Now looking towards a possible Olympic qualification in swimming, he is quick to recall the day his group of friends learned to move their arms any old way just to keep from drowning. For Jeff Longo, childhood days of doggie paddle, high school competition, and Providence College championships are all a matter of keeping his head above water.

Currently a two-year captain of the PC swim team, Jeff Longo's real interest in swimming began when he was about ten years old. A local, non-competitive team in his hometown, Seekonk, MA, fueled his participation in the sport. His decision to swim rather than play hockey proved a wise one when he entered high school and began his road to success. Specializing in the 500 and 200 freestyle, Jeff managed to qualify for the Junior Olympic team among his list of achievements. He also received the award for senior recognition as the best male student-athlete.

Inspiration for Jeff came from high school coach, Ellis Mayers and, of course, the support of his family. Coach Mayers was first to instruct Jeff on the art "deep end" swimming and continued with valued instruction throughout high school. Jeff was persuaded to join United States Swimming where he could further a national competitive edge.

It was a USS meet which led him to a conversation with the Providence College swim coach and an eventual scholarship opportunity. Providence College became his college of choice; a decision he "wouldn't change for the world."

Jeff's experience at PC has not always been the easiest of times. Swimming with mono-nucleosis during his freshman season, he could only handle the shortest of races. Others began to question the fact that a scholarship athlete was not "living up" to his expectations. These questions sparked Jeff's determination to train and recover. Sophomore year, he was out to prove himself and that is precisely what he did. He managed to step into the position of PC's leading swimmer in the breaststroke and came away with the "most improved", "most valuable", and "sportsmanship" awards. He was elected captain for his junior season in which his swimming remained steady. "Personal records were broken and that's what is most important," he said. Jeff holds PC records in the 200 breaststroke, 200 individual medley, 200 and 400 medley relay team, and the 200 and 400 free relay team.

This season, Jeff leads the Providence College swimmers in scoring as the team has been training extremely hard all year. He is looking to the Big East championships where his goal

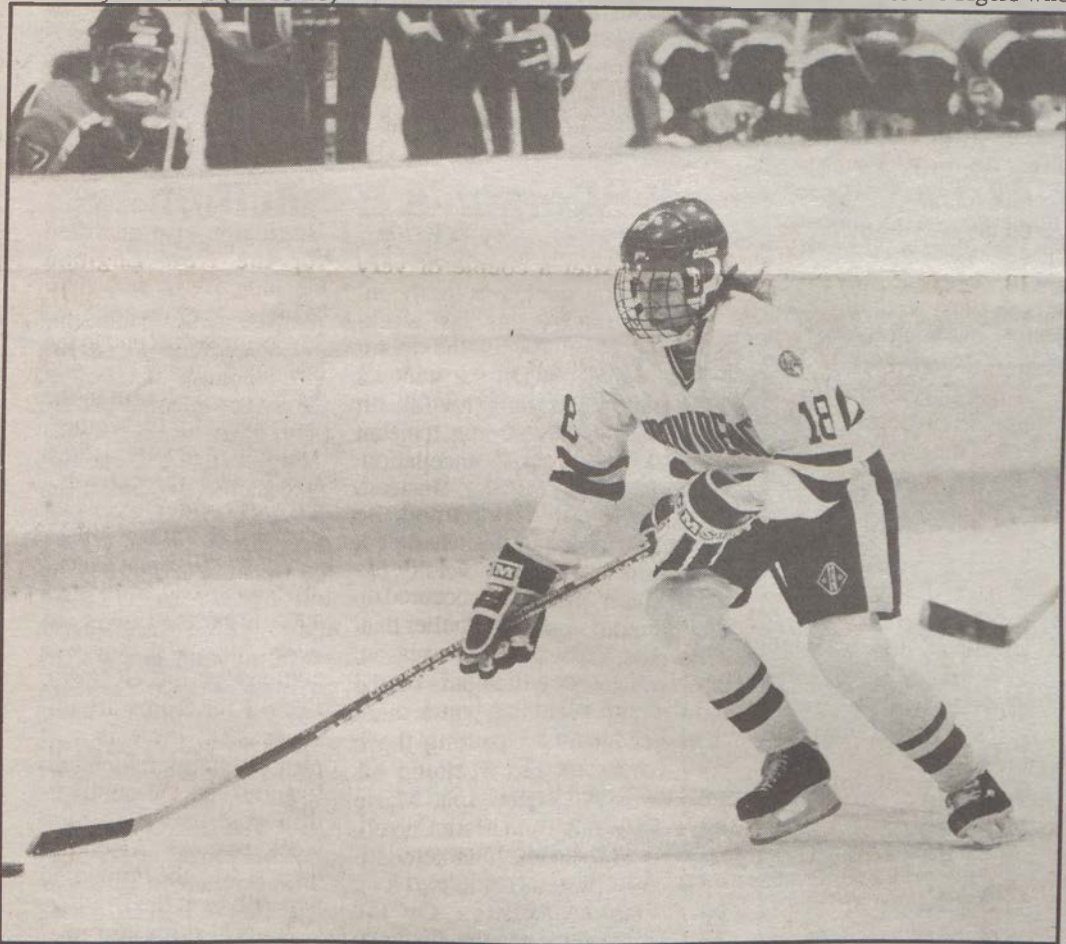
is to get as close to first as possible in each of his events. If he qualifies for senior nationals it could allow him to compete in Olympic trials. Jeff says, "I realize my potential is not to be in the Olympics" but he will not rule anything out.

Future plans for Jeff Longo include a summer of training with the coach at the University of Michigan who is the #1 breaststroke coach in the nation. "I want to give back to the sport that gave me a lot," he mentions. Jeff is also looking for a possible graduate assistant position while he studies exercise physiology and plans to attend medical school.

Swimming has certainly given Jeff Longo "a lot." With his name all over the record books and a positive outlook, he is sure to gain success in his strife to stay afloat.



Jeff Longo '95



Junior forward Alana Bcahoski paced the Lady Friar hockey team with her first hat trick of the season in their 7-3 victory over the Cornell Big Red Bcahoski has 9 goals this winter

goal coming three minutes into the first period. Following the quick start, PC had a five goal advantage after the first period ended, highlighted by a six goal slaughter in the third. Natalie Mancuso began the game in goal (her first start since January 18) and was followed by Pilar Christopherson in the crease.

Coach Barto used the RIT game more as a practice session as the Lady Friars' lead began to increase. Kathleen Brophy explained that games such as these can be helpful for future contests. "Teams like RIT are always good to play. They test your team mentally, we have to make sure we come out ready to play. But we also get the chance to practice on a lot of our weaknesses when we do get big leads which makes future game

hardly proved to be more difficult than their Saturday contest. The Big Red (6-10) hadn't given PC any difficulty this season in their two previous meetings. PC outshot Cornell 38-14 en route to a 7-3 brandishing of the Ivy Leaguers. Alana Bcahoski (9-14-23) fueled Providence with her first hat trick of the year. Bcahoski has been an underrated player this season. She has been solid in all twenty-four games this year anchoring the Lady Friars at the forward position. The same is also true for defenseman Melissa Mills (7-17-24) and forward Amy Carlson (12-16-28) whose play have been overshadowed by the sterling performances of O'Sullivan and Alison Wheeler.

Still another key ingredient to the season has been the performances of the three under-

combined for 33 shots-on-goal. Brophy knows that the Princeton game will not be easy. "This weekend is a major challenge. Princeton is one of our biggest opponents, they are really powerful. It is key that we come out ready to play." The Lady Friars will battle Yale on Sunday in New Haven, Connecticut before heading back to Rhode Island.

SLAPSHOTS...PC had 77 shots on goal in the RIT game...PC improved their road record to 5-4-1 on this road trip...The ECAC may expand into two divisions next season, one division playing by Division I rules, the other by Division III rules...O'Sullivan needs to score an average of 4.25 goals in the next four games to break the all-time PC goal record...Goalie Meghan Smith did not make the road-trip due to illness.

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And another one bites the dust...

One day after #2 Kansas fell to Oklahoma St., #10 Maryland dispatched #1 North Carolina, 86-73. The Terps showed they are more than just superstar Joe Smith, as Duane Simpkins and Arthur Rhoes each poured in 21. Star Tar Heel guard Donald Williams managed only nine points before fouling out. Big East-leading UConn will probably move into the #1 slot for the first time ever if they can beat Syracuse Sunday at the Carrier Dome.

Unemployed... Career choke-artist Daryl Strawberry was booted off the San Francisco Giants after testing positive for cocaine last month, which means he will be suspended and jobless, presuming the strike ever ends.

And the Mouse will play. Mickey Mania has taken the sports' world by storm. Disney has unveiled plans for an Indy track and sports complex with a 7,500 person capacity baseball stadium. This follows the trend of mixing sports and entertainment facilities which includes

the Kansas City Royals' spring training home, Baseball City, and New York City Mayor Rudolph Giuliani's proposal to build YankeeWorld in the Bronx

Irish Eyes Are Smilin'... With the nation's top-rated high school recruiting class on its way to South Bend this fall, look for Notre Dame to rebound from its sub-par season and begin nauseating fans nationwide again soon. Now that he has the talent, will super-whiner Lou Holtz really run it up against Navy this season?

And justice is served... Denver shot swatter supreme Dikembe Mutombo took the law into his own hands last Friday, injuring All-Star-bound Cedric Ceballos and knocking him out for six-to-eight weeks. Mutombo, who said the league could "go to hell" after learning he had not been named to the All-Star team, was selected to fill Ceballos' slot on the team.

Life after Providence...

While the current crop of Friar hoopsters struggle through the Big East season, there are five former PC stars now playing for pay in the N.B.A.

These are some stats for those five players this season (through February 6).

Otis Thorpe ('84) is averaging 13.6 points per game (ppg) for the defending World Champion Houston Rockets. He is also pulling down an average of 9.25 rebounds per game (rpg), helping the Rockets to a 28-15 start.

Marty Conlon ('90) is playing for the Milwaukee Bucks. He is averaging 10.8 ppg while shooting a team best 55% from the floor. Conlon is also contributing 5.5 rpg. **Eric Murdock ('91)** is also playing for the Bucks. He is fourth on the team in scoring with 12.1 ppg, and is dishing out a team-high 7.1 assists per game (apg).

Dickie Simpkins ('94), who was the Chicago Bulls' first round pick last year, is averaging 3.8 ppg in limited playing time.

Michael Smith ('94) is showing signs of the rebounding prowess he displayed every night in the Civic Center for his new team, the Sacramento Kings. Smith is grabbing six boards a game and dumping in seven points an outing for the surprising Kings.

Men's Basketball continued

reminiscent of someone taller and more athletic than his 6'7 frame.

Although Williams started to become untracked with his increased movement to the baskets, there were still too few drives and too many Syracuse fastbreaks. One final spurt by the trio of Lloyd, Moten, and Wallace helped seal a 100-76 victory for the 17-3 Orangemen.

Last night's devastating loss can be attributed to a lack of defensive emphasis by the Friars. In last month's Civic Center heartbreaker, the Friars clamped down on the Syracuse frontcourt for the majority of the second half. While this didn't limit Moten's options, it made things more difficult for Wallace to find easy baskets under the hoop.

Last night's loss drops PC's Big East record to 4-7. Scheduled to meet the Seton Hall Pirates and Miami Hurricanes at their home arenas on Saturday and Monday, the 12-6 Friars are faced with two must-win games in order to keep their NCAA tournament hopes alive.

The first order of business is for the backcourt to attempt get Williams untracked for a stretch run. Although it is difficult getting open triple teamed, he is the team's major clutch option. The Boston Celtics didn't give the ball to

Kevin McHale in a game's closing seconds, while the Lakers would want it in Magic Johnson's hands under pressure. Until last year Scottie Pippen would never take the last shot of the game if the final's outcome was in question.

In order for this to happen, the Friar backcourt needs to take advantage of being open more often. Franklin Western's eight point effort off the bench might help erase the memories of possibly his worst collegiate performance (0 pts.). The biggest question mark may lie with Jason Murdock. Following a strong non-league start, the cousin of the Milwaukee Bucks star has been force to endure a frustrating shooting slump. PC's recent outside shooting performances have allowed opposing clubs to key on Williams and Troy Brown the entire game.

Providence will travel to the Miami Arena on Saturday to face the surprising Hurricanes. Miami was winless in Big East road games prior to this year, but has beaten both St. John's and PC on the road this year and have captured four league wins so far. The 'Canes are currently tied with the Friars for sixth in the conference. Friar fans can tune into NESN at one o'clock on Saturday to catch all the action from Florida.

Women's Basketball continued

an eight point PC lead. It looked like the Lady Friars were about to pull away and put this game to bed but Syracuse stormed back in the final minutes to tie it again at 54 apiece. With 2:42 left Shannon Bresnahan fouled the shooter to give Syracuse two more free-throws and let them advance their lead to 5 points, 61-56. Then, the Lady Friars simply could not get the ball to fall and didn't score when they needed to and Syracuse wrapped up a 65-58 win over PC. Heide Moyano scored 12 points for the Lady Friars with four three-pointers in a losing cause and Kerri Chatten tallied eight points and six boards.

"We just couldn't get our shots to fall for us," said Foley, "We had to foul with time running out and we couldn't come back. We executed well in the final minutes but we just couldn't hit our shots."

On the injury front, The Lady Friars are expected to

get guard Ayanna Walden and center Nadine Malcolm back in the lineup soon. Nadine dressed for the Syracuse game but did not play.

Kerri Chatten has emerged as the Big East's top candidate for rookie of the year honors. She is currently averaging 18.3 points and 9.3 rebounds for the Lady Friars. Coupled with a 42.9% from three-point land and 48.0% overall from the floor and it's easy to see why this freshman is well on her way to becoming one of the Big East's premier players.

The Lady Friars next play at Villanova on Saturday at 2 p.m. and then return to Alumni Hall to host St. John's on Wednesday, February 15th at 7 p.m. Head on down and support the team.

Hockey East Standings

School	GP	W	L	T	S	Pts
Maine	19	12	1	6	1	73
Boston University	18	11	4	3	2	63
New Hampshire	18	10	5	3	0	56
Northeastern	18	8	6	4	4	52
Boston College	18	7	9	2	1	40
UMass Lowell	17	7	9	1	1	38
Merrimack	17	4	8	5	3	33
Providence	18	4	10	4	2	30
UMass Amherst	17	3	14	0	0	15

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Friar Frustration: Another Winless Weekend

Keith Christensen '96

Sports Writer

This past weekend the Providence Men's Hockey team proved once again that it can compete with any team in the nation. Unfortunately, the Friars once again did not show that they can beat any team in the nation as they fell to Maine (5-2) and tied Merrimack (2-2) at Schneider.

It is little consolation to Friar fans that the Black Bears are ranked 2nd in the nation, or that the Black and White (9-15-4, 4-10-4) won the shoot out against the Warriors, 2-0, to gain an extra point in the Hockey East standings. The Friars are 0-3-1 in their last four games, have dropped to 8th in the league, and face Northeastern and BU, two of H.E.'s top teams, in their next three games. As Coach Paul Pooley puts it, "We need to win a game."

It looked like the Friars might get that win Sunday night against MC. The Warriors took a 1-0 lead in the first period of the game, which was re-scheduled due to Saturday's storm, and things got worse for PC when Erik Sundquist, making his second straight start on defense, suffered a mild separation of his shoulder. The junior will miss 7-to-10 days. Goalie Bob Bell made a nice save at 15:32 to keep it close, and the Friars tied it two minutes later. Hal Gill unloaded a shot from between the face-off circles,

which MC's Martin Legault deflected behind the net. Brady Kramer picked it up and found Chad Quenneville in front and Quenneville beat Legault to tie the game.

Bell, making only his third appearance in the last eight games, stopped 14 shots in the second while his teammates went on the offensive. After MC failed to clear its zone early in the second, the Friars struck. Kramer gave the puck to Quenneville at the top of the right face-off circle, and the 5'9" senior made a perfect pass to a cutting Stefan Brannare just to the left of Legault. Brannare's finish put PC on top. Quenneville, who had a goal and two assists for the weekend, is now 11th on PC's all-time scoring list with 149 career points (66 g, 83 a), while Kramer has moved up to 25th on the list with 121 points (54 g, 67 a).

The slim 2-1 advantage held up until 10:53 of the third, thanks mostly to Bell's outstanding play, the Friars habit of giving their opponents plenty of power plays finally caught up with them. MC converted its sixth one-man advantage of the game into the tying goal. "You're just playing with fire when you take a lot of penalties," commented Coach Pooley. The Friars, usually potent with an advantage, were unable to capitalize on their own power play just after the goal, despite three close calls. Brannare had a breakaway op-

portunity in the game's closing minutes, but Legault made a great glove save to deny him. "We had a lot of good chances, but we couldn't put the puck in the net," remarked Coach Pooley.

MC outshot the Friars, 6-1, in over time, but Bell, who had 37 saves, turned them all back, including two in the final fifteen seconds, to preserve the tie. Bell then shut out the Warriors in the shoot out, while Quenneville and Dennis Burke beat Legault to lift the Friars to the shoot out win.

Slow starts have plagued the Friars all season, and Friday's game against Maine was no exception. The Black Bears beat Dan Dennis three times in the first 10:09 and PC spent the rest of the game playing catch-up. "We got off to a poor start again, and then played fairly decent after that," stated Coach Pooley. Travis Dillabough hit the post after receiving a Burke feed, and Trevor Hanson shot the rebound in as he fell down at 15:14 to make it 3-1. Maine goalie Blair Allison had much to do with PC's early struggles, stopping 13 Friar shots in the first period.

Penalties once again were part of the Friars' undoing. Maine scored a power play goal early in the second, and PC twice ended their own power plays early by taking penalties. Patient puck movement on the power play helped PC cut the gap to 4-2. Quenneville moved the puck to Brannare, who was

in front of the left post. Brannare thought better of shooting the puck right into Allison's pads; instead, he slid the puck across the crease to Kramer, who beat Allison to his right. Coach Pooley "thought [the Friars] had a chance" at that point, but Maine struck again before the end of the period to stretch the lead to 5-2. Three PC shots hit the pipes during the period, adding to the team's frustration. Bell replaced Dennis to start the third and stopped all ten Black Bear shots, but Allison held the Friars in check and Maine skated off victorious.

Providence travels to Boston this Friday to face-off with Northeastern. PC is 1-0-1 against the Huskies this year, but NU has been playing well of lately, and Coach Pooley re-

spects their team: "If they're playing with a lot of speed and confidence, we're going to have to be at the top of our game." The Friars currently trail MC by just three points, but will probably need to upset BU or UNH in their last six games, or get some help from BC, who plays MC three times in the next four weeks, if they are to avoid playing UMass-Amherst in the dreaded 8-9 game. Coach Pooley, for one, still believes in his team: "I feel we're a better team than our record shows. I still feel really good about this team down the stretch." Now is the time for the Friars to convert their talent and effort into wins, because they are running out of games to justify their coach's faith.



Stone Wall: Junior Bob Bell stopped 47 of 49 shots against Maine and Merrimack as PC went 0-1-1

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*** Senior Women's Ice Hockey Captain STEPHANIE O'SULLIVAN is seven points shy of tying the career points record in Providence College history. O'SULLIVAN currently has a total of 238 points (113 goals and 125 assists), which trails CAMMIE GRANATO's PC class of 93's 245 points (135-110). The 120 assists by O'SULLIVAN is career record. ***

Lady Friars Drop Four Straight

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The Providence College women's basketball team lost their fourth straight Wednesday night as they fell to Seton Hall by a final of 72-49.

The Lady Friars were stifled by the swarming defense of the Lady Pirates. PC was paced by Kerri Chatten who poured in 20 points and grabbed 11 boards, and Heide Moyano, who tallied 10 points and 5 rebounds. Providence now stands at 6-18 overall and 2-11 in the Big East.

On Saturday, the Lady Friars hosted Syracuse at Alumni Hall. While the rest of the Northeast was shoveling themselves out of the first true snowfall of the season, the Lady Friars were shoveling themselves out of a deficit only to let the Orangewomen pile it back on in one of PC's many defensive lapses.

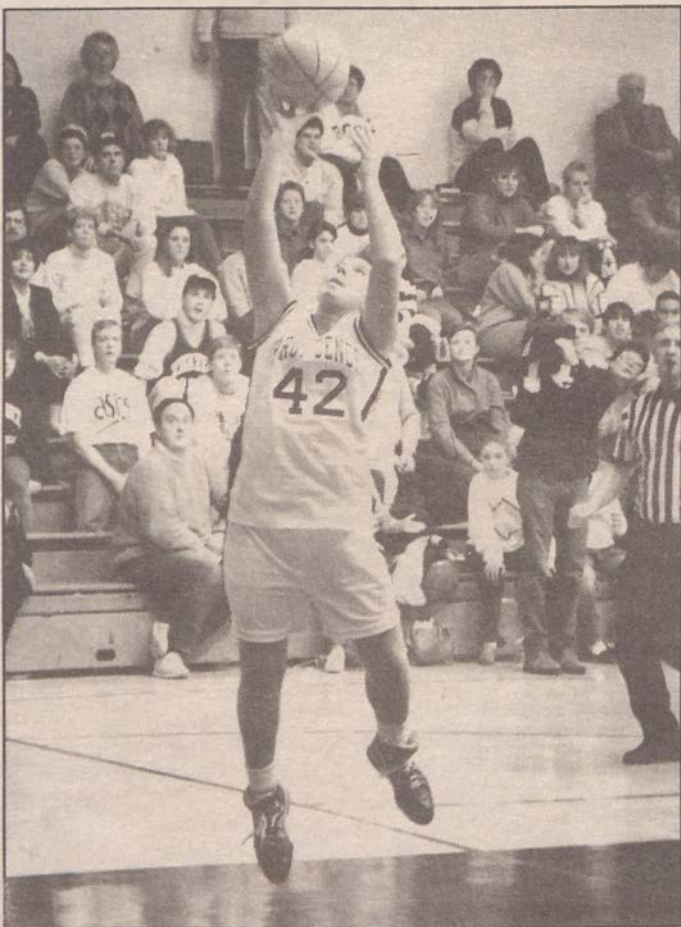
"We were very inconsistent," Head Coach Bob Foley remarked, "We came out without intensity and it carried on for the entire game. Syracuse basically outworked us because we didn't have the obvious depth that they do and we ran out of gas. We got our shots but we couldn't score when we needed to."

The Lady Friars started the game on a bad note spotting Syracuse a seven point lead in the opening minutes. It

wasn't until sharpshooter Julie Wheeler stopped the bleeding with a three-point bomb that the Lady Friars put some points on the board nearly five minutes into the first half. The Orangewomen lead swelled to eight points before PC got their heads in the game. Collette Cavallo and Heide Moyano hit treys on back-to-back trips down the floor to make it a 14-13 Syracuse lead. Then, Syracuse exploited PC's porous defense to make it a four point lead before Sarah Miller and Lori Penrod scored some timely baskets and Heide Moyano put the icing on the cake with another three-pointer to give Providence a three point lead with two minutes remaining in the first half. As time ran out in the half, Syracuse tied it up again at 24 apiece and that was the score as both teams went to the locker rooms.

The Lady Friars came out strong in the second half as Heide Moyano continued to sizzle with two more three's to put PC on top by a score of 32-29. But defense continued to be a problem for the Lady Friars and Syracuse tied it up once more. Providence managed their biggest lead with 10:29 remaining in the game when Collette Cavallo launched her third three of the game to make it

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Heide Moyano snags a board for the Lady Friars.

Orangemen drub Friars PC falls, 100-76



Austin Croshere, who scored 8 points in Wednesday night's 100-76 debacle against Syracuse, going strong to the hoop in last week's win over Seton Hall. Croshere and company will face the Pirates this Monday.

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Sports Editor

The Providence College Friar basketball team has never been a symbol for success when visiting the Syracuse Orangemen. PC held a 1-13 record before last night's contest at the Carrier Dome. Yet, some sensed that the Friars would respond to the bad taste left in their mouths by Michael Lloyd's 3 pointer nearly three weeks ago at the Civic Center, in a 60-59 loss to the Orange. Additionally, Syracuse seemed to be reeling following last Sunday's disappointing 7-71 loss to the University of Kentucky Wildcats.

However, after getting re-adjusted to playing proficiently on their home court, 9th ranked SU never gave the Friars a chance to respond to the Challenge, demolishing PC 100-76. Last night's defenseless effort was the first time a Friar club has allowed the opposition to reach the century mark in a non-overtime contest since a 101-83 Dome disaster on February 12, 1991.

Throughout the evening, the Friars showed an inability to keep Lawrence Motern and John Wallace in check. Senior sharpshooter Moten scored 32 by the end of the game, but burned the PC backcourt for leaving him open with 21 in the first half, including three long distance treys. "Coach told me to be more aggressive tonight," added the District of Columbia product.

Power forward John Wallace assumed some of the mighty load off of Moten's shoulders, shooting 11-12 en route to a 25 point total. "I was

trying to get open the entire game," said the local upstate New York product.

Although the box score reveals a well balanced Friar scoring attack, there was not enough of it to approach the high powered offense of the Orangemen.

The Friars began the game by responding to Pete Gillen's latest lineup change. Relishing the starting call for only the second conference contest of his career, Bo Larragan helped key PC early in the game. He knocked down two shots for five points, pacing PC to a 13-12 lead early in the first half. This marked the last time when Providence would hold the lead.

Following a Luke Jackson jump shot, Moten's first three pointer gave his club a 17-13 lead.

A subsequent offensive foul charged to Austin Croshere encouraged Gillen to call a timeout at 5:38.

The two clubs played a stungier brand of defense in the next seven minutes, trading baskets in the process. However, SU quickly coasted on an 11-0 run, compliments of a seven point outburst by Moten, including an exciting dunk off a steal. Syracuse continued to build up their lead for the remainder of the first half, reaching halftime with a 52-34 lead following freshman Todd Borgan's long-range three pointer.

Eric Williams' inability to find open space at the top of the key was a key factor in PC's sluggish start. The senior co-captain scored only 12 points, but still led the sluggish shooting Friars in final figures. This difficulty led Gillen to continuously tinker with his frontcourt lineups, even placing 7'0 freshman Jason Evans into temporary action.

Part of the symptoms for Providence's first half woes can be attributed to the uptempo style of play they were forced into by the Orange. This led to more PC turnovers in the second half.

Providence received a number of opportunities at the beginning of the second half, as Williams and Troy Brown began to pick up the offensive rebounding pace. Yet, the Orangemen refused to let up for an extended period of time and extended the lead to 67-49 by the middle of the period. Wallace was the prime beneficiary of point guard Michael Lloyds slash and pass style. Wallace also managed to create some of his own offense under the basket with power moves

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If the Friars are to make a late-season run at the NCAA Tournament, they will need senior Franklin Western to hold on to the ball and exhibit the form he showed two years ago.