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## PC hosts the future

David Canal '98

News Writer

This summer, Providence College will have the honor of hosting 1800 of the brightest, most creative kids in the world as PC hosts the 1995 and 1996 annual competition and conference of the Future Problem Solving Program. It will be on campus the weekend of June 9th through the 12th in 1995 and from June 7th to the 10th in 1996. PC has been selected unanimously to host this prestigious event over such larger schools as the University of Michigan and the University of Wisconsin.

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The Future Problem Solving Program, based in Ann Arbor, Michigan, is an international program for students in grades 4 through 12. The program is a year-long process in which students form groups of four and attempt to solve complex scientific and social problems of the future. Students work with coaches who assist them in gathering information and refining their problem solving and communication skills. The program challenges students to apply information they have learned to some of the most complex issues facing society today. Such issues focused on in the past have included: Acid Rain, The American Legal System, Terrorism, Nutrition, Endangered Wildlife, Poverty, and Education.

Today more than 200,000 students use Future Problem

Solvers materials and the organization is represented in all 50 states and abroad. The work of these 200,000 students is evaluated by FPS personnel throughout the year and the best teams are invited to compete at state level, and ultimately, at the Annual FPS Conference and Competition. PC will be hosting this year's annual meeting. "These students will represent the best and the brightest of their age groups from every state in the union and 7 English-speaking foreign countries," says Ronald Doucette, head of the Rhode Island FPS Chapter and President of the National FPS Board of Directors.

An event such as this presents a potentially tremendous recruiting tool to attract top students to PC from a wide variety of locations. However, there are some concerns. Providence College doesn't normally host any type of conferencing. This itself will exemplify the cooperative approach to problem solving that Future Problem Solvers seek to teach. The 1800 expected visitors, along with their parents and coaches will take up almost all available space on campus. All facets of Providence College will have to come together and cooperate in order to accommodate everyone involved. The conference will need the help and cooperation of Residence Life, Physical Plant, Food Services, Security, Cleaning, Student Services, and Institutional Relations.

## New poles

Robin L. Erickson '98

News Writer

Perhaps you've noticed the poles that were installed within the last week at the rear of Aquinas' fire lane. They seem to have sprung up out of nowhere. Aquinas has very strict fire codes, purely for safety. Then one may wonder why the Physical Plant put up these poles in a fire lane.

Philip Bathgate, Director of Security, informed *The Cowl* that the poles were put up in response to a complaint from Residence Life. They were concerned of the amount of cars that were beginning to park there. They feared that it was

jeopardizing the safety of the students, who were having to dodge cars on their way to and from classes. So, in order to curb the parking problem, several three-foot poles were installed in the fire lane to keep unwanted cars out. The problem is, in the event of a fire, how the fire engine could possibly get up close to the building to put the fire out? Bathgate explained that, in the event of a fire, a Security officer would be able to unscrew the poles in time for the engines to arrive. Because the fire department is right down the road, they can get here pretty quickly. Would

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## Dr. Pelton resigns

### Choir returns from break without a director

Mary M. Shaffrey '97

Asst. News Editor

When members of the Providence College choir returned from Spring Break, they were informed that their choir director, Dr. David Pelton had left the college. Dr. Pelton had been the choir director since 1991.

In a letter to Fr. Thomas McGonigle, Vice President of Academic Administration, dated March 22, Dr. Pelton explained that over the last months the separation between he and his family, who live in Louisiana had become too much, and that his professional output had been seriously blunted due to the separation, and therefore his work at the college had suffered.

Fr. McGonigle explained that he and Dr. Pelton had been discussing his placement at the college for months, specifically

his difficulties with the distance factor.

"Dr. Pelton informed me his family separation was becoming harder than he thought, back in November, and it was then that he began applying for jobs in other areas," commented Fr. McGonigle.

Dr. Pelton's leave of absence

**"For many people, the choir was Dr. Pelton..."**

was put into effect March 20, and his formal resignation from the college will go into effect June 30.

There was some concern over whether there were other underlying reasons as to why

Dr. Pelton left, especially considering the fact that he is still residing in the Providence area.

"David and I had lengthy discussions regarding his leaving the college, and they were confidential. People must realize however that he also has commitments to the local Baptist church. By being relieved of his duties at the college, a stress was lifted, and now he can focus more on his family," Fr. McGonigle said.

Fr. Francis Brocatto is now the temporary choir director and they are currently looking for a permanent replacement for next semester.

Fr. McGonigle explained that, "for many people the choir was Dr. Pelton, so many wondered what would happen now that he is gone. Fr. Brocatto and he both went to the Cincinnati Conservatory, so he was the perfect choice."

## '97 Ring Premiere

Michael J. Walsh '97

News Writer

On Tuesday April 4, the class of 1997 unveiled it's own class ring. The Ring Premiere lasted about forty-five minutes, and had a crowd of 300 people. Among those in attendance was Jen Pichler '97 who observed the event "as a nice way to bring the class together and share in the unveiling of our class ring." The rings are now on sale in lower Slavin and will be distributed over the Junior Ring Weekend (JRW) brunch.

"I was very pleased with the turnout, and I felt the class responded well to the collection of rings" commented Bill Ewell '97 JRW-Ring Chairmen. The Ring Committee began designing the ring this past October, and finished just two weeks ago. Ewell added "we tried to represent the class as well as we could by designing a ring unique to the class of 97."

This year's ring will be manufactured by Balfour, based out of North Attleboro, Massachusetts. Balfour was not used by last year's JRW Committee. The present core cited the geographical proximity, and reasonable price offered by Balfour for the change in ring companies. Last year's ring manufacturer was Artcarved based out of Texas, and the previous year used Jostens' out of Massachusetts.

Throughout the premiere, sweatshirts and two class rings were raffled off, and a comple-

mentary wine glass with the symbol of the new ring were passed out. The unveiling of the ring began with a toast made by the Ring Committee stressing good times, good friends, and good memories.

This year's JRW will be a little different from previous years. There will be no Thursday night mass, where the rings are normally passed out. Instead there will be a mass in Boston on Sunday morning.

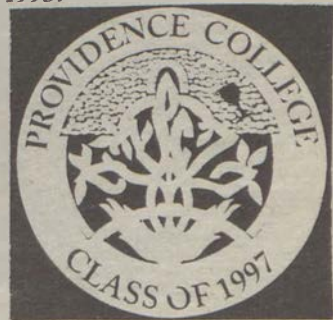


The '97 Ring Committee has been working for months on JRW which will bring the class closer together.

The ring itself has the arch of Harkins, the grotto, campaign class, dove, rosary beads and a happy Friar. The other side of the ring is the traditional side which is headed by your personalized degree, BA or BS. The JRW committee has also offered a variety of different rings, each adorned with it's own Latin name.

Class Representative John Boyle '97 commented how pleased he was with the turnout and that "it was great to see the class come together." Norah O'Beirne '97 JRW Core Committee Chairwoman, agreed with Boyle and confirmed that everything is set for the JRW weekend being held next semester in Boston.

November 12, 1995, where the rings will be handed out. After the mass at the Sheraton there will be a brunch and slideshow across the street at the Hynes Convention Center. Besides this change, everything else will follow the normal JRW schedule. The JRW Weekend is scheduled for November 10-12, 1995.





# Cross and Conversion

Mary M. Shaffrey '97

Asst. News Editor

Last night over 50 people endured the bitter cold weather to participate in PC's own Cross and Conversion. The Lenten Service, sponsored by the Office of Residence Life, Campus Ministry and the Friars Club, was campus wide.

Cross and Conversion involves the living Stations of the Cross. Each Station was represented by one of the dorms, lectors, eucharistic ministers or members of the Friars Club. A 8ft x 6ft cross, furnished by physical plant, was carried around campus. Participants sometimes sang songs, such as *Spabat Mater*, or spent some quiet time in reflection.

Afterwards confession was offered in both Aquinas Chapel and the Aquinas Lounge.

"I was very pleased with how everything went tonight. Students braved the cold winds of Smith Hill to walk in the footsteps of Christ!" commented Rev. Jordan McConway, O.P., Assistant Chaplain to the college.

Pete Contre, Hall Director of Meagher, read the thirteenth station, Jesus in Mary's arms, "I tried to bring this station to life as much as I could, and today it takes just as much faith today to believe as it did 2,000 year ago," Contre explained.

Contre too was impressed with the amount of students who came out in the cold to show their faith in Christ.

BOP Over 21 Presents:

## Beer Garden

### on Slavin Lawn

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**Friday,  
 April 7  
 4 - 7 p.m.**

## Aquinas poles

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it truly be humanly possible for one officer to physically unscrew all three poles in time?

After being questioned, Bathgate said he would immediately get together with the Physical Plant and re-evaluate the whole situation. Less than three hours after speaking with *The Cowl*, the poles were taken down. However, the poles will be back—just in a different form. They will now be replaced with breakaway poles, which can be run over by fire trucks in the event of a fire in Aquinas. This seems to be a

## World Heritage reps needed

World Heritage is a non-profit student organization dedicated to fostering cultural enrichment and intercultural understanding. We are now seeking volunteers to be Area Representatives in your community. Area Representatives serve as liaisons for high schools, host families, students, and the World Heritage offices as well as recruit qualified north American teenagers to go abroad.

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good solution to the problem of both access to a fire lane and keeping illegally parked cars out.

Aquinas is not alone with the installation of these new poles. Other areas around campus are expected to get them also. Bathgate speculates that the poles may be taken down for particular occasions, such as the day when residents move out of the halls to assist students and their families in lugging heavy items out of their rooms. But nothing is written in stone yet. Bathgate stresses that the school's main concern is the "safety of the students, without causing an inconvenience to them. This is not easy to do, and we need their co-operation."

## Studying Italian: A valuable asset

Michael J. Walsh '97

News Writer

If you are looking for an interesting new minor you might consider one in Italian. The Modern Languages Department would like to remind all students that PC offers both a major and a minor in Italian. The study of the Italian language could prove valuable to those interested in International Business because Italy is the fifth largest industrialized country in the world, surpassing Great Britain.

"The study of languages in general is an essential part of a student's education," commented Dr. Giacomo Striuli of the Modern Language Department. Striuli went on to say those "interested in the international business world will need to be exposed to foreign languages at some time, and an Italian minor could be an incredible asset."

A minor in Italian will provide one with the knowledge of the Italian language and background history of Western Civilization. Italy is rich with history and still a vital part of today's modern economy.

The Italian minor consists of eighteen credits, six courses, at any level in the Italian department. This minor could offer a variety of opportunities to students interested in business. The Italian Department also offers a class which could fulfill the fine arts requirement, The study of Italian Cinema. This course is taught in English and studies the work of such film great's as Fellini and Antonioni. Antonioni, incidentally, won the 1955 Oscar for most distinguished career.

If you are interested in Italian or International Study, you can contact the department of Modern Languages at 865-2234.

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*Michael B. McNamara*  
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Contact CPT Mike McNamara at 865-2269



## Students shine at Bioethics Conference

On March 25, 1995 eight Providence College undergraduates participated in the 18th Annual Greater Boston Conference on Bioethics. The students delivered their own original research papers. Those participating were: (In the rear of the photo) Mark Hoeing '95 - "Postmenopausal In-Vitro Fertilization, and the Reconstruction of Rights and Responsibilities," Keith Fleming '95, Kevin Burke '95 - "Natural Rights and

Responsibilities in the Twilight of Life Decisions"; (in the front of the photo) Elizabeth Kaiches '97, Laura Serfilippi '95, Stephanie Sarantopolous '95 - "The Just Distribution of Scarce Resources: Health Care Rationing - Whose Justice?", Michaela Parent '95 and Karen Tumilowicz '95 - "The moral Slippery Slope Argument from the German Euthanasia Program to Tuskegee." A major

review of "Alternative Sources to the Voluntary Organ and Tissue Donation Program" was reported by Dr. G.A. Perdrizet, M.D., Ph.D., Director of Hartford Hospital's Surgical Research Department, and Surgeon at the Transplant Service. After five years of leading participation, Providence College students have been invited to co-sponsor the conference next spring.



courtesy of Fr.Cassidy

## Faculty Senate passes new minors, major revisions

This past Wednesday's Faculty Senate meeting saw each of the proposed Senate Bills passed. These votes are the results of several long debates. After much discussion the following Bills were approved:  
\*The following three-credit courses: WMS 320: Women in the Arts, 1960-Present, THL 322: Catholic Social Thought, AMS 363: Smith Hill: A Study in Community and Place, PHL 201: Ethics, Moral Leadership and the Common Good.  
\*Major and Minor in Public Service and Public Service Courses. Thirty six hours (twelve courses) will be needed for a major and eighteen hours (six courses) for a minor. The expressed purposes of these courses are to provide firm grounding in the concepts of citizenship, ethical behavior, and the value of democratic institutions, as well as the recognition of contributions made by diverse people in a democratic society; to enable students not only to understand change but to become agents of change, to develop leadership skills; to provide decision making opportunities in complex circumstances; to develop students' ability to communicate effectively both in written and spoken word as well as using the

tools of mass communications; to provide students with concepts and skills in community-centered analysis and action research.

\*Program in Black Studies and a Minor in Black Studies. For a minor, eighteen hours (six courses) are needed. Its written purpose is to provide stu-

### The Senate Bills passed were the result of many long-standing debates.

dents with clear, precise, reliable, and accurate knowledge about the African American community, within the framework of a liberal arts education; also to foster a strong grounding in the African American community's contemporary state, history and traditions, unique culture, collective experience, and antecedent connection with Africa and African his-

tory. The program's work will be directed toward the community's world view, core beliefs, structures of relationships, patterns of moral and ethical discourse, political thought and action, experience of and response to racism, cultural motifs, and historical foundations.

\*Minor in Classics. The minor will consist of eighteen hours (six approved courses). The proposal promises to supplement students' major disciplines with a deeper understanding of the ancient world while introducing them to the complex cultural legacies of the past. Courses in Classic Languages equip students to read the ancient masterpieces while also benefiting the study of Modern languages.

\*Approval of Revisions in the History Major which will take effect with the class of 1999, implemented in the fall of 1996. The actual change involves the reordering of the number of required courses in the major. Out of the required ten courses, now three must be U.S. History, three European History, and four elective History courses.

\*Voting on the 1996 - 1997 calendar has been postponed until the May 3rd meeting.

## Academics Review

Erin Piorek '96

News Writer

In order to make sure that PC is ready for the 21st century, a Committee has been formed to conduct a broad review of the curriculum. This review Committee is referred to as the Curriculum Review Steering Committee (CRSC). The Committee is made up of sub-committees, which, in addition to the chair, are comprised of faculty members and at least one student who comes from one of the areas under that committee's review. There are seven sub-committees, including Core Curriculum, External Review, Humanities Depts/Programs, Interdisciplinary, Non-Degree Programs, Physical Sciences, Pre-Professional Depts/Pro-

tion in the review process, due to the fact that recently there have been concerns regarding their effectiveness as they are currently set up. Evaluating the CIV program will probably be the most difficult task that the Committee will have to face. Many of the professors are very traditional in their thinking and some even get defensive when suggestions for changing the program come up.

Lauren Varian, Student Lobbyist for PC, is currently working with Student Congress on reviewing the DWC program and other areas of the core curriculum. It is crucial that everyone gets involved in the review process "so that students' concerns are addressed."

The CRSC seeks the widest possible participation in the re-

### Students who have suggestions or comments are welcome.

grams, and Social Science Depts/Programs. The goal of the Committee is to study and evaluate the existing curriculum at Providence College. Ultimately, The Curriculum Review Steering Committee will propose a PC curriculum which will be "the best program" for a Liberal Arts education in the 21st century within the context of a Catholic tradition.

The Development of Western Civilization and Natural Science programs will more than likely get the most atten-

view of the curriculum. It is vital that all members of the community participate so that the project can be a success.

Students who have suggestions or comments are welcome and feedback will be much appreciated. If you have any suggestions, please contact Lauren Varian in the Student Congress Office. It's time to make changes in the name of academics so that we can enhance PC's academic reputation and benefit from "the best possible" Liberal Arts education.

## Victims of Vandalism

Judith Colonna '95

News Writer

More recently than ever, PC's campus has been a victim of vandalism. Though many students are unaware of the disrespectful actions taken against our community, many members of the administration and employees of UNICO, our campus cleaning company, are well aware of the destruction and the consequences of the acts.

A few of the incidents include clogging various toilet bowls on campus with bottles or cans and then flushing them, causing the waste to overflow onto the bathroom floor, or breaking beer bottles against trash room walls in the dorms, creating a huge mess of broken glass and sticky surfaces. The night Blues Traveler played on campus, a large window in Slavin, on the way to the mini-mall, was cracked and had to be replaced at the school's cost.

Other acts, such as removing toilet stall doors, breaking door windows and car windows, are reported to be tied-up with alcohol and indoor, hall sports. And the "disruption of campus living," states Richy Kless, PC alum and Assistant Director of Operations, Residence Life, "destroys the fellowship and experience of college." The worst part about the vandalism,

continues Kless, is having to "send bills out at the end of the year to students who were not involved in the destructive acts." And though PC doesn't bill anyone unless the sum is \$25 or more, it would be easier if the culprits were revealed by their peers when known. But according to Dr. Leonard Roberts, Executive Director of Residence Life, PC's vandalism is no greater than other colleges or universities. In fact, Roberts feels strongly about solving the problem, and wants to "work with the students to stop the vandalism."

"Three of our employees have been cut cleaning up the messes in the trash rooms and the bathrooms," states one Unico employee, "and if the regulations were tougher on the students, the problems would probably decrease."

For now, however, the college suggests that students look over the handbook and become familiar with the rules regarding vandalism. No one likes to pay for something they didn't do, or to live in an environment over-ridden with dirt. "This campus is our home while we are here," comments one concerned student who doesn't want to pay for unnecessary bills, "and it's time to treat the community in which we live, with respect."



# The Outside World



Jamie Roy '95

News Writer

## G.O.P. Plans Major Tax Cut

The latest tax bill to be fielded by the Republicans, plans to over the next five years reduce income tax levels by \$189 billion. This bill under consideration by the House of Representatives will give tax breaks to individuals and businesses. Such breaks include a reduced capital gains tax, a \$500 tax cut for each child for families, and other such breaks. The Republican support for this bill maintain that it would promote reduced spending to balance reduced revenue of the beginning of the bill implementation. These measures will not be taken until Congress has reached agreement and approval on a "balanced budget." The tax cuts represent a additional cutting of spending for programs, which according to the Republicans do not effect Social Security or Medicare. Such programs that will feel the cuts would be the across the board, not yet identified specifically. We will have to wait and see if first the "balanced budget" is passed before the year 2002.

## Clinton and Major, Put Differences Aside Once Again

President Bill Clinton and British Prime Minister, John Major, met this week to discuss the question of Northern Ireland. In the past, relations between the U.S. and Britain have had many ups and downs. The differences between Clinton and Major have produced slow progress in the debate over North Ireland. Major, resentful of Clinton's decision to invite Gerry Adams, head of the Republican Army, to the White House for fund raising. Clinton on the other hand is strong promoter of peace in North Ireland and is pushing for some sort of agreement. Despite the differences, progress has been made regarding economic sanctions against Iraq, the expansion of NATO, and the war in Bosnia. Hopefully, the relations between the U.S. and Britain will continue along these lines and a stronger alliance will be formed. The question and debate over North Ireland rages on, but progress is being made and peace may be in the future.

## The Return of Iraq and Iran, Double Trouble

The past week once again

has brought Iraq and Iran into the spotlight again. Iraq is thought to be once again gaining capacity to make weapons of mass destruction, causing a stir with the UN. The Clinton Administration is considering a total trade ban against Iran. The dual threat of Iran and Iraq has emphasized the need for a strong anti-Iraq coalition at the UN and to neutralize Iran's growing economy. Clinton stresses the importance of acting against these "rogue states." The UN and its members are keeping a close eye on these developments. Iraq and Iran's governments decisions to ignore UN pleas will only escalate the problem. As for the US, Clinton is trying a strong foreign policy in regard to Iraq and Iran. With further backing from the UN, the Clinton Administrations recommendations may be passed.

## News Shorts

-Baseball is Back and Spring training has begun. Opening day has been post-poned to April 26.

-Argentina under debate over an internal war that raged from 1976 to 1983, which claimed thousands of lives.

-Fighting continues in Bosnia, no end in sight.

-Colombian officials reported to be linked to drug traffickers.

-The Simpson trial continues as O.J.'s defense team tries to discredit the police department's handling of evidence.

Articles compiled from the New York Times

# Disciplinary Measures

On Friday, February 12, there were two altercations somewhat linked. Because of a connection between the two altercations, one hearing was held. It was apparent that although the basic facts could be determined, nonetheless, who did what, their level of participation, and other pertinent information could not be readily determined. Following their hearing and appeal, the following were sanctions administered based on various charges presented.

Charges for Student A: \*violation of the standards of the college \*underage drinking \*damage to college property \*charges pertaining to participation in the altercation; Penalties: \*disciplinary probation until graduation \*letter of apology \*200 hours of community restitution

Charges of Students B and C: \*underage drinking \*violation of standards of the college \*participation in the altercation; Penalties: \*participation in an alcohol education class \*30 hours of community restitution \*probation until May 22, 1995 Charges of Student C: \*violation of the standard of conduct of the college \*underage drinking \*participation in the altercation \*damage to college

property \*unauthorized entry into a college facility; Penalties: \*probation until graduation day \*50 hours of restitution participation in alcohol education classes \*suspended fine which could be reinstated based upon any potential future discipline case

Charges of Student D: \*underage drinking \*unauthorized entry in a college facility; Penalties: \*disciplinary probation until May 16, 1995 \*25 hours of community restitution

Charges of Student E: \*violation of standards of conduct of the college \*participation in the altercation \*damage to college property \*unauthorized entry into a college facility; Penalties: \*disciplinary probation until January 31, 1996 \*50 hours of community restitution Providence College considers fighting as conduct entirely unacceptable for Providence College students. Had evidence been available for determining some matters, suspension or dismissal were truly a potential. I feel obliged to advise the community of Providence College that if one is found guilty of provoking a fight and/or participation in such conduct, dismissal, or suspension are usually the sanctions.

Every week the Disciplinary Measures are furnished by the Office of Student Services.

## Join The Cowl!

Many positions available for the '95-'96 staff!!

Informational meeting:

Mon. April 10

7 p.m.

Slavin 203

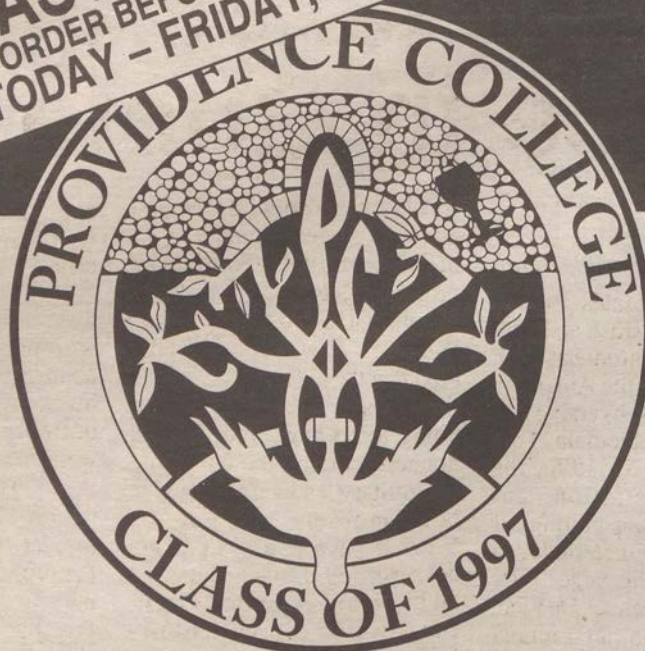
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## Class Ring Ordertaking!

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Ordertaking resumes after Easter Break, April 18, 19, 20, 21

Time: 10am to 4pm Place: Lower Slavin



# Eazy-E

## A symptom of modern America

Christopher Roche '96

Editorial Writer

"The same things that make you live/will kill you in the end." -Neil Young

The first time I heard the brash voice of the short, trash talking gangster, musician and educator known as Eazy-E was seven years ago. Back then Gangster Rap still had not attained an identity with mainstream America, and it was not as angry a movement as it is today. Eazy-E helped to put gangster rap on the musical map. In addition to founding N.W.A, he was responsible for such rap classics as "Boyz in the Hood" which later went on to become a popular film title. His songs are graphic and often raw. Most of his lyrics are unprintable; they contain talk of drinking 8-ball, stealing cars, getting high, having sex with "ho's" and "bitches" and murdering other gangsters. He has such clever couplets as "She's bad, nobody is badder/but she's got more crabs than a seafood platter" and "Little did he know I had a loaded twelve gauge/one sucker dead L.A. Times front page."

The life that Eazy-E loved to glorify in his music led to his demise. The fast-paced life of the gangster caught up with him. However, his life was not meaningless. Eazy-E was a positive contributor to our culture. He was a pioneer in the world of hip-hop. Through his graphic lyrics he forced Americans to re-examine our inner cities and ourselves. He also worked to improve his commu-

nity, most notably by participating in the "West Coast All Stars" CD which was a project to combat gang violence by raising general awareness and money for alternative programs. Furthermore, Eazy-E was not afraid to break away from the pack and form his own opinions. While everybody was on the Rodney King bandwagon, Eazy-E was not. While rappers tend to despise the Republican Party, Eazy-E was attending dinners with the Republican inner circle, much to his fellow rappers' chagrin. Eazy-E had gone back to school and earned his GED, and he was broadening his musical horizons by producing other hip-hop acts for Ruthless Records. The manager of the L.A. radio station where Eazy-E had his weekly hip-hop show said that there was "a gentler side to him." He was not all that his music cracked him up to be.

In many ways Eazy-E is a Sisyphian character. He survived one of America's most brutal living environments only to have it kill him later. He recorded his first album in his parents' garage; he said that he had to sell drugs in order to fund it. He worked to form the most powerful rap group in history, N.W.A, only to see member Ice-Cube walk out on him over money. However, he pressed on and released a N.W.A CD with Dr. Dre entitled "Efil4 Zaggin." His image survived the PR barrage that Dr. Dre, Ice-Cube and Snoop Doggy Dogg were throwing at him, and he began to focus his energy on helping others through producing. He had achieved his personal for-

tune, survived the bullets and the drugs, but he had one obstacle too many. He left the Crypts, but he could not purge himself of them. He died a married man.

Eazy-E is a symptom of a mushrooming problem in this country. Children find their parents in the street rather than at home. Eazy-E's age group represents the beginning of the phenomenon, but the problem gets much worse in the children between the ages of eleven and eighteen. These children are the products of the highest divorce rate, single-parent motherhood, drug infested neighborhoods and gang infested schools. This age group represents the core of our nation's gun-toting, drug dealing, AIDS-spreading population, and they are not confined to inner cities anymore. These are the children on the streets who wear gang colors and write on themselves with magic marker in order to gain acceptance. These are the children who would rather have sex (and do) than play Little League. They are just as likely to be seen on the streets of Omaha, Nebraska as Los Angeles. America is going to experience the effects of a lost generation when these children grow up. They are the soldiers of the domestic war that takes place in our streets and schools everyday. Many of these children are void of hope, confidence and achievement.

People have said to me that considering his circumstances, Eazy-E was lucky! If dying of AIDS at the age of 31 is lucky, then I do not want any part of that roulette wheel.

# Young, white and male

John J. Olohan '95

Editorial Writer

No one, with a few exceptions, wants to touch the subjects of race and gender. Unless of course, the individual is well-equipped with politically correct terminologies and concepts. Why? Because people are afraid of the truth. Every civilized human being knows that racism and sexism are bad, but some still practice them. They are like extra-marital affairs; everyone knows they are wrong, that is why people keep them quiet. Most anti-racism and anti-sexism articles are written by bleeding hearts who try to win favor amongst minorities and their peers. Once again, I shall present a reality that is kept rather quiet.

Why is it that because I am a white male I am responsible for the ignorance and injustice of past white males? The sins of our fathers are not mine; my sins alone are mine. Being a white male in the 1990's supposedly means you are sexist, racist, and self-centered. I beg to differ.

I was not given a scholarship to college because of my skin color. Minorities in the same socio-economic bracket, some higher than me, with the same teachers from kindergarten to twelfth grade were awarded scholarships to college having an equal or lesser transcript. Why? Why was I not awarded in the same fashion? Is it because I am a white male who supposedly was responsible for slavery and the abuses of women?

People play the race card and gender card too frequently. Everything is "institutionalized racism or sexism". Even God is a racist for making snow white and sexist by making Jesus Christ male, for crying out loud. Can someone judge me for my actions, my track-record, and my feelings; as opposed to pegging me a sexist and racist because I am a white male?

Obviously there is racism and sexism today. But walls are being built and skin is being thickened, among the races and sexes because blame is being put on innocent individuals— young white males.

The government works full force to make sure quotas are met based on gender and race, as opposed to merit. Judge me by the content of my character, not the color of my skin or the gender that I was endowed with.

In order to climb the ladder of success, one must work as if there is no tomorrow. If I am a good worker, I will be compensated accordingly. Many Americans seem to think that corporations owe them. No one owes anyone anything besides respect.

Racism and sexism go both ways. Contrary to popular misconception, a minority can hate me because I am white, and a woman can sexually harass. I personally have been a victim of both, as have many other young white males.

Yes, sexism and racism still exist. Minority leaders and feminist leaders think that minorities and women must vote as groups. George Orwell's term "groupthink" is what they are espousing. I do not see any sane politician claiming that he represents the "white vote" or the "male vote". All minorities do not think the same. All women do not think the same. "Groupthink" prevents individuals from being individuals.

People claim to be racially sensitive and gender sensitive, when in fact, they are very uncomfortable. Who cares? Your skin is black; mine is white. You are female; I am male. People are constantly looking for the differences, when they should be looking for the similarities. The only difference between males and females are reproductive organs and hormones. The only difference between minorities and whites is melanin. I would say that everyone has much more in common than we ever hear or read about in our day to day lives.

The only way to stop racism and sexism is for everyone to work as hard as they can at whatever it is they do. There will be glass ceilings; but when the pressure becomes so overwhelming because there is no other way to deny a minority's or female's personal credibility—the ceiling will shatter. Nothing worth possessing comes easy.

Beat the racists and sexists with knowledge and ability. Do not give people an excuse to say that you only got the job because you fill a quota. Young minorities and young women should look to bond with young white males because we are a new generation that has yet to become like our forefathers. Do not buy into the blame game. When a name is put with a face—it is very difficult to inflict pain.

# Our taxes and peace in Guatemala

Vera Schomer '96

Editorials Editor

The United States government, first under Bush and continuing under Clinton, has been caught deceiving the American people about its subversive foreign policy in Guatemala. I am not surprised. In 1990, the Bush Administration announced that it was cutting off military aid to Guatemala, in response to public anger over the killing of Michael DeVine, an American who ran a tourist ranch in Guatemala's northern rainforest.

The Guatemalan military did not investigate the murder, knowing that its own members would be implicated. Regardless, our government secretly sent \$5 million to \$7 million annually through the C.I.A. to make up for the loss of public aid. According to Bush officials, the money was spent on C.I.A. sources, not weapons, for the purpose of keeping the U.S. informed about Guatemalan government and to control drug trafficking.

Recently, the 1992 killing of Efraim Bamaca Velasquez, an imprisoned member of the leftist party, came into question af-

ter his American wife, Jennifer Harbury, staged a hunger strike in Guatemala and a Washington protest to determine his whereabouts and to end the silence on the case. It was soon discovered that the C.I.A. knew where he was and knew that he was going to be murdered, but did not act. Further, the Guatemalan military leader implicated in both murders was on the C.I.A.'s payroll. Again, I am not surprised. Little by little, we all begin to realize that American government and politics follow the plot lines of a Tom Clancy novel.

It is horrifying to know that our government continues to support a civilian government controlled by the military which is famous for its tradition of destroying Mayan villages and murdering anyone who stands in the way of their oppression. Guatemala's indigenous people have suffered because of a 34-year civil war in which over 100,000 people have been killed, and another 40,000 have "disappeared." Ironically, the Guatemalan military that has terrorized the population is trained by the United States C.I.A. This has been our tax dollars at work. We have been

subsidizing the unjust slaughter of innocent Latin Americans for years.

In recent peace talks and U.N. negotiations, Guatemala was asked to investigate and control the large numbers of human rights violations (committed by the military) that were reported, not to mention the thousands that were never reported due to threats and intimidation. These talks led to the proposal of a peace agreement between the military and guerillas which is likely to be signed soon. I believe this is the start of a new era in Guatemalan history and diplomacy. The civilian president, Ramiro de Leon Carpio, finally has a chance to take control away from the military and give it back to the people. However, the success of this initiative may depend on the nature of U.S. involvement.

It is a shame that it took the killing of Americans or their loved ones to finally get the world involved in Guatemala. Now that people care, it is time to re-examine the role that outside forces play. By aiding the military, the U.S. has done nothing but make the situation worse. It is obvious that our

government believes to have just cause for meddling in Central America for political and economic reasons, but there comes a time when we must allow nations to exercise their own sovereignty. Foreign domination will never work in Guatemala.

Our nation has the power to promote positive change. It should be using diplomacy to help Guatemala's institutions change themselves and to overcome the divisions of their past.

Our non-governmental agencies should provide economic aid for communities affected by the war. Our government should promote the peaceful return of refugees, and should offer suggestions for rebuilding the nation's economy. Guatemala is in a fragile state. We as individuals must take notice and demand that our government exert its foreign influence in a humanitarian, peace-keeping way.



# Ban the Chair!

Jamie Lantinen '97

Editorial Writer

I recently read the best argument against capital punishment. I have been leaning on that side of the issue for some time, but this was the clincher. It was not a particularly riveting or eloquent piece of writing - just an irrefutably logical article. In that same manner, I hope to explain why I do not favor the death penalty. With any luck, I won't change my mind by the end of this article.

The battle cry of capital punishment advocates calls for the elimination of crime, ridding our jails of the useless members of society. They say that we should let the punishment fit the crime, but we all know of the inherent contradiction in this statement. I have been fortunate thus far not to be on the side of the victim. However, I imagine that if a criminal were to harm my loved ones, I would want that criminal to suffer in the worst way possible. It is a truly human quality, or flaw, to seek revenge. However, when examined from a purely objective and

logical vantage point, we see that revenge is no more a justifiable act than the crime itself. While this is not a new argument, it still holds true. We have to prove to ourselves that we have evolved since the days of the death of Socrates. As a society we have to believe that we are better than a mass of reactionary crusaders.

Those who support the death penalty argue that by not giving the most harsh sentence possible, we are legitimizing the crime. The reality is to the contrary: by killing someone for murder, we legitimize murder when it is committed by the state. The only other option we have, sending a criminal to jail for life, is not a picnic despite what you may have heard. An American without liberty might as well be dead. And some, like Patrick Henry, would rather be dead. The ultimate question is whether anyone - citizen, criminal, or the state - has the right to kill another human being. There can be no exceptions to this ultimate of moral laws.

When examined from an

economic point of view, we see that capital punishment is not a cheap alternative to prison. The average cost for execution in Florida is an astounding \$3 million. For Texas, the average is \$2.3 million. This is enough money to imprison two or three lifetime inmates. Although this should not be regarded as the primary reason for rejecting the death penalty as a legitimate punishment, it demonstrates that the flawed logic of supporters of the penalty cannot be supported statistically. Capital punishment is not the cheap, quick-fix to society's problems. Indeed, our desire to regard violence and death as viable solutions to a dilemma is the problem of modern society.

One of the more interesting, although not essential, arguments against capital punishment is the issue of justice. Once you kill someone for a crime, you had better be sure that he was the criminal. Innocent people always have a chance to get out of jail, but they won't get out of a coffin. Believe it or not, innocent people are convicted more often than you might think.

One of the leaders of the anti-death penalty movement, former Supreme Court Justice William Brennan is living proof of this. He commuted countless sentences of death row inmates during his term. Among those he saved from death were 50 innocent people. If one innocent person is saved, then this should be enough to reject the death penalty. Regardless of how many guilty people are executed, the death of one innocent person cannot be justified.

Perhaps the most important question from the empiricist's point of view is whether the death penalty is a successful deterrent to violent crimes. The data I have read seem to say the contrary. Texas, the state with the most executions since 1973 - almost a third of the executions nationwide - has one of the highest murder rates. Louisiana, the state with the highest murder rate, also subscribes to capital punishment. Florida is the only state with capital punishment and a murder rate below the national average. (Evidently senior citizens have more important things to do than kill

people.)

Do these statistics confirm that capital punishment is not an effective crime deterrent? No. More importantly, do they tell us if capital punishment is the correct way for society to punish? No. Do they tell us why our society values bottom line statistics over the sanctity of human life? No.

Therefore, we have to look at the recent compassionless movement as dangerous. It is the movement that values tax breaks over lunches for children. It is the movement that values pay raises over student loans. It is the movement of Governor Weld of Massachusetts and Governor Pataki of New York, who have introduced death penalty measures in their respective states. It is the movement that values the quick and "easy" answer of death to the long, hard struggle of life. Steve Martin once offered a simple solution to the problem of overpopulation: "Death penalty for parking violation." Someday, if we continue to reject compassion and reason in society, that solution may be no joke.

## A call for personal responsibility

Robert Mendes '95

Editorial Writer

The current budget battle raging in Congress has been the most refreshing event in national politics in recent memory. For the first time in years, there is a clear distinction between the failed liberal philosophy, dating back to the '60's, and the new conservative mandate which is going to lead this country out of its dangerous and costly mentality of government dependence. In short, the Republicans are becoming the party of personal responsibility, a move which is long overdue.

A story which appeared in the March 15 *Providence Journal* offers a perfect example of just how pervasive and costly government dependency has become and, consequently, how a healthy dose of personal responsibility is needed. The *Journal* reported that the Republicans want to cut a program which guides high school juniors and seniors toward a two-year technical course at schools such as the Community College of Rhode Island which specialize in job skills. The entire program costs \$108 million nationwide. CCRI's share is slated to be \$230,000 for the next academic year if the Republicans do not succeed in cutting it. \$108 million is not an insignificant amount of money, even for the federal government.

A 20 year old participant in the program, who hopes to get a job as an ambulance paramedic, was quoted in the story defending the program. He told the *Pro Jo*, "I was basically the type of person who was in school to play basketball and would go home after playing and do nothing." If he had gone to college without the help of

the program, he said, "it would have been to play basketball and I would have failed out."

Liberals would say that this is money well spent since it gave guidance, direction and a future to a wayward youngster. I say the program is a waste of money.

The student's goal of becoming an EMT is certainly worthy and he should be commended for it. I am glad he turned his life around. That is not the issue. The issue is that it is not the government's responsibility to motivate this young man and find him a vo-

age 18 he already has the discipline and direction to become an EMT on his own. It starts by prohibiting him from playing basketball until he does his homework and maintains respectable grades. It continues throughout high school when teachers take a personal interest in his life and offer him their advice and support. Finally, an occasional kick in the butt from mom and dad helps as well.

The best parents and teachers know that education is not just the process of learning facts. It is the entire intellectual, moral, physical, emotional, and

## It is not the government's responsibility to motivate wayward youths and find them a vocation.

cation. It is his mother's and father's job to raise him in such a way that he will want to find a meaningful job on his own. It is also his teachers' as well as his guidance counselors', relatives' and friends', among others. Most importantly, it is his responsibility. It's called taking responsibility for one's own life. It's one of the most important lessons a person learns while growing up. At least, it should be. However, liberals would like to relieve the individual of his responsibilities and heap them onto the government's list of duties. This story is clear proof of that mentality.

Ideally, his parents and teachers should have been practicing tough love from day one of his education, so that at

spiritual development of a person. Liberals have either forgotten that, or even worse, would rather spend millions of dollars attempting it at age 18 when it may be too late.

Some may say that this is an un-Christian attitude. They are wrong. It fits perfectly well with God's command that we are our brother's keeper. That means that each individual must take a personal interest in the lives of his or her friends, students, children, parents, co-workers, whatever the case may be. When one of them falls on hard times, it is our duty to help them get back on their feet. We should not turn our backs and pretend that the government will help them.

It is very dangerous to believe instead, as liberals do, that Big Brother is our keeper.

## The doctor is never in

Mike Sullivan '97

Editorial Writer

Getting sick is not enjoyable under any circumstances, but getting sick while you are a resident student at PC is about as bad as it gets. Since most students live too far away to go to their regular family doctor when feeling ill, they have to make a trip down to the Providence College Student Health Center instead. I'm not saying that everything about the health center is bad. The nurses, for instance, are terrific. Dealing with 20 to 30 sick college students everyday cannot be pleasant, but the nurses always go out of their way to make you feel better. Unfortunately, our Student Health Center is not meeting the needs of sick students as adequately and efficiently as it should. I think that just about every student who has ever visited the health center has left with a legitimate complaint.

The biggest problem with the Student Health Center is that there is never a doctor available when you are. You are only allowed to sign up to see a doctor from 11:45 to 12:45, which for many students is not a very convenient time. Everyone either has class during that time period or it is their only chance in the day to eat lunch. They are left with a choice between seeing a doctor for treatment, and skipping a class or a meal that they have already paid for. As a result, many people put off going to the clinic until they are too sick to go to class.

Not only are the hours of sick call poorly scheduled,

they are also too few in number. The doctors see patients from 12pm until 2pm on weekdays for a total of ten hours a week. It does not make much sense that a school like PC with close to 4,000 students only has a doctor present for a total of ten hours per week. Two hours a day is not nearly enough time to adequately treat every student that shows up for sick call. Some students are rushed through so quickly that they are misdiagnosed. For example, a student who went in complaining about a sore throat was not given a throat culture and was sent home without the proper medicine. Three days later she returned to find out that she had a severe throat infection, which a specialist would later identify as strep throat.

PC should definitely look into hiring a full-time physician who could work in the health center for five or six hours a day during the week and four hours a day on weekends. This would allow students to see the doctor when it is convenient for them. In addition, the doctor would have more time with his or her patients and students would not have to spend so much time in the waiting room. Students who get sick over the weekend would not have to wait until Monday afternoon to get treatment. They should be able to recover from their illness in time to go to class on Monday. I'm sure a lot of people would argue that hiring a full time physician is too expensive, but I'm sure the school could cut enough unnecessary spending in non-academic areas to come up with the needed funds.



# Letters to the Editor

## The Alembic - CENSORED!

To the Editor:

*The Alembic* is a literary and art magazine that has been published annually each spring for more than twenty years. The magazine is a student-run and a student-organized production. At least that was my impression until two weeks ago.

Recently, I discovered that since *The Alembic* is a published work on PC campus, it is automatically subject to censorship from the administration. So, I learned that the magazine is not ultimately a student-run organization. In the end, the power rests with the administration, which otherwise is uninvolved with the two semesters of editorial work that the staff must provide. Yet, staff-based decisions can evidently be judged as insignificant in one swift moment.

The cover for the 1995 edition of *The Alembic* was rejected by the administration over the spring break. The Monday that classes resumed I inquired into the reasons for the rejection. I was told that the cover was rejected on the grounds that the artwork might possibly offend some people.

If the standard rule for publishing material in *The Alembic* or in any other PC publication is based on the premise that it is not allowed if it might possibly offend somebody, then realistically, nothing should be published. Whether the articles, artwork, photographs, poems, or stories are conservative or liberal, the items are guaranteed to offend somebody for some reason. For example,



*The Cowl* is free to publish editorials that might offend some readers. I thought that part of the purpose of a liberal arts college was to expose people to various ideas and viewpoints on subjects.

The intended cover was submitted by a PC student and was designed at a PC studio art class. The staff agreed that this particular submission was the strongest of all the possible cover choices. Furthermore, the art, a charcoal picture of a woman's body, was accomplished by a female artist. Thematically, these reasons compliment the fact that we, as editors of *The Alembic*, wanted to celebrate the twentieth graduating class of women at PC this year.

When I presented my defense of the original cover, I was told that my argument was intellectual. The administration felt that the staff was not responsible enough in the decision making process.

Acting responsibly includes fulfilling obligations, being accountable for one's actions, and distinguishing between right and wrong. I feel that the staff fulfilled the obligations of

this student-run magazine completely as editors. Each name listed on the staff page reflects each individual's own accountability. Furthermore, as editor of this year's edition, I believe that the administration made a wrong decision and should be held accountable for censoring the 1995 edition of *The Alembic*.

Heather Jackson  
Editor, *The Alembic*

## Change Honors Policy Now

To the Editor:

I was pleased to discover that I am not the only senior who is troubled with the graduation honors policy. I too have been very frustrated with the recent change to have honors at graduation based solely on seven semesters. Having worked hard at PC for over three-and-a-half years, I am less than two-tenths of a point from the honors for which I have been striving. I anticipate that with my last semester included, I could finally achieve my goal. To take away my chance, and the chance of other students in the same situation, of receiving those honors during the ceremony is not only unfair but very upsetting.

I have been to the Dean's office to voice my concern about the new policy. I was told that my only chance of receiving the honors I sought, in light of the fact that the eighth semester is not included, was to try to get one of my professors from last semester to change one of my B+'s to an A. That would have been all I needed to receive the honors. I think such a request is unfair to both my professors and me. Moreover, it may be unethical. I want the honors I receive to reflect my four years of work and not my ability to get a grade changed four months after the end of the semester.

I applaud the efforts of Tricia O'Hare and I also feel that the editorial article "With Honors?" gave valid ways to accommodate those students who are just shy of honors. I am confident that President Smith will see that the change in the honors policy is unjust and will therefore approve the appeal.  
Sincerely,  
Amy McDonald '95

## No discipline for rape?

To the Editor:

This letter is written regarding the absence of a sexual assault policy in the Providence College student handbook. Looking at a brochure from the Rape Crisis Center (421-4100), there are several degrees of sexual assault. Rhode Island Law states that first degree sexual assault, also known as rape, is defined as coerced penetration of the vagina, anus, or mouth by part of another person's body or an object. The

definition of second degree sexual assault is sexual contact (intentional touching of a person's genital area or buttocks, or a woman's breasts) without her or his consent. If intercourse takes place without consent, it is considered rape. A person who is asleep, mentally incapacitated or physically helpless due to intoxication is considered unable to consent.

One in four women in college have been sexually assaulted at least once. A rape oc-

curs every two minutes in the United States. 84% of victims of sexual assault do not report it. This may be because the victims are afraid, feel no one will believe them, feel nothing will happen to their assailant, are unsure if they are at fault, or are afraid of the attack becoming public knowledge. Alcohol is a definite factor in 80% of sexual assaults.

If you or someone you know was sexually assaulted, how would you know where to turn? Do you still have the yellow

pamphlets we were given? Would the student handbook help? No! Providence College has no written sexual assault policy in the student handbook. It has seventeen lines about the importance of our ID card, but NOTHING on sexual assault. Other Catholic colleges including Holy Cross and Boston College do. Salve Regina is currently working on one.

Do you have any ideas or insights about this? We are looking for your feedback on this important topic. Please write to box 1672 with any thoughts or suggestions.

Remember that just because we have no written policy at Providence College, do not feel you cannot report it. There are many caring and confidential resources on campus. The Student Health center, Security, Personal Counseling Center, Chaplain's Office, as well as your RA are willing to listen and help any way they are able.

Concerned Social Work Students

### The Cowl Editorial Policy 1994-1995

I. Commentary articles and letters to the Editor are welcome from any member of the PC student body, faculty, or administration. Submissions from those outside the PC community may be printed if space permits.

II. All submissions to the Editorial Department are subject to the editing of the Editorial staff. If there is a specific part of your letter or article you do not wish to have altered, please see one of the Editorial staff members prior to publication.

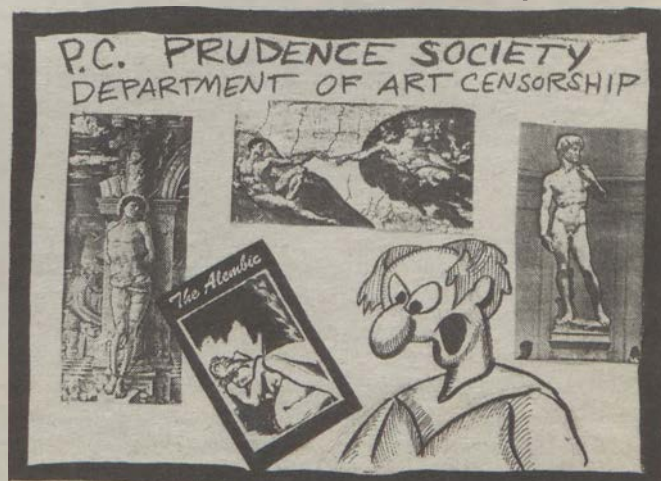
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I'M SORRY BUT THE FEMALE FIGURE IS OFFENSIVE TO THOSE OF US WHO ADHERE TO THE CATHOLIC FEAR OF FLESH.



# Little Women premieres at PC

## Blackfriars' latest production a mixed bag

Mark Cybulski '95

A&amp;E Editor

Adapting one of the most famous novels in American literature to the stage is both an arduous and difficult task. The Blackfriars Theatre has met this challenge with their current production of *Little Women*, their final show of the 1994-95 academic year. While inconsistent in some places, the show featured the usual strong performances by the Blackfriars' cast members along with some ambitious directing and superb costumes and set design by Mary Farrell and other members of the Theater Arts Department.

Set in the heart of New England during the Civil War, *Little Women* is centered around the lives of four sisters as they each come of age in the patriarchal Victorian society. Jo (Jeanine L. Cappello) is tomboyish and has the potential to be a great writer, but puts the needs of her family in front of her own. Meg (Megan Gibbons) is the oldest and is preoccupied with typical teen adolescent activities. Beth (Elizabeth A. Brady) is very shy and sickly, and Amy (Mary Jo Bennett) is the young naive one who is the butt of every joke. The family bond is wearily held together by their mother, Marmee (Jennifer O'Donnell), whose main concern is the status of her husband who is off fighting in the Civil War. Louisa May Alcott (Beth Ford) serves as the omnipresent narrator throughout the play. Ford also plays other minor characters as they periodically appear in the play.

*Little Women* follows the development of the March girls as they grow into adulthood. Jo develops a relationship with Laurie (F. Michael Scafati), that eventually grows into his unrequited love for her. Jo finally goes to New York to develop her writing abilities and meets and falls in love with Professor Bhaer (Heath A. Tiberio). Meg marries

Laurie's teacher, John Brooke (Stephen B. Radochia) and Amy eventually ends up with Laurie. Beth dies from complications of scarlet fever.

The highlight of *Little Women* came from the performances of the players. Beth Ford was outstanding in the role of Louisa May Alcott. Her character held the play together and made the show easier to follow. She was also terrific in the other roles she played, particularly as the girls' wretched old Aunt March. Jeanine L. Cappello was also good in the

J. Shabrack and Amanda Blake Davis all deserve recognition for their strong performances in supporting roles. The beautiful singing of Stephanie Kraus and the eloquent piano and guitar playing by Jennifer Osean and Richard A. Brewer were also nice touches to the performance.

Mary Farrell's direction and adaptation of *Little Women* offered both high points and low points. Her inclusion of Louisa May Alcott as the narrator added much in terms of helping the

Jo Bennett as Amy.

Although *Little Women* had several positive aspects about it, there were some inconsistencies in the adaptation of Alcott's novel. One part of the play that suffered was the lack of a build up to the tension of Laurie and Jo's relationship. It would have been much more interesting to see more time devoted to this facet of the story. The relationship between Jo and Laurie seemed to take a back seat to the sappy camaraderie between the March sisters. Farrell seemed to love the sentimentality of the story so much that the show bordered on being melodramatic.

The lack of the impact of male characters on the female characters was also rather confusing. The exclusion of the sisters' father was a glaring absence. Everybody cries in rejoice as they look offstage and greet him when he returns, but we don't even see or hear about him during the rest of the production. Jo's reaction to her seemingly hopeless romantic situation with Professor Bhaer was also questionable. She spends far too much time lamenting over what it would be like to live alone as an old maid. For a play that is intended to portray women as being strong and independent, it seems rather ironic that they are at their happiest when they have each found a husband.

Although the Blackfriars' production of *Little Women* is somewhat inconsistent, the show's strong performances cannot be overlooked. If you are looking to see the culmination of talent and hard work by your fellow PC students and the Theater Arts Department, you may want to check out *Little Women*. If you are looking to appreciate Louisa May Alcott's original classic, you may want to check out your local library.

*Little Women* will be performed at Blackfriars Theatre this Friday and Saturday at 8:00 and Sunday at 2:00. Call x2218 for ticket information.



The cast of *Little Women*: Elizabeth A. Brady (Beth), Mary Jo Bennett (Amy), Jeanine L. Cappello (Jo), Megan Gibbons (Meg), Jennifer O'Donnell (Marmee).

role of Jo as she exhibited her characters' strengths and vulnerabilities very well. Elizabeth A. Brady gave a particularly strong performance as Beth. She did an excellent job of showing her character's introverted personality. Megan Gibbons and Mary Jo Bennett respectively portrayed the characters of Meg and Amy very nicely. Despite her character being downplayed in this adaptation, Jennifer O'Donnell did a fine job as Marmee. F. Michael Scafati brought a lot of spirit and energy to the role of Laurie and brought his acting abilities to a new level. Stephen B. Radochia, Heath A. Tiberio, Eric Cutler, Rodrick Stuart Cappiello, Nicholas

audience follow the story and enabled us to draw clearer parallels between Alcott and Jo. Farrell also chose to work with a bare stage and added different settings and props as they were needed. This worked well as it gave the show a great deal of freedom without being restricted to one primary setting. Brian Jones' lighting and scenery were superb and David Costa-Cabral's costumes were well chosen as they truly seemed to fit each character's personality. The show's casting also could not have been better. Everybody seemed to be perfectly fit to play their respective parts, particularly in the cases of Elizabeth A. Brady as Beth and Mary

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1/2 stick butter	1 tsp pepper
1 tsp Worcestershire (if you like)	1 tsp salt

Cook macaroni in 5 cups salted, boiling water for 15 minutes or until al dente. Drain. In a separate pot, melt butter and mix in flour over low heat. Then, stir in milk until smooth. Add cheese, salt, pepper and Worcestershire. Stir well. Smother macaroni. Serves 4.



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# Science Fiction: Another World?

Patrick Heap '96

A&amp;E Writer

*Dedicated to the memory of L. Ron Hubbard and anyone who has ever dared to wonder what the possibilities were.*

Ever since *Star Wars* and *Star Trek*, science fiction has been the topic among movie goers. Although science fiction has brought us some big box office hits, the literary genre is not taken very seriously. Even during the Golden Age of Science Fiction, late 1930s-late 40s, the genre was looked at as the bastard son of literature along with the fantasy genre. Sure, there is bad science fiction as there are bad apples in a basket, but that shouldn't take away the science fiction genre's seriousness or respect as a literary form. Science fiction is not something to be called trash and disregarded, but a serious genre with a purpose.

Throughout history, as early as 2nd century AD, there has

been literature which may be considered science fiction: Lucian, Johannes Kepler's *Somnium*, Mary Shelley's *Frankenstein*, etc...., but what is true science fiction. There are a number of definitions for the term *science fiction*, but most are too broad or simplistic. From reading dictionary definitions and many author's definitions I have come up with this: science fiction is literature which is fictitious (work produced by imagination and not necessarily based on fact) and deals with the material universe, sciences (including economics, sociology, medicine, and other subjects all of which have a material base), and gives predictions of future scientific possibilities.

Now it has been presupposed by many that science fiction is based on current scientific discoveries, but I would like to point out that it is quite the opposite. True science fiction literature is the wild eyed scientist's daydream about how

to travel to Mars, live in space, or cure cancer with White Shark bone marrow and wondering if it can be done. Science fiction precedes the actual scientific discovery. It is the driving dream, the cry for a better world, and the hope that mankind can accomplish what ever task they where created for, if that has not been forgotten already.

Often times people throw science fiction in the same genre as fantasy and it clearly is not. Not that fantasy is bad; after all, some of the most moralistic pieces of literature are fantasy, ask anyone who has ever read Tolkien. It is just that they are two separate styles of literature as hip-hop is to gangster rap. Sure some one who does not know what either is all about may throw the two together out of ignorance, but that doesn't mean that people should disregard them because they don't know what they are. So what is the difference between the two?

The difference between science fiction and fantasy is that science fiction deals with the

material universe and fantasy deals with such topics as mythology, spiritualism, kismet, magic, extraordinary phenomenon, and the supernatural. Most people say that the difference is that science fiction deals with the real world and fantasy is just pure imagination, but this is not true. Just because mankind is in the middle of a materialistic explosion does not mean that there are not other possibilities. After all most myths, spiritualist ideas, etc. were once held as fact and believed in, but now it is either scientifically proven wrong or just not believed in anymore (possibly due to closed-mindedness). After all every time science seems to be going strong and is getting down to the answers of the universe, it seems to take up or consider ancient Egyptian myths. So science fiction is not fantasy and vice versa, but something they share in is purpose.

Most great literature is

great because of two things: it is either written with great care to characters, structure, and plot (like many of the works of the 18th century) or has a purpose behind it. All great science fiction has one thing in common with science, it is for the people. The science fiction writers of the Golden Age of Science Fiction were driven by one purpose and that was to push science to the extreme so that people could live better lives.

So next time some one asks you what you are reading, don't be afraid to let them know that it is science fiction. Next time an English department on a campus considers a course in science fiction writing or reading, remember that without great science fiction there would be no great science. In the immortal words of L. Ron Hubbard, "Science fiction is the herald of possibility."

## Poets help celebrate Women's Weeks

Michael Quinn '95

Assist. A&amp;E Editor

"Women's Weeks," celebrating the twentieth anniversary of the first co-educational class to graduate from Providence College, continued last week with two readings by renowned contemporary poets. These presentations by Marianne Boruch and Tory Dent were excellent components of an already full Women's Weeks schedule.

On Tuesday evening, Boruch read works from her third collection, *Moss Burning*, as well as some writings recently composed on Hawaiian sabbatical. Boruch, a native of Indiana, is currently a professor of creative writing at Purdue University.

Boruch's poetry conquers a variety of subjects, including growing up Catholic and her experiences of the Midwest. Her style is based on imagination and the events and people she has encountered. Boruch also works with the surreal. In her poem "Moss Burning," from which her poetry collection is named, the simple burning of a field by a farmer becomes a mushroom cloud at a nuclear testing area.

The evening also included a performance by an all female a cappella group known as Alterity. The singers, Molly Rock '98, Moira Bessette '95, Tracy Prendergast '96, Jennifer Avedian '95, and Jessica Billings '96, sang traditional and experimental pieces immediately before and after Boruch's reading. The performance and

the reading complemented each other very well, providing the listeners with more than one form of entertainment.

Tory Dent continued the Women's Weeks festivities on Thursday night. Dent, now working on her doctorate in English Literature, has had her poetry published in several recognized literary journals. She has also been a finalist in various competitions including the National Poetry Series and the Walt Whitman Award.

Dent's style and subject matter are drastically different from Boruch's. Much of Dent's work concerns the struggles of AIDS on both spiritual and physical planes. Dent also tends to use a longer format in her writings. In the same amount of time that Boruch read well over a dozen poems, Dent read only three. While her long poems demand more attention from the audience, they need to be long to express her vivid, intense thoughts. At times Dent's work is so powerful that it is exhausting, but it is worth listening to.

Both readings are revealing and educational. Dent and Boruch bring up important contemporary issues and extraordinary images and make the listener view them from a fresh angle. The readings were an excellent way for students to experience something other than their ordinary daily class lectures and they were much more thought provoking. Watch for more guest lecturers and poets coming to Providence College this Spring.

## Student art show at PC

Rand Refrigieri '97

A&amp;E Writer

Often times, we seek a means of coming to grips with our emotions, our madness, our souls. Some of us write poetry, some of us play music, others play sports, and some create vivid visual art. Whichever form of mind cleansing we choose, we are immediately taken to a place where the normal things of this world can no longer hurt us — we are purified, intimate with our thoughts, and spiritually relaxed.

Such an opportunity awaits you at the Hunt Cavanaugh building from now until April 21st. It is none other than the pure serenity of the 1995 PC Student Art Show, a truly mountainous collection of self expression for all to see, hopefully moving all who witness it. This art show has been put together by various students in the art department who, through their delving into realms of both the known and unknown, present their feelings in many eye-catching ways.

Among these students is senior Jen Sickenger, whose 8 foot tall acrylic painting entitled "The Scream" consumes most of the exhibit with both its enormous size and vivid exploration of color and composition.

"I want anyone who looks at it to be able to relate parts of their lives and emotions to it. That's why the emotion conveyed in the painting is purposely vague and the sex of the character is ambiguous," said Sickenger, upon relaying the meaning behind her truly captivating work. You must see it for yourself.

Also included in the exhibit, among the many other prints, paintings, drawings, and sculptures of true promise, is the fantastically disturbing and daunting pencil drawing by Celina Collins, entitled "Woman in Tree." In this wonderfully bizarre expansion of imagination, a woman's body is depicted as growing out of a tree. The effects are not only visually stimulating, with the drawings



Jennifer Fenuccio displays her photography at the Student Art Show.

dramatic use of greys and whites, but also mentally horrifying, as they tickle that side of you which longs for that Edgar Allen Poe-type of mystical craziness.

Overall, the student art show is creative, colorful, and emotion-gripping. There are many other works present that I have not mentioned here for sake of space (After all, this

is not the only article in the paper). However, I do recommend you take a stroll down to east campus sometime within the next couple weeks in order to appreciate the hopeful work at hand. Do yourself a favor — cleanse your mind and soul, gazing at the unrhythmic walls of the exhibit's startling domain, and truly wise and fruitful will you be.

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Thursday, May 7th  
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at Alumni

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only by visiting the BOP office.  
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\$3 and go on sale Monday, 24th in  
the BOP office. Some of Maya  
Angelou's works include: *I Know  
Why the Caged Bird Sings*, *And I  
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# Be a Career Assistant

# A message from STEP I

Kristen Grace '96

*Career Assistant*

It is probably a Thursday night or Friday morning, you are flipping through the *Cowl* and this article caught your eye. Right? Well, it should have because Career Assistants play an influential role in the lives of many confused freshman, sophomores, and juniors. If this catches your interest (which it should have), I am going to tell you why these dedicated para-professionals have such important roles, and how you can apply to become a Career Assistant.

The Career Planning and Internship Service, part of the Student Development Center, needs four new Career Assistants to volunteer their time to

teach students, through workshops, how to deal with issues such as researching a major or career options, developing an internship or summer job, and tips for writing an effective resume.

Career Assistants participate in rewarding weekly training seminars, led by Mrs. Clarkin, that prepare them to educate their fellow students.

The Career Planning and Internship Service is looking for enthusiastic, responsible, and organized sophomores and juniors, who want to enhance their communication and public speaking skills, while gaining valuable experience. Career Assistants can also further develop public relations and writing skills, by publicizing

different workshops throughout campus and in the *Cowl*.

We are seeking students, class of '96 or '97, who are interested in helping and leading others, and in developing a wide variety of skills and knowledge (that can assist in their own career planning process.)

To find out more, attend an upcoming information session, or stop by Slavin 209 for an application and info packet. Brief information sessions are scheduled for Thursday, April 6th at 3:30 p.m. and Tuesday, April 11th at 4:00 p.m., both in Slavin 203. The application deadline is WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12, before you leave for Easter break. Have a wonderful Easter and good luck!

## Decision-making

"It's funny because we know we shouldn't drink too much, we know that if you go beyond your limit you could get into a bad situation, we know never to drive our cars after we've been drinking. I guess, sometimes when you drink too much, you forget what you know..."  
-Bacchus

## Friends listen to friends

If you feel a friend is in trouble with alcohol, say something to him or her:

- When your friend is sober
- When your friend can concentrate on what you are saying.
- Use "I" statement:  
*I care...about you as my friend, boyfriend, etc.*  
*I see...identify specific drinking behaviors you have observed that concern you.*  
*I feel...worried, scared, angry, afraid, etc.*  
*I will...support you. (Make sure you're prepared to follow through.)*
- Don't expect immediate change.

If alcohol is creating problems for you or someone you care about, seek help.

Make the RIGHT decision.....Think before you drink!!



If your friends can't have a good time without drinking, maybe you need some friends who can.

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*Make the choice to make a change.*

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# Phil's Periodical Patrol

Stacy A. Baker '96

Features Writer

I'm sitting in Phillips Memorial Library. It's a little after 9:00 on Wednesday night. Tomorrow I have two exams and a paper due. So for the past three hours, I have been diligently reading about Calvin Coolidge and the election of 1924. In the cubicle adjoining mine, a girl is writing furiously. I start to get annoyed, but then it stops. I breathe a sigh of relief. Then she starts talking to the kid across the aisle. They aren't using their library voices, though. They are talking in voices louder than my natural speaking voice. I am surprised by their rudeness at first, but then figure they must be freshmen who haven't figured out library etiquette yet.

So, I go back to my reading—now the Great Depression. But in the span of the next four minutes, about seven more people start gathering around this girl. And gathering around her means gathering around me as well. I grow increasingly annoyed and irritated, and my tolerance for these people hits bottom. Is there anyone out there who can get them to realize how rude they are being? I wonder where, in this supposed serene sanctuary

Slowly he approached us, and as we tried unsuccessfully to regain our composure, he stated, "You girls are very rambunctious." It took all the strength I had to keep from laughing in his face. I responded, "Too much caffeine, Officer." Seeming puzzled, he walked away. And so did Sarah. I was laughing so hard, I couldn't even get up from my seat. So the two of them walked down the stairs together—Sarah and George—friends 4-eva! That was The Incident, and I have resented that man ever since.

I just didn't understand why a college library needed to pay someone to walk around and ask people to be quiet. If we aren't mature enough now to politely ask someone to quiet down, and if we can't honor as simple a request as that, I don't know when we will be. But anyway, George kept coming back, night in and night out. Library Cop was on patrol, the night shift. At least once a night he tells me to make sure I don't disturb the people around me, even though I am using my library voice! I'll be talking to someone about the importance



for the serious student, is George—a.k.a. *Library Cop*?

At the beginning of the year, I used to see this man, from my corner cubicle, walking around the library. He had no notes, no books, no backpack. I did not know who he was or what his function at Phil's was to be, until... The Incident.

One day my friend Sarah and I were walking out of the second floor of the library. I had been quietly telling her a story. Sarah found the ending of this story particularly amusing, and wanted to immediately share it with her roommate, who was still at her cubicle. So, we ran out the doorway on the left-hand side, back in the doorway on the right-hand side, and up the aisle looking for our friend. We were even running quietly, mind you! Well, before we spotted her, he spotted us. When we saw him see us, we both scrambled for the nearest seat, like it was the last one in a game of musical chairs.

of Lincoln's Gettysburg Address as a turning point in the Union's defeat of the Confederacy in the Civil War, and he'll say I am socializing. But he ignores the freshman girl and her pack of friends yelling about who is going with whom to the Blind Date Ball, and how they changed the yogurt in Raymond from chocolate to cappuccino. Pertinent information was definitely being shared here. He passes them by... on his way to ask me to be considerate of my neighbors. Is it me, or does something seem wrong here?!

And finally, upon careful contemplation of this man and his chosen profession, periodical patrol, I wonder what he does with the names he writes down on his little clipboard. It's never happened to me, thank goodness, but I wonder. Do they get sent to the office, or do they get library detention?

# A tale of two Tina's

Tina Kloter '95

Features Editor

I am not a brave person. Never have been. When I was a kid I was so scared that a murderer would break into my house that I slept underneath a comforter and two blankets (even in the summer). My brilliant theory was that it would take the murderer longer to get at me and give me more time to scream. When things go bump in the night, my eyes spring open and I curl up in a ball at the bottom of my bed with my pillow over my face. (Okay, you get the picture. I am a coward.)

This past Saturday, as I slumbered peacefully in the quiet town of Vernon, CT, evil deeds were being done in my name. At 3:30 A.M., the doorbell rang. Lying in bed, heart racing, I tried to convince myself that I had dreamed it. Since my parents were in Minneapolis, I didn't think screaming or hiding under the bed would do any good. Instead, I woke up Dave, who was staying over to help me fight off the bad guys (should they decide to stop by). The doorbell rang again. No use denying it now. A murderer was waiting downstairs. It did not comfort us that the murderer was polite enough to ring the door bell.

We resisted the impulse to hide in the closet and looked out the window. There were two men walking around in my driveway. Since it was a little early in the morning, I assumed that they weren't selling vacuums or peddling religion. Diving for the phone I dialed 9-1-

1. Just as the phone started to ring, Dave said, "There's a police car across the street." So, intelligent person that I am, I hung up on 9-1-1. Within three seconds, they called me back. Me (in a shaky voice)- Hello. 9-1-1- We just received a 9-1-1 call from this number is everything all right? Me- My door-

(Wondering why they've waited until 3:30 A.M. to charge me with speeding on Rte. 44) I'm me. Cop- (Looking at me doubtfully) Do you work at Dairy Mart in Ellington. Me- (Pausing to think) No. Cop- I think we must have the wrong person, can we come in and explain?



bell has been ringing and there are two men in my driveway, but I just noticed a police car across the street. 9-1-1- Yes, there is a police car at that address. And by the way, you shouldn't hang up on 9-1-1. Me- Oh, sorry.

So, Dave and I turned on the lights and went downstairs. I opened the door and there were two police officers standing there. They apologized for waking us up and then explained why they were there. (Actually, one of them did all the talking. The other one seemed to be employed as a professional sidekick.) Cop- Is Christina Kloter here? Me-

It turns out that a young woman named Christina Kloter (Dave reminded me that my name is actually Christine—sometimes I get confused) had been terrorizing a local neighborhood. Apparently she felt an uncontrollable urge to bash in several car tail lights. Apologizing, for the misunderstanding, the police officers went on their way. And I went back to bed, unable to fall asleep. It's a good thing that I didn't fit the description they had of the infamous tail light basher or else maybe I would have been having a hard time falling asleep... in jail.

# M & M question

Melissa McCrosson '95

Features Writer

Seeing that my apartment has not yet entered the modern technological age, we still have a black and white TV, but I'm not complaining. One day, rather recently, I saw a commercial that truly attracted my interest: the vote for the new M&M color. Seeing that my TV is colorless, Mr. Broadcaster informed me that my choices were pink, purple, and blue. Seeing that the image my television was projecting was gray, I resorted to using my imagination which assumed that the colors were of a vibrant and bold nature. Based on this assumption, I decided that Electric Blue would have to be the best choice for an addition to the M&M mix. I was soon enlightened by a better informed color TV owner that, in fact, M&M's were proposing to add pastels to the rainbow of chocolate flavor. Oh, the horror!

What are they thinking? Pastels would completely disrupt the earthy, muted tones of the other M&M's: the sunflower yellows, sable browns, lustrous greens, bright oranges, and carcinogenic reds. We must ask ourselves, do we the American people really need another M&M color? What does life as we know it have to gain from

such a potentially disruptive action? I cannot make up your mind for you, but I do ask each and every one of you to remember your duties as American citizens and weigh each of your options carefully before you vote. We have the power to make a difference; let's treat it with respect.

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# Society vs. Health

Juliette Marchioli '95

Features Writer

For anyone who has ever tried to lose or gain weight, it is painfully obvious that the process is not a particularly easy one. Especially as students, with our crazy schedules, it is difficult to maintain healthy eating habits and stick to disciplined work-out programs. Even if we have always been motivated about balancing fruits and vegetables with daily exercise, just being in college encourages us to stray, with late night study sessions accompanied by an entire Ronzio's pizza and full pints of Ben & Jerry's ice cream. Or we're so busy that we simply can't find the time to eat, getting by with a few candy bars in between classes and not much else.

Bad habits are easy to develop but difficult to overcome, and a college campus can often be the breeding ground for eating disorders of all kinds. The amount of daily pressure to conform to the societal standard of lean and beautiful, compounded by the obstacles on campus towards developing a healthy image, sometimes lead to desperate measures and distorted views of personal proportions.

Pictures in magazines and on television feature perfect individuals who not only have all of their physical measurements in order, but appear to be wildly successful and happy with their lives. If *Melrose Place* had at least one token unattractive, unemployed person on its cast, maybe viewers wouldn't feel that their own lives are so worthless. Granted, people are usually aware that life exists beyond the television, but when the daily onslaught of information signals that the perfect face and body are all that guarantee success in life, it is easy to figure out why so many men and women are obsessed with their looks.

Speaking from experience in the quest to get in shape and take off some weight, it is the societal standard which can become overwhelmingly depressing in its inaccessibility. I try to keep in mind that it is good health that I am aiming for, not the perfect model-like body that this five-foot frame could never achieve anyway. However, my one downfall is the daily exposure to high-caloric foods in the media which makes it that much harder to stick to a menu of roasted turkey slices and plain vegetables.

One of the worst ads I can think of is the nutritional milk ad on TV which features cupcakes and donuts dancing and singing "Let's go out to the kitchen and have ourselves a snack." And then Burger King shows you a picture of a freshly

flame-broiled burger and fries... and the dieting viewer is supposed to be immune? Perhaps for those with more will-power, ads like this are not a stumbling block towards successful weight loss. But for me it acts as a jet propulsion directly to Bob's Mart to purchase a bag of chips and salsa and consume it all in one sitting.

The struggle to achieve the "right" weight can eventually become a reality for most, however, it is important to recognize that the image society offers is often entirely unhealthy and unrealistic. There is a definite need to encourage good health over the anorexic model so extolled by the general public. Skinny isn't necessarily always best. It is better to try to maintain a set schedule of meals and exercise, avoid high-fat pit-falls as much as possible, and simply ignore the unfair standards set forth by society and rely instead on self-esteem and individual accomplishments to determine personal value.

## Contemplari: the eloquence of silence

Fr. Elias Henritz, O.P.

Contributing Writer

As much as I'd like to continue this column in the direction of the things we are about as an academic community, I must pause to take up some "glue" issues.

I believe I am indulging in a growing habit here, and I'd like to nip it in the bud. But I'm afraid I'm not alone in the habit. It seems a healthy thing to know something about many of the individuals of our community, and to consider their ideas, troubles, and even policies. But I must say that I'm afraid of the creatures that crawl out of that pit of conversation called gossip.

Sometimes I think it [gossip that is] seems motivated by a desire for acceptance and sometimes for the sake of seeming to be in the know. Someone with more experience could fill it with more reasons. But, of course, the filling-in would never close that pit, nor keep the demons from their entry into our midst.

I suppose one has to make a choice to not be on the grapevine, if the price is the destruction of the vineyard. Each and

Kristen Garipey '95

Editor-in-Chief

Last week, I related my experiences and impressions of my Habitat for Humanity Alternative Spring Break trip. While discussing my article with professors, I became aware of a faculty member who engaged in a similar mission during his senior year at the University of Notre Dame. I knew no details, but was interested in hearing his story. I made an appointment to meet with Dr. Barbour, Director of the DWC program and professor of English.

I entered Dr. Barbour's office expecting the typical "tell me your tale and I'll make it sound better" interview. Instead, I found a nostalgic man who wanted to reconstruct his trip and offer me his insight into the events that led to his excursion to Meridian, Mississippi.

The summer of 1964 found the United States divided on the issue of Civil Rights. A year had passed since Dr. Martin Luther King's strong stance against racism and his historical "I Have a Dream" speech.

Unfortunately, the dreams and courage of one black man had not changed the outlook of many southern states. Severe hostility and anger flooded the south - which eventually led up to the murders of three young Civil Rights Activists in a small Mississippi town.

When the men were reported missing, the FBI flooded the town and began asking questions. As a result,

the hostility and tension increased. As time progressed, segregation in the south grew and led to extensive destruction and rage between blacks and whites. In Meridian, Mississippi, black churches were torched and levelled. Dr. Barbour, along with 8 students, a professor and his wife, journeyed to the town to rebuild the places of worship.

While listening to Dr. Barbour recapture his experiences and try to paint a mental picture of Meridian, I couldn't help but feel envious. He told me of the dirty looks and ignorant attitudes his group received down south (because they were northerners who supported desegregation and equality.) He discussed the obvious hostility and anger that filled the air - and of a bullet that was shot into the building where they slept. It was definitely an "Us and Them" situation.

No, I'm not envious of these experiences. I'm envious of his description of the Menanites, who also built the churches. "They knew everything," said Barbour. "We were college kids lending a hand, but these men were serious builders. They were committed to the project for six weeks."

I'm also envious of the pride he displayed when describing the work they did. Dr. Barbour, along with his Notre Dame group, the Menanites, and black members of the churches, built the floors, steeples and walls of new churches. He gave the members of the community a new place of worship.

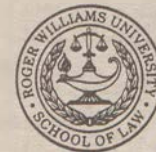
Throughout our conversation, Dr. Barbour repeatedly told me he could not believe the courage and determination he saw in the faces of the black men he met and worked with for the week. "We knew we were leaving to return to college, but these men were staying. Their church had been burned. Who was to say that this one would survive the tensions of the south? They were quiet, but their strength and wisdom was obvious."

There have been many times when I have had to write an article because it was necessary - resulting in a lack of interest on my part. However, my discussion with Dr. Barbour was not an interview, it was a lesson. A lesson about the recent history of man and how a member of the PC community witnessed it first hand. I'm envious that these memories and his courage aren't mine - but I hope to find my own someday.

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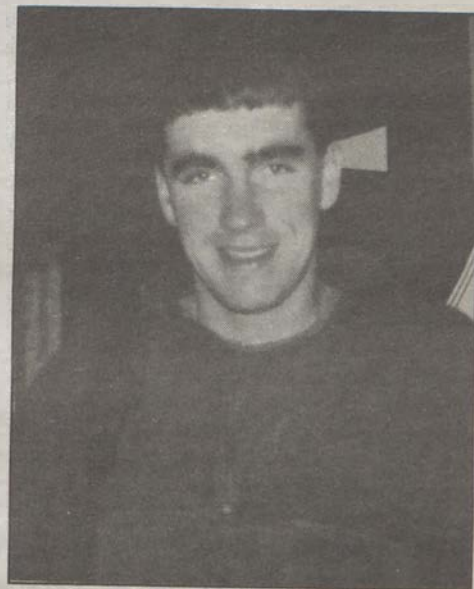
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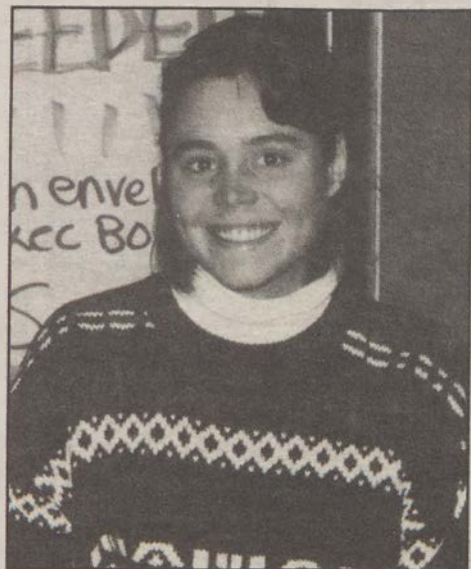
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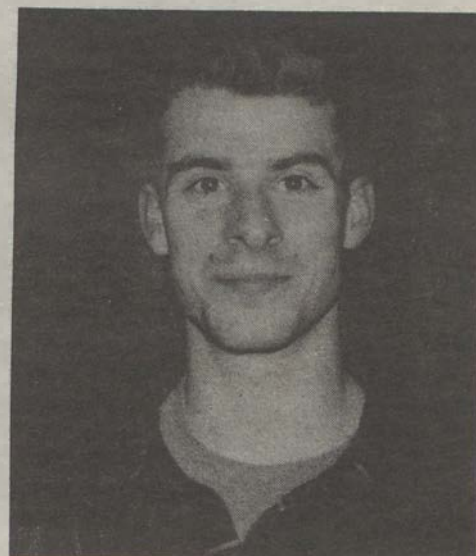
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# Athletes pre-register

Cory McGann '98

Sports Writer

This Thursday, April 7th, varsity athletes will be pre-registering for fall semester classes. This is the effect of the newly passed policy of pre-registration for athletes. The recommendation was one of twenty made by the Athletic Planning Committee; a group of twenty-six members of the administration looking to revitalize and renovate Providence College athletics.

The reasoning behind this recommendation was that athletes must work their schedules around practice times and

traveling they must attend. The college wants to make sure that the athletes graduate with all the necessary classes and with the most success possible.

For those of you who are worried that athletes will quickly fill up the prime classes and times; have no fear. The policy included a stipulation that states that no class shall have more than 15% student-athletes in it.

The policy and its effectiveness will be reviewed in the future.

# Tennis Trends

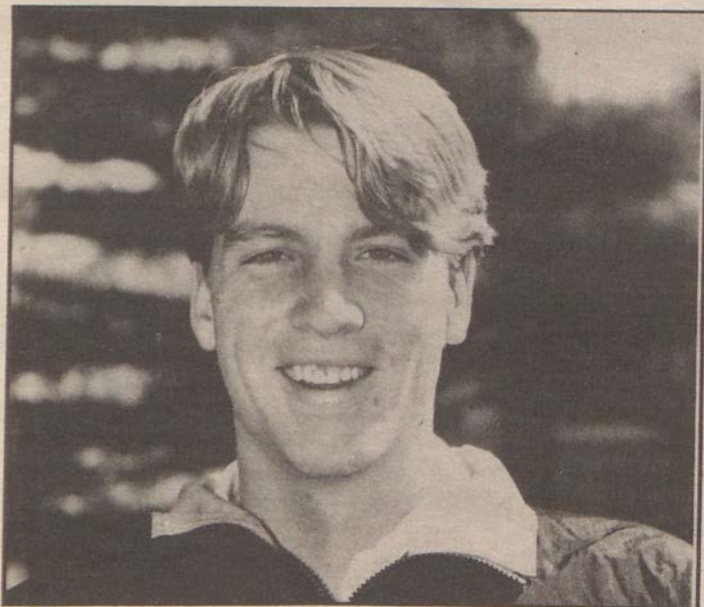
Scott Laprade '97

Sports Writer

The predicted trend (see Vol. LIX No.20) held true to form when the men's tennis team fell to Ivy League "powerhouse" Yale, ranked 8th in the region, 5-2 last night. The loss drops the men to 6-3 on the season, but they did not go down without a fight. Both the one and two spots earned victories. Dylan Williams jumped into the win column with an impressive straight set win over Andrew Tang, 6-4, 6-4. Playing second singles, Felipe Vivar won a three-setter by overcoming a momentum switch when he lost the second set, to defeat Adam Mandall 6-3, 2-6, 7-5. The men lost the remainder of the single's matches, as well as the doubles point. Jim Ogden lost a three-set struggle at 4th singles 7-6, 5-7, 0-6. Coach LaBranche stated, "They (men's tennis team) have to beat teams like this if they want to step up a

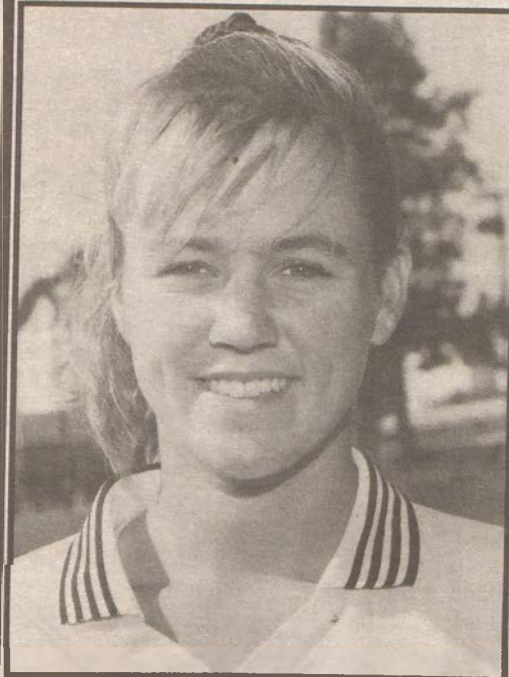
level." The team has surely come a long way. It is apparent that on any given day, any spot can win. The team is ready to do the stepping if they can put it all together.

The women's team is struggling, and there is one main reason: no Christina Martin. The invaluable second singles player puts a huge hole in the line-up, which has been evident in recent match scores. Coming off an excellent fall season (11-3), the Lady Friars are a mere 1-3. The team has already equaled the loss total for the fall season, when they play 6 more matches. Their third loss came against Fordham this past weekend 6-1. The sole victory came at 5th singles where Natalie Leduc won a come-from-behind three-setter 4-6, 6-4, 6-3. The matches were relatively close, which makes one only wonder how the scores would have looked if Martin was in the line-up. Though, all we can hope for is a speedy recovery.



Jim Ogden

## PC Athletes of the Week



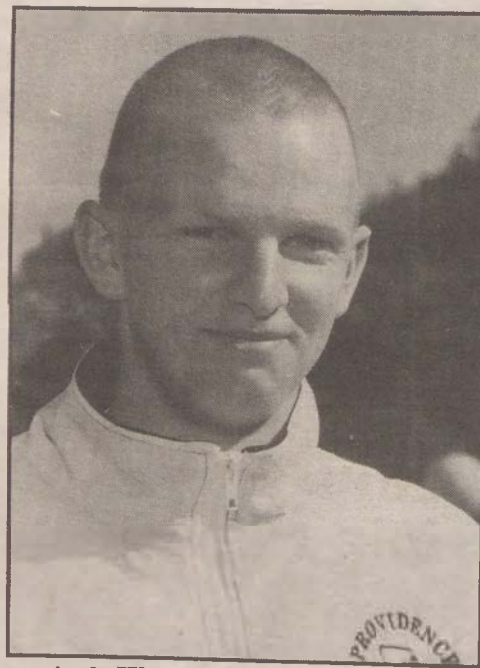
Moira Harrinton '95  
(Larchmont, New York)  
Track

Moira was a member of 2 first place winning relay teams at the Colonial Relays which the Lady Friars competed in this past weekend in Williamsburg, VA. She helped the distance medley relay squad to a top finish with a time of 11:50.4 and also anchored the winning 4x150 relay quartet with a time of 18:37.9



T.J. Delvecchio '95  
(North, Haven, Connecticut)  
Baseball

The senior co-captain recieved the Big East Player of the Week award for his play in last weekend's series sweep of Georgetown. T.J hit .727 with 3 doubles and 1 triple while scoring 4 runs and driving in 6. On the season, he's hitting .414 and leads the 23-4 Friars with 15 doubles and 33 RBI's



Andy Wedlake '96  
(Bournemouth, England)  
Track

In Wedlake's first competitive race since the Big East Cross Country Championships, he won the 10,000 meter race at the Colonial Relays. Andy's comeback from a stress fracture in his right foot was highlighted by the first place 30:01.2 run.

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Georgetown	3	3	0	.500	3	Lost 3
Boston College	3	3	0	.500	3	Won 3
St. John's	0	4	0	.000	5	Lost 4
Connecticut	0	6	0	.000	6	Lost 6



# Lives revolving around sports

Annica Ambrose '96

Assistant Sports Editor

**Sports.** How many of our lives revolve around them? Don't answer before you think about just how many parts of life actually have derived from the world of athletics.

As a topic of conversation, sports are known to dominate. In fact, I would fear to know how little amount guys would talk to one another if they couldn't talk about sports.

Sports have given many colleges a large part of their identity. They have become a reason to love a school (North Carolina) or to hate a school (UConn).

They have created whole ad campaigns for products and have established Thanksgiving traditions in many cities. "Superbowl Sunday" has become a national holiday to revolve around sports.

As a huge source of media, sports is the largest section of a newspaper and the longest segment of a television news report. They have created a history all their own with thousands of books, halls of fame, museums, and archives.

Learning to ride a bike and to swim are major turning points in the life of a child. Elementary schools have used sports as an excuse to blow off an entire

day of classes and devote the day to sports on "field day." An old baseball game attended with your father has now become the epitome of your childhood experience. Children have learned to be fierce competitors in the same games from which they have learned cooperation and teamwork. All of this has come from sports.

Obviously, we all have idols out of the sports world. Larry Bird, Wayne Gretzky, Ken Griffey, Joe Nameth; most of us have dreamed of being a hero one day and feel that these men can do no wrong.

Sports have even created a celebrity from an accused murder while the millions of similar violent crimes that happen everyday go unnoticed.

Social lives surround sporting events. Dates, Friday nights out, and Saturdays with kegs on sidelines of lacrosse games all use sports as outlets for having a good time. We have designated certain foods like hot dogs and Cracker Jacks to belong with sports.

Athletics can make or break the fortune of a coach or a player. One day you're making \$100,000 per year...lose a few games and you are unemployed.

Cheerleaders and marching bands are traditional in sports. Sports medicine, sports psychology, sports marketing; whole lines of work have come from the phenomenon.

For those who can afford a country club membership

they can pretend that it has been their life's ambition to be a golfer extraordinaire alongside women with absolutely no ability in tennis who thrive off wearing short skirts.

Halting a sport may have drastically changed the lives of sports fans who had a coronary during a "lockout" or "strike" and are now having a problem letting go of their grudges.

They can make a tournament just a few times more fun to watch as you cross out wins and losses on brackets that may win you money. One could also risk a fortune if their bracket-watching gets carried away.

Sports are an incentive major events like the Olympics which are capable of bringing all cultures of the world together in civil competition.

Finally, sports are essential to the fashion world. I can't imagine what certain people would wear if they couldn't dress in sports gear everyday.

Whether we have gained self-esteem from specific accomplishments or have been entertained by the athletic arena, not many of us can deny that much of the world can be said to "revolve" around sports. When was the last time you considered yourself just a sports fan?



## What's Happening?

this week in  
Providence College  
sports:

Thursday April 6:

BASEBALL VS. BROWN  
SOFTBALL VS. UCONN

Friday April 7:

Golf @ Big Five Championship

Saturday, April 8:

BASEBALL VS. VILLANOVA  
Softball @ Seton Hall  
Lacrosse @ Vermont  
Golf @ Yale Inv.  
Track @ Yale Inv.  
Tennis @ Seton Hall

Sunday, April 9:

Men's Tennis @ Monmouth  
BASEBALL VS. VILLANOVA  
Softball @ Hofstra

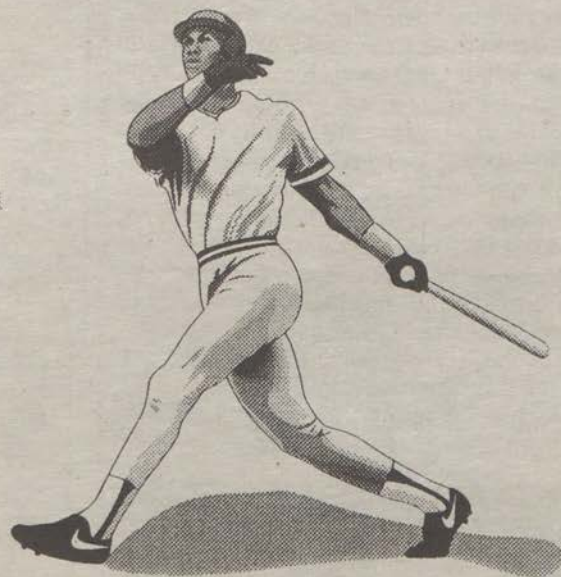
Monday, April 10:

MEN'S TENNIS VS. UCONN

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# Lacrosse wins, 13-5

Derek Stout '95

Sports Writer

The Providence College lacrosse squad redeemed itself last Saturday with a convincing 13-5 victory over Siena College. This win was preceded by a devastating 17-6 defeat to the University of Stony Brook in New York. PC is currently 1-3 and has the difficult part of their schedule remaining.

PC traveled to Stony Brook last Wednesday with two key players, Billy Pymm and John McCavanagh still on the injured list. Stony Brook led the entire game, bombarding goalie Kiernan McCavanagh with sixty-five shots on goal. Stony Brook scored eight consecutive goals with 6:57 remaining in the first half to put the Seawolves ahead 15-4. The lone bright spot for the Friars was Blake Simpson who scored four goals and added two assists. Stony Brook has continued their dominance over the Friars winning each of the five meetings between the teams.

The lack of depth and injuries have definitely hurt the Friars four games into the season. Added to the injuries is the abundance of youth on the PC squad. The younger players have to step-up their play to compensate for the lack of depth. "We have been playing in spurts this year. We have to try and remain healthy and play consistently on the field," commented junior Matt Duffy. "The mid fielders have to be ready to run. We have been playing as well as anyone in the first quarter, but our lack of depth in the midfield position physically drains us towards the end of the game."

As a result of the dependence on the mid fielders, Coach Murray has emphasized an efficient, pass-ori-

ented offensive structure. Stony Brook plays an up-tempo game which PC could not handle. "Stony Brook took us out of our game plan, which was to settle the ball on offense. They made it a transition game rather than a slower pace which we wanted," answered Duffy.

In a contrast to Wednesday's defeat, PC appeared rejuvenated in front of the home crowd at Glay Field last Saturday. Leading scorer Chris McManus (8-8-16) led PC with three goals and two assists. Freshmen Jay Hanrahan (6-0-6) and Mike Merrick (2-0-2) both added two goals apiece to aid the Friars' 13-5 victory.

PC's defense aided McManus and company in preventing Siena from setting-up in the PC zone. McCavanagh also played a superb game in goal before his ejection in the fourth quarter. Coach Murray elected to add Victor Petriella to the Andy Hersom/McManus line, due to Pymm's absence. "We played with a lot more confidence versus Siena compared to Stony Brook," commented Hersom. "We have to try and keep that motivation going in the future, because our schedule is getting tougher."

Hersom is making the transition from midfield to his original position of attack this season. He has been the anchor of the offense since Pymm's injury; adding senior leadership to the attack line. It does appear the Siena game could serve as a turning point in this early part of the season for the Friars. "We are starting to come together, our attitude definitely was the difference in the Siena game. It will help with John McCavanagh coming back," added McManus. PC travels to the University of Vermont this Saturday which should be one of the more difficult games of the season.



Matt Duffy commented on the teams' current record by saying, "We have been playing in spurts this year."

# Off and running

Keith Christensen '96

Assistant Sports Editor

The PC track team kicked off the outdoor season in fine fashion, snagging four first place finishes and three second place finishes in the Colonial Relays.

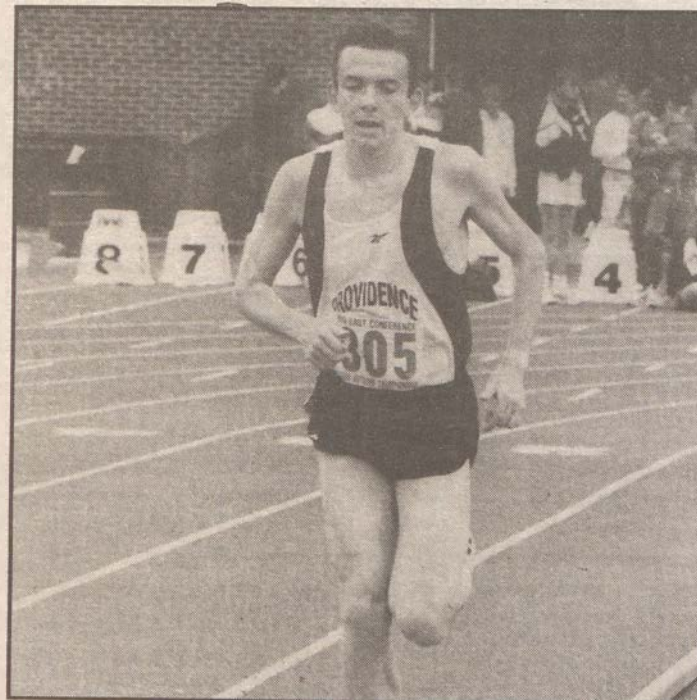
The Harriers traveled to Williamsburg, Virginia, to compete against a talent-laden field that included colleges from New England, New Jersey, New York and Virginia, as well as international runners who are sponsored by shoe companies and clubs. In four events, PC runners were the top collegiate finishers, coming in behind only the older competitors.

Coach Treacy was very pleased with his team's performance. "It was a good start to the outdoor season. The standard of competition was high, and we had some good weather, which helped the times. We had a chance to see where we are," finished Treacy.

Foremost among the team's goals was for runners to qualify for post-season championship races: New Englands, women's ECACs/men's IC4As and NCAAs. Four runners qualified for the ECAC/IC4A Championships and the New England Championships, while six other runners qualified solely for New Englands.

Krissy Haacke ran a 9:53.2 in the 3000m and was the lone PC female to qualify for ECAC's. Meghan McCarthy qualified for New Englands in the 3000 with a time of 10:11.1, while Heather Couture and Caroline Preece both earned berths in the 5000m. The above four will be joined at New Englands by Ces Santana, whose 4:41.34 in the 1500m was good for second place.

The women's relay teams were the class of the Colonial, capturing first two of the three events they entered. Moira Harrington and Maria McCambridge ran on PC's winning Distance Medley and 4X1500m relay teams. Marie McMahon and McNeice com-



David Healy came on strong this weekend; qualifying for the IC4A championship.

bined with Harrington and McCambridge to run an 11:50.4 in the distance medley, while Haacke and Santana joined forces with Harrington and McCambridge to run a winning time of 18:37.9.

David Healy, Andy Wedlake and Mike Donnelly all qualified for the IC4A Championships, while Jose Libano and Steve Myers earned invitations to New Englands in the 800m and the 1500m, respectively. Myers won his race in 3:56.43, while Wedlake, racing for the first time since he injured his right foot ten weeks ago, won the 10,000m in 30:01.2. "I was quite pleased with the results," commented Wedlake, who felt no pain in his foot. "It was a great return for him, to run that fast and win," said Coach Treacy.

Treacy also praised Donnelly's effort, calling it a "big step for him. It was a very high standard for him to achieve." Nick Kent's performance in the 5000 also drew Treacy's attention. "He reached his goal for the race, and we'll reassess his goals, because he is getting better."

Kent called his first outdoor 5000m "a learning experience. It was pretty exciting, doing something new."

The Friars will run in the

Yale Invitational this weekend. Several of PC's top runners will take the weekend off, part of Treacy's plan to "try not to race everyone every week." Mark Carroll did not run this past weekend and, like much of the team, is looking ahead to Penn Relays. Amy Rudolph is progressing from the injury she suffered at the NCAA Indoor Championships, but it is unlikely she will return before Penn Relays.

Treacy is primarily concerned with making sure his team is rested and focused for the Penn Relays and Big East Championships at the end of April. "We are a very deep team this year," commented Kent. "You're spurred on by the runners around you. It's the whole success breeds success thing." If the Friars are able to build on this past weekend's success, it could be a banner year for PC.

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# Baseball's back, but for how long?

Justin Macione '95  
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Sports Editor  
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Following eight months of endless squabbles, negotiations, and civil war, the baseball strike has finally ended. After the major league baseball union won an injunction against the major league owners last week, management called them back to work. However, the beginning of the season can only be characterized as a cease-fire. Already, owners and players are arguing about the victors and victims. They have forgotten the true losers in the tragedy: baseball fans.

Philadelphia Phillies catcher, Darren Daulton, resigned as ballclub player representative this week. His reason: "The fans have been ———." Unfortunately, it took them eight months to realize this.

Although Jose Canseco will be swinging a Louisville in Fenway Park and concession cash registers will be ringing, the customers will be carrying the big sticks. If they never want this to happen again, they won't speak softly. Hopefully, they will talk by keeping their wallets in their pockets.

The owners, such as the Chicago White Sox's Jerry Reinsdorf and Wayne Huzienga of the Florida Marlins, pushed the use of replacement players. Reinsdorf even suspended reliever Rob Dibble for comparing the "scabs" to child molesters. Little so these men realize that they could be considered baseball pedophiles.

The fact remains that the players walked out on the fans and they should expect the opposite for themselves. It's going to take great baseball to bring fans back. They deserve it. If I were a player, I would prepare to sign some extra autographs and possibly lick a few boots. The player-fan relationship has to get better for the fan in order for people to rush back to the park. They made the players with their big contracts and even bigger sneaker deals and they can destroy the players if necessary.

As for the owners, they should unilaterally lower ticket prices to encourage a return to baseball. They should realize they need to lose a little money now for the opportunity to make even more later. Make the whole "family trip to the ballpark" deal more appealing and maybe people will return. Fans have a right to be bitter, they have been forgotten. The fans are at bat and so far there have been no runs, no hits, but the owners and players have made plenty of errors.

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Resident Sport Hacks

What's up with the European centers in the Final Four? Aren't American parents raising their children to be the next Greg Kite anymore? . . .

All-Points-Bulletin. . . Rumor has it that retired superstar athlete Bo Jackson will pursue an acting career in an attempt to follow in the footsteps of another former famous running back. . .

After high school senior Kevin Garnett enters the NBA next year, rumor has it that the league will start a CYO-kidnapping combine. . .

Now that Shaquille O'Neill and Deion Sanders have released successful rap albums, the O.J. Simpson defense fund has decided to cover Snoop Doggy-Dogg's "Murder was the Case". . .

With the Colorado Rockies set to unveil brand-new Coors Field later on this month, there are now two major league stadiums named after beer companies (the other being Busch Stadium in St. Louis). Rumor has it that McCoy Stadium in Pawtucket will become the latest victim of sponsorship. Can't wait to take the kids to Black Label Ballpark. . .

Before long, Boston Celtic fans (are there any left these days?) will be visiting the Fleet Center, which is the only thing associated with the green and white that can be described as fleet these days. . .

Michael Smith has replaced

Patrick Ewing as SportsCenter's designated whipping boy. It seems that every time the former chairman of the boards at the Civic Center appears, he is being dunked over by one player or another. .

Is there any particular reason that Antoine Carr wears Oakleys on to the court? Everyone deserves another chance. . . Although the end of the strike means that we will get to see real, live major leaguers in just three short weeks, it also means that drug addict Steve Howe will return to baseball as well. If there is anyone who perpetuates the arrogant, irresponsible, spoiled child image of baseball players, it is Howe, who has been suspended from baseball time and again for drug use. If you get caught in an F.B.I. sting operation in Montana, you deserve to be banned for life. . .

If the Stick is Wet. . . then don't drive. That is the lesson learned by Yankee General Manager Gene 'Stick' Michael this week when he was arrested for drunk driving. Michael's offense is even more unforgivable when one considers that he was good friends with the deceased Billy Martin, who was killed in a drunk-driving accident. . . Everyone deserves another chance II. . . Former UNLV basketball coach Jerry Tarkanian, who was forced to leave the desert after leading the Rebels to a national title and then landing the program on probation, is reported to be close to being hired as the new head coach at

his alma mater, Fresno State. In fairness to Tarkanian, other college coaches whose programs have gone down in flames have gotten second chances, most recently Eddie Sutton, who resurfaced in the Final Four with Oklahoma St. just a few short years after disgracing the Kentucky program. . .

Another one bites the dust. . . Chicago Black Hawk superstar center Jeremy Roenick was lost for the season, and possibly the rest of his career, when he suffered a torn anterior cruciate ligament this past week in a collision with Dallas' Derian Hatcher. . .

The Other Final Four. . . While eyes across the country turned to Seattle this past weekend, eyes in hockey hot beds across the country turned to Providence, site of the College Hockey Final Four. The Boston University Terriers skated away with the national title after felling Maine, 6-2, in an all-Hockey East affair. The event was an unequivocal success, as all the games were sell-outs and the festivities pumped an estimated \$4 million into the Providence economy. Congratulations to the Athletic Department, Sports Information, and the City of Providence for a job well done. . .

Michael Jordan is almost certainly the best basketball player ever, but why did he have to come back this year? If you are a Magic or Knick fan, especially, you have to wish the guy would have stayed retired. His Airness reminded all of his greatness in NYC.

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# Clean sweep

## Delvecchio leads Friars past Georgetown, face first big test of the season in weekend tilt with Villanova

Justin Macione '95

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The Providence College baseball team has been so hot this spring that nobody has been able to put a fire out yet. The Friar bullpen hasn't recorded a save with the season 27 games long.

Such a statistic would usually suggest the prospect of a dreadful pitching staff. However, this stands as a mark of PC's dominance through the first half of the season, including the current three game winning streak and weekend sweep of Georgetown.

Armed with a potent batting lineup, the Friars have outscored their opponents by a 251-79 clip. While T.J. Delvecchio and Bob O'Toole have swung the loudest sticks, there are very few offensive weak links on the club. "Everybody has contributed this season," stressed head coach Paul Kostacopoulos.

The weather was temperate on Saturday, providing perfect conditions for the Providence bats to display their wares in a doubleheader versus the Hoyas. "We realized that we had to jump out on top of the

team," said Kostacopoulos. The first game's 11-3 score wasn't totally indicative of the contest's nature. After scoring 4 runs out of the box in the first inning the Hoyas rebounded within 1 run in the top of the third off Mike Kendzierski. Todd Incantalupo relieved the junior right-hander and hurled 5.2 scoreless innings. Delvecchio had a banner game for the Friars, hitting safely in every trip to the plate, and knocking in 2 runs.

PC's success at the plate carried over to the nightcap, a 15-3 rout. Delvecchio exploded again with 3 hits and 4 runs batted in, helping the Friars open up a 10-0 lead in the first inning. For his all-around stellar weekend efforts, the third bagger was named Big East Player of the Week. The North Haven, Connecticut native is batting .414 this spring, .667 in conference play.

John Garside and center fielder Pete Vafiades homered for PC. Coach Kosty is quick to point to the performance of Vafiades, who's "struggling" with a .272 batting average and 20 runs batted in: "Pete's playing the best centerfield ever played here."

Sophomore lefty Jim O'Brien hurled six strong innings, improving his record to a perfect 5-0. Staff ace Mike Macone also stressed the importance of his teammates lumbering bats: "It's so much easier to pitch when you have a lead of 5 or 6 runs."

Macone displayed his ability to hold a narrow lead on Sunday afternoon. The junior from Stoneham, Mass. broke out of a "spring training" slump and went the distance in a 6-2 complete game victory, striking out 7 Hoya batters while walking only 2. "He's still the guy that's pitched in the big games," said Kostacopoulos. Pete Tucci and O'Toole sparked the batters with a pair of solo shots.

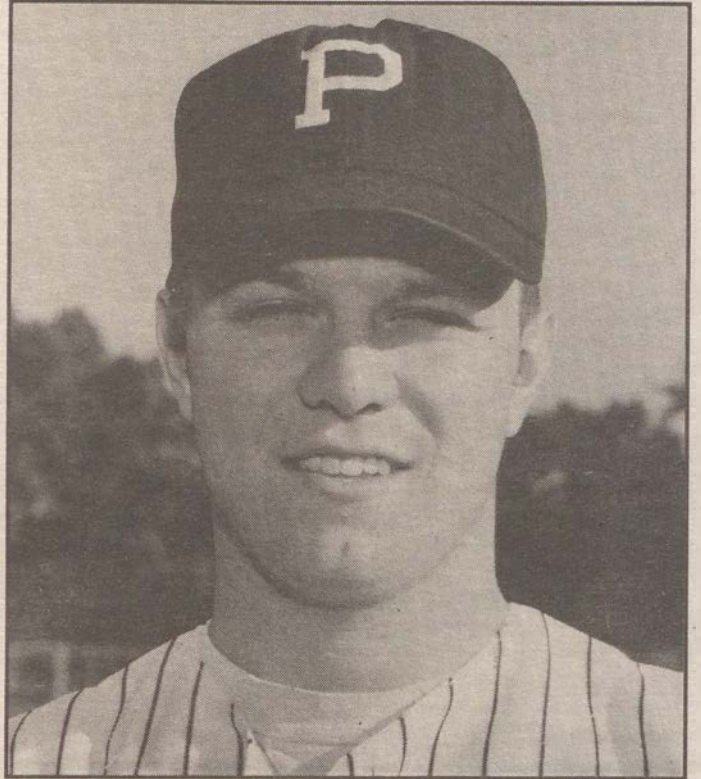
PC received a welcome rest when yesterday's doubleheader versus the University of Vermont was canceled due to the cold weather and sub-zero windchills. "A big thing you have to watch out for is fatigue," stressed coach Kostacopoulos.

Undefeated in the Big East at 6-0 and enjoying their ranking as the top New England club, the Friars will enjoy another weekend at Hendricken field, hosting the Villanova Wildcats.

"If we get 2 of 3 or sweep, we'll be the team to beat in the Big East," added Macone.

Villanova poses as a much tougher battle than the 11-14 Hoyas. VU currently holds third place in the conference with a 4-2. "Although it was great to sweep Georgetown and

Boston College, it is always tough to beat the traditional powers like Seton Hall, St. Johns, Villanova said Macone. Saturday will feature a double header, while the closer will be on Sunday. The games start at noon on both Saturday and Sunday.



Junior lefthander Mike Macone closed out PC's three game sweep of Georgetown, pitching a 6-2 complete game victory. Macone stands at 3-1 on the season.

## Lady Friars ranked in poll

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The Lady Friars, despite being swept by Villanova on Saturday, had a four and two week and were rewarded with seven votes good for twenty-eighth place on the NSCA/USA TODAY softball coaches poll. The Friars are now 16-4, 4-2 in the Big East.

Sunday PC faced Big East rival St. John's on the road. In game one, Providence managed to pull out a 2-0 win despite the fact that they only had two hits. St. John's helped the Lady Friars cause by committing three errors. In the third with one out, Caryl Drohan reached on a miscue and scored one out later on an infield error.

In the next inning, catcher Katie Collins drove in Meredith Zenowich, who had reached on another Johnnies error, with a two-out single to left. PC starter Amy Kvilhaug went the distance tossing a five-hitter and did not allow a runner past second base.

In the second game, the Friars took the contest in extra innings. With the score knotted at one in the eighth and with two out, Beth Miller struck out swinging but reached first when the ball got past the catcher. Collins then singled to left, moving the go-ahead run to third. Miller scored when Erin Quaglia grounded to short but the fielder was unable to make the play to first for the final out, giving PC the 2-1 win.

Candi Erickson scattered nine hits over eight innings for her sixth win. Ironically, all four of PC's runs for the day were unearned.

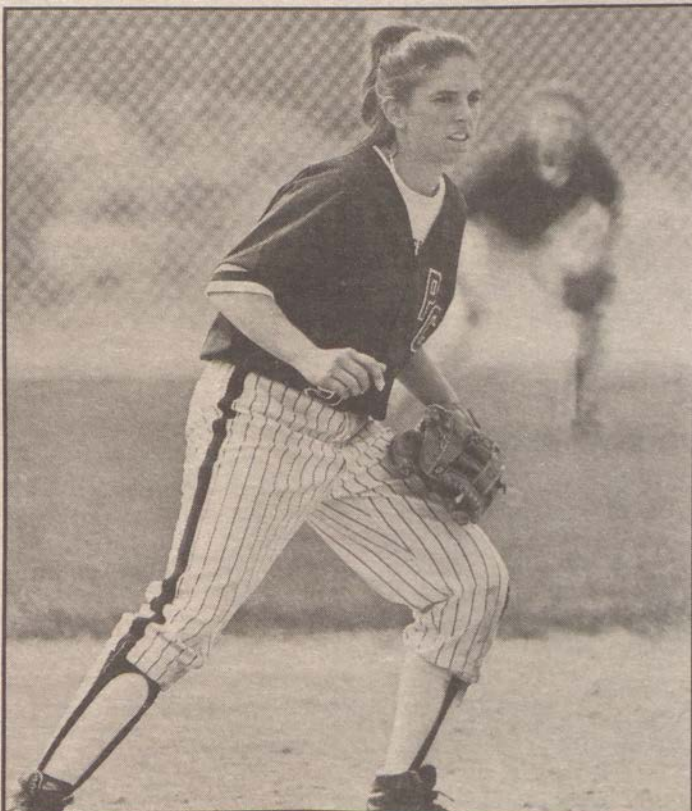
The two wins on Sunday were a stark contrast to the day before when PC did not even score a run against Villanova, losing 4-0 and 1-0. Only one runner reached third in the two games Saturday.

On Thursday, the Lady Friars concluded their brief

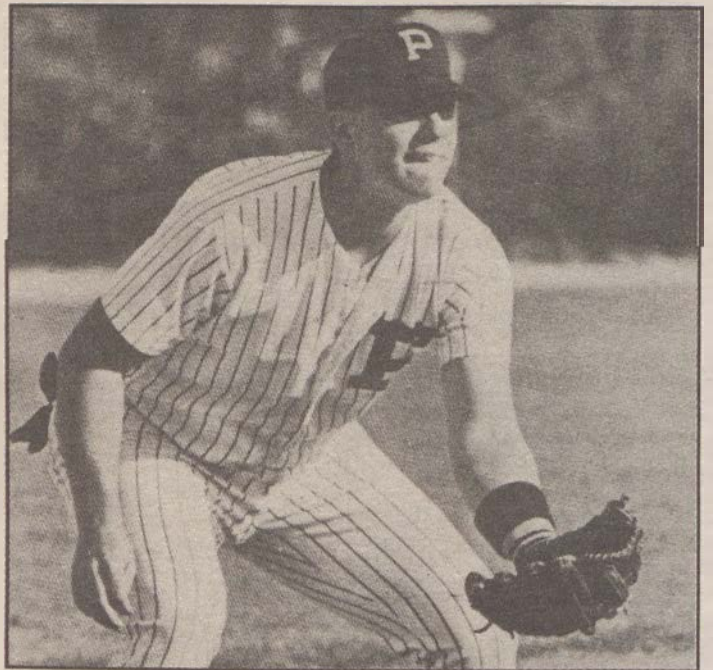
homestand with a doubleheader against Boston College. Providence owned BC in both games, notching easy 8-0 and 3-0 wins.

The Friars played UConn at home today, and will travel to Seton Hall and Hofstra this weekend, and Yale on Tuesday.

The Friars are batting at a .283 clip and have scored 85 runs. The pitching has been stupendous with a 1.18 ERA in the 20 games while holding opposing hitters to a .230 average.



Kim Robbins '95 has been a vital part of the PC offense this season.



T.J. Delvecchio led the Friars to a three game sweep of Georgetown University last weekend. The senior third baseman is hitting .667 in Big East Conference Play with a slugging percentage of 1.059.

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vs.  
**Villanova**  
**April 8th & 9th**  
**12:00 pm @ PC**  
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