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AMS Tension Disrupts Registration

by Erin Piorek '96
News Writer

Controversy surrounding the American Studies Program is the result of miscommunication between faculty members and the school administration. Unfortunately, students who enrolled last semester in classes offered by the American Studies Department have been directly affected by the errors made by these individuals. Approximately twelve students were notified only four days before classes started that they would not be able to take the American Studies classes for which they had been registered.

Apparently, certain faculty members were unsure whether the American Studies Program would continue after this year. Dr. Richard Testa, Director of the program, was denied tenure and will not be returning to Providence College next year. Since this became public, there has been little faculty interest in taking on the American Studies Program and students worried that this would be the program's last semester. As a precaution, Dr. Testa over-enrolled American Studies majors in his classes to make sure that their requirements would be fulfilled if the program did not continue. He then sent a memorandum to students informing them their requirements would be fulfilled regardless of the program's destiny. The discrepancy lies in who did not get a memorandum — the other faculty members involved with the pro-

gram and the administration.

Dr. Testa blames the administration for their last minute decision to remove certain students from his classes. "They had nothing better to do but to screw around with their schedules," he said. But according to Carol Hartley, Associate Vice President for Faculty Affairs, faculty and administration tried to remedy the situation before students left for Christmas Break. The failure of certain key individuals to attend a December meeting on the issue deterred their efforts. Hartley also said that there should not have been concern that the program would not continue because the faculty would never put students in that predicament.

Hartley describes the situation as "an inadvertent thing that happens during a transition." She was quick to admit that it was handled poorly and slow to blame any one person for the error. "No one person is at fault," she said. "Everyone had good intentions." Many of the students involved, however, are still upset with the way things were handled and feel caught in the middle.

Cory McGann '98 was enrolled in '96 Presidential Primaries with Dr. Testa and received a letter four days before classes started informing him that, as a sophomore, he was not eligible to take the class. "I feel like I'm caught in a power struggle between Testa and the administration, and only the administration has the power

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Raymond Cafe Upgrades Services

by Colleen Pappas '99
Asst. News Editor

The Food Services Department of PC has made several changes concerning the way it serves the student body.

"The study was designed," explained Michael Haveles, Director of Food Services, "to see how we can make improvements in the way we provide and deliver food services throughout the whole college community."

a discussion group last term.

"It was basically a brainstorming session from the student's point of view on what is right or wrong with the food policy."

Some of the changes that will be immediately executed by the Food Services Department are: Greater selection and more types of cooked vegetables, greater variety of fresh vegetables on the salad bar, bulk cereal dispensers available at lunch and dinner, grilled chicken pattie sandwich

These changes are intended to meet the immediate needs of the student body as recognized by the analysis of the Food Services Department. The department is constantly trying to monitor the needs of the students.

"We're trying to keep the different constituents of the community as happy as possible," stated Haveles, "We have to balance between the facilities we have and the money that we have to work with."



Students enjoying some of the new selections at Raymond Cafeteria.

by Carey Capone

The study, which will continue this semester, brought together students, faculty, staff, and administrators as participants in focus groups that discussed various issues.

"The meetings were designed to get a student's perspective of the food system and how it could be improved," recalled Greg Bernhard '99, who participated in

available for lunch daily, and a Dedicated Wellness-lite line established with a different entree daily.

Effective Monday, Raymond Hall will also be open longer hours. Brunch will now end at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. Likewise, dinner hours will also be extended to 6:30 Friday through Saturday and 7:00 Monday through Thursday.

The Food Services Department is confident that the new changes, especially the extended eating hours, will be a welcome improvement. They also feel that the greater variety of foods offered at meals will go over quite well with the students. But as Haveles maintains, "Until the kids try out the

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Students Angered Over Grade Delays

by David M. Canal '98
News Writer

"Better late than never." That is what many PC students were saying about the delay in the Registrar's Office sending grades out for the Fall semester. It took until the last

days of vacation, but almost all report cards eventually made it into the hands of each student. For some, this was a blessing; however for others, it seemed unfair to have to wait so long.

One junior commented, "I figured that I would at least have my

report card by the end of the first week in January. When it didn't show up, I called to try and get my grades over the phone. The Registrar's Office then informed me they could not do that. It was pretty frustrating."

According to Ann Loomis, As-

sociate Registrar, report cards came late for several reasons. "The major cause for the delay was a computer shutdown which prevented the grades from being printed on time. That, compiled with the bad weather, really put us in a bind." Loomis continues, "Our goal is to get the report cards out by the 4th or the 5th, but this semester it was just not possible. We were able to get them out on the 9th."

In an informal survey done by *The Cowl*, it was learned that most students received their report cards either on January 11th or 12th, just 4 days before returning to school.

Another factor was location. Students outside of New England seemed to have waited the longest. Adds Loomis, "We have learned that most problems occurred in New Jersey, New York, and Philadelphia where the weather was the worst. In fact, several students in that area never received their report cards."

Mrs. Loomis added that another reason the report cards came late was that many professors were late turning in their grades to the Registrar's Office. "We had a number of situations where professors were unable to get their grades in

on time. In that instance, we were not able to wait for them and had to go ahead and print the report cards anyway. The result was missing grades on some of the report cards."

Tim Giblin '99 was one of those students with a missing grade. "When I received my report card there was a grade missing on it. I was upset at first but I figured it must have had something to do with all the bad weather." Kate Williams '99 also had missing grades. "Not only did my grades not arrive until the 12th but there were also two grades missing."

The Registrar's Office now faces a lot of work that they must catch up on. "We have to update many things such as the Dean's list, cumulative GPA's, and transcripts," claims Loomis. "We also have to issue final report cards to students who took their make-up exams last Saturday. If we get all of the grades in by the deadline (Jan. 24) the students should expect a completed report card by Monday, January 29."

The final report cards for students who took make-up exams will be issued in student mailboxes.

Challenger Remembered



The crew of the ill-fated Challenger. The ten year anniversary of the disaster is Sunday. Article and reflection, page 3.

Providence College Marches for Life

by Mary M. Shaffrey '97
News Editor

Monday, members of the PC community made up a small part of the 75,000 people that participated in the March-For-Life in Washington, DC.

Students, Seminarians and Fr. Vincent DeLucia, O.P., Assistant Chaplain of the College, boarded a bus on Sunday morning and arrived in DC at the National Shrine around 6:00 p.m. There, along with about 6,000 other Catholics, they went to Mass and listened to a homily by Cardinal Law of Boston. Later that night, after saying the Rosary and participating in an all night adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, the group spent the night in the basement of the Shrine.

The rally on the Mall began at 11:00 a.m. with various politicians speaking and giving encouragement to the pro-life participants. Many freshmen senators and representatives vowed to continue the fight for the unborn. After the rally, the marchers started what would wind up being a 25 block walk up Constitution Ave. and then in front of the Court House. PC for Life carried their own hand-made felt banner along the route and during the rally.

The Annual March began after the 1973 Supreme Court Case Roe vs. Wade legalized abortion for reasons other than rape, incest, and

the mother's life/health endangerment, and up until the final trimester. Over the last 23 years significant gains have been made by the pro-life movement, including the landmark Webster vs. Casey case of 1989 which gave states the right to regulate abortion laws, which have been attributed to the success of the annual march.

For many who went from the PC delegation, it was their first time to participate in the March.

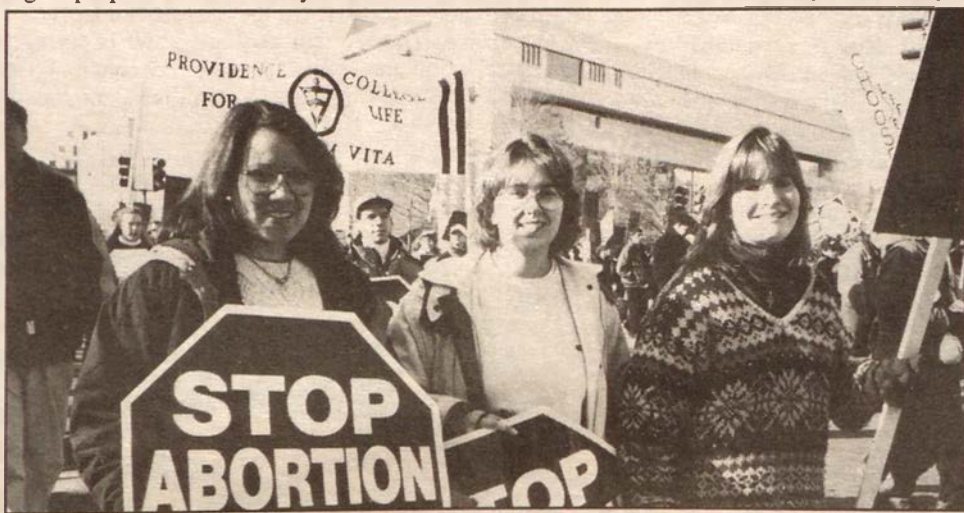
"It was a very powerful and spiritual event. It was very inspirational and the Mass was the best part. It was such an important event to take part in and I am glad that I did," commented first-time participant Meg Cotter '97.

Amy Costello '98, another first

onto the steps. Many people were moved by the Homily given by Cardinal Law.

"I was most impressed with the fact that this has become a prayerful pilgrimage. The focus has changed and we prayed for all human life from conception to death," Fr. DeLucia said.

Victor Bergeron '96 and Nicholas Lombardo '97 coordinated the week-long event which included a sendoff Mass on Saturday afternoon. Bergeron was impressed with the great student support, not only from PC, but other colleges as well. "We saw many students from all over the country, and many younger children as well. The University of St. Vincent (Ohio) had a delegation of eight



Lorna Hessinger '99, Lauren Barnes '99 and Catherine Roque '96 were among the PC students who traveled to DC.

by Marta Makuc

time participant agreed. "The whole weekend itself was incredible. I had never been to the National Shrine, and eating at the Dominican House was really amazing," she stated.

For many the highlight of the weekend was not the March, but rather the Mass held on Sunday night. The Shrine of the Immaculate Conception was beyond capacity with crowds spilling out

buses, and I think that is a challenge that maybe one day PC should meet, especially since they have an enrollment of about 1,200," he stated.

The delegation returned to PC around 2:30 a.m. on Tuesday after having dinner at the Dominican House of Studies. When asked if the pilgrimage would be repeated next year, Fr. DeLucia responded, "God willing we won't have to, but if we do, PC will be there!"

Alumni Return for Winterfest

by Tammy Ledoux '99
News Writer

PC's Alumni Winterfest, which took place last Saturday was moved from Peterson Center to the Westin Hotel this year. Although students were not officially invited to this event, there were many in attendance.

Many students, especially seniors, such as Jen Toto '96 seemed upset in the Winterfest changes. "Seniors were mad that they weren't invited and a lot of alumni were mad too. A lot of them have friends that are seniors," she stated.

Director, Alumni Administration/Research Diane Comerford said the Westin was chosen because of its close proximity to the Providence Civic Center. Many of the alumni wished to attend the PC/Virginia game that night.

According to Comerford, accommodations for up to 1500 PC

given priority.

Although the number of guests was limited to 1500, according to Toto, "There were crowds and a lot of people were there that were not supposed to be. I received my ticket from a friend."

Toto went on to say, "I know a lot of people that had older brothers or sisters who tried to get them in. Some got in and some didn't."

At the beginning of the evening there was a table set up at the entrance. Each person who had a ticket would get his or her hand stamped. About half way through the night, no one really was checking who was going in or out. Some seniors walked in and said that they were with other people. As the night went on, admission to the event became less strict.

Comerford said, "The night was a little crazy, but I haven't heard from any one at the Westin complaining. I know people were having a very good time." To

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- Diane Comerford

alumni were reserved at the Westin. While the weekend was for the most part a success, there were problems concerning the amount of people that wished to attend, and eventually those who wound up attending.

"We sold out on Tuesday January 16. We got calls from about 200-300 alumni after that," said Comerford. With an overflow of accepted invitations, Alumni Development had to make decisions on who would be turned away. She explained active alumni and those who donate to the college were

avoid the size constraints of this year, Comerford hopes that next year she will be able to reserve the Convention Center which holds approximately 2000 people.

When the Westin was contacted for their statement(s) regarding the event, the spokeswoman said she could not comment on it at this time.

As for future Winterfests, things seem less than stable. "If we can't get the Convention Center, I don't know what we would do," said Comerford.

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to fix what's been done," he explained. McGann believes that little is being done by the administration to accommodate certain "suddenly ineligible students." He is still trying to get into the class, which is only offered once every four years.

Christina Kayola '99, an American Studies major, is also dissatisfied with the way the situation was handled. "My concern was that I wouldn't get into any other American Studies classes because they're so hard to get

into," she said. The last minute decision to remove students from these classes has been both a disappointment and an inconvenience for students.

The obvious tension between Dr. Testa and the administration can perhaps account for the lack of communication regarding the situation. Dr. Testa's decision to overenroll students into his classes without contacting the administration, Carol Hartley, or Dr. Suzanne Fournier, the new Director of the American Studies Program, is considered by many to be the origin

of the controversy. Many students believe that even the administration's refusal to back up Dr. Testa's decision, at least for the students' convenience, is a result of tension between them.

Hartley has worked hard to remedy the situation and to accommodate the students involved. She maintains that the administration is committed to the program and that the program will continue under the direction of Dr. Suzanne Fournier.

Official School Response

After a thorough review of the American Studies Program, the administration remains firmly committed to this program and affirms that the American Studies major will be continuing without interruption. In preparation for the curriculum review underway at Providence, an American Studies Committee was appointed during the 1994-95 academic year and charges with drafting a suitable mission statement for the program and reviewing the major itself. The outcome of that review by the committee was a strong endorsement of the major estab-

lished in the early 1980's, with students required to complete two semesters of American History, four designated American Studies electives, and four American seminars during their junior and senior years.

The American Studies Program will offer a wide range of topics in the coming semesters, drawing on the strengths of a number of different departments on campus. Junior and senior majors will continue to enjoy at least two options for a seminar each semester, and they will be receiving further information about next year's selections in the com-

ing month. The following seminars have already been scheduled for the next two academic years: Smith Hill: A Study in Community Place, The Success Myth in American Life, the History and Culture of the Cold War, The Simple Life, The Making of Modern America, and American Cities: An Economic Perspective.

Anyone who would like information about the AMS Program should contact Suzanne J. Fournier. She is scheduled to assume the duties of Director of the American Studies Program on July 1, 1996.

Ray Cafeteria Changes

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changes we won't know how popular or unpopular they're going to be."

"Sometimes, when we try something new," continued Haveles, "the easiest way to see the results is to stand by the dishroom and see what goes back and that will tell you right away whether the students liked it."

The department is already receiving positive responses concerning the improved salad bar and vegetarian meals.

"Improving the salad bar was a great idea," remarked Dave Nevers '99 "It is roviding more of a vari-

ety of vegetables allows for a more nutritious and well-balanced meal."

Melissa Metro '98 agreed, "It's a well-needed change and it's nice to see that healthier foods are being provided. I've heard many people remark on how much better the meals are now."

This year's changes follow the trend of Food Services in their efforts to improve the food program at Providence. Last year changes were implemented that allowed students to use the meal card in Alumni cafeteria and Mural Lounge. There was also the creation of the 7 meal plan for commuters and apartment dwellers.

Press release from PC Food Services

The College's Food Service Department is pleased to announce some changes that have been made during the semester break.

During December 1995, the College began an independent analysis of the Food Services Department, which will continue through this semester. Many students, faculty, staff, and administrators were interviewed or attended focus groups to bring prevalent issues to the forefront. This is an on going process. Student usage, acceptance and feedback is an important component in the change process within Food

Services.

The information was analyzed during the break to determine what changes could be immediately incorporated, and what items needed additional research prior to implementation.

The changes that are immediate affect Raymond Hall Cafeteria and directly impact the students participating in the meal plans. These include the following:

- Greater selection and more types of cooked vegetables,
- Greater variety of fresh vegetables at the salad bar

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Challenger: Ten Years After

by Erin R. King '98
Asst. News Editor

January 28, 1986—a day that few Americans will forget. At 11:39 am, the space shuttle Challenger exploded ten miles above Kennedy Space Center in Florida. Nineteen years after the Apollo I fire in which three astronauts died on the launch pad, it was the first time American astronauts had died on a mission.

Piloted by U.S. Navy Captain Michael J. Smith, an astronaut on his first mission, the shuttle also held six other courageous heroes. Francis R. (Dick) Scobee, mission commander, had piloted Challenger on his first mission in April 1984. Three mission specialists, Lieutenant Colonel Ellison S. Onizuka of the Air Force, Judith A. Resnik, Ph.D., and Ronald E. McNair, Ph.D., and two payload specialists, Gregory B. Jarvis and Sharon Christa McAuliffe, completed the crew.

These astronauts, on Challenger's tenth mission, were a reflection of America. Racially diverse, with different genders and religions, the country could not help but somehow identify with

them. As a child, Mission Specialist Onizuka had dreamed of becoming an astronaut. He turned that dream into a reality by flying aboard the shuttle Discovery for the first time in 1985, becoming the first Asian-American in space. Dr. Resnik, who had spent 145 hours in space, had been the second American woman to travel in space. Dr. McNair, who had been scheduled to launch a module which would observe Halley's Comet, was the second black American to travel on a space mission. Jarvis and McAuliffe were the two civilian crew members.

Perhaps the most heartbreaking aspect of the disaster was the fact that we, as schoolchildren at the time, had grown very close to Christa McAuliffe, the "teacher in space." Born in Boston and raised in Framingham, Massachusetts, for many PC students she was somewhat of a local hero.

Kevin Byrne '97, from Framingham, recalls being at recess when the explosion occurred. "Someone told me...I thought they were joking. I was in fifth grade, but I think I was too young to really understand." His high school, although not the one Christa had attended, dedicated a display to

her, and a public library in Framingham is named for her.

After high school, she attended Framingham State College. Today, the Christa Corrigan McAuliffe Center for Education and Teaching Excellence at FSC has created the "Christa's Teachers" program to honor both Christa and "the best of the best of America's teachers."

When she was chosen to be America's first "teacher in space," she was teaching at Concord High School in Concord, New Hampshire. There, she taught law, economics, American History, and a class she created called "The American Woman." She was well-loved not only by the students who filled her classroom; every American student in 1986 considered her one of their own teachers.

Katie Milton '99 and her third-grade class in Methuen, Massachusetts had been very involved in learning from Christa. She had been watching the launch live when the explosion occurred. "At first, I don't think we knew...then the news came on. Kids started to cry; all we could think of was her family, her kids."

Matthew Smith '98, from Boston, watched the liftoff with his fourth-grade science class. "The entire grade gathered in one room because some of my teachers knew her," he recalls. "It was exciting because she was from the area, and we had become familiar with her story."

The shock following the explosion was hard for many people, especially elementary students, to fully comprehend. "There was a confusion about whether or not they had actually died," remembers Mary Ellen MacDonald '98.

Cathy Pantano, a secretary in the Office of Academic Administration, was actually at Kennedy Space Center to watch the liftoff. She recalls that the launch had been delayed because of the cool weather. When Challenger finally left the ground, "everybody cheered." Without the zoom lenses of TV cameras, most people watching from the ground had no idea that anything had malfunctioned. After the shuttle was out of sight, they went into the gift shop, where everything was quiet. Pantano recalls: "I asked a saleswoman if anything had happened to the shuttle, and she just looked at me and said 'It exploded.'" All visitors were then instructed to kindly leave the Space Center. "Everyone—five year olds and 85 year olds alike—was just numb."

"Numb" is the only word to describe the feeling of the astronauts' families. On Dateline NBC, Grace Corrigan, mother of Christa McAuliffe, related that "everyone was very hushed. All that quiet...everything was so quiet."

The loved ones that remain are making their loss America's gain. "Challenger Learning Centers" all across the country (one is at Framingham State) are helping American children realize the

dream of the crew who devoted their mission, and their lives, to education.

As John Noble Wilford wrote in The New York Times the day after the tragedy, "Americans will again put their trust in this new technology. Astronauts will fly the shuttles again because it is their calling, and they believe in what they are doing. Others, including journalists, will probably venture into space, too, no doubt approaching the adventure with a new respect, and some dread, with the image of the Challenger fireball in mind forever."

Sure enough, the shuttle did fly again. In September 1988, the shuttle Discovery, which first carried heroes like Judith Resnik and Ellison Onizuka, once again ascended into the skies, carrying with it all America's hopes and dreams.

According to a press release dated January 16, 1996 from NASA Administrator Daniel S. Goldin, "The best way to honor the memories of the crew of the Challenger, and of all the men and women who have given their lives to explore the frontiers of air and space, is to continue their bold tradition of exploration and innovation."

On Super Bowl Sunday, just after the kickoff, an F-16 formation will fly over Phoenix. On the tenth anniversary of his father's death, Rich Scobee, F-16 pilot, will be leading the salute.

Food Services Press Release

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- Bulk cereal dispensers available during lunch and dinner allowing individual portion control,

- Grilled chicken pattie sandwiches are now available for lunch daily,

- Dedicated Wellness-Lite Line was established with a different entree daily. This has been incorporated into the existing deli line,

- Extended hours of operation, effective January 29, 1996 are: Brunch on Saturday and Sunday will be extended to

2:00pm. Dinner on Friday through Sunday to 6:30pm, and from Monday through Thursday till 7:00pm.

These changes address some of the ongoing needs of the College community. The extended hours help those students whose late classes, practices, student jobs, or organizational meetings, or community service commitments made it difficult to eat within the existing time frames.

The two significant changes to Food Services made last year were the ability to use the meal card in Alumni Cafeteria and Mural Lounge, and the creation of the 7 Meal Plan for commuters and apartment complex dwellers. The number enrolled in the 7 Meal plan has exceeded 400 students.

It is intended that all these changes will help make a more flexible and enjoyable dining experience.

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PC to host Multicultural Celebration

by Dea M. Carcieri
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Communications

Providence College's Balfour Center for the Multicultural Affairs and Student Development Center will sponsor the college's seventh annual Multicultural Celebration, which will feature a special performance by "Ethnic Man" Teja

Arboleda, an international student panel discussion on Unifying Differences, an International Food Fest, and an Open House at the Balfour Center for Multicultural Affairs, from Tuesday, January 31, through Thursday, February 1, 1996. These events are free and open to all PC faculty, staff and students.

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If anyone tries to get you to sign up for a Spring Break trip—realize that the BOP Jamaica trip is the **ONLY ONE** sponsored by Providence College!

Providence College Sexual Harassment Prevention Policy and Grievance Procedures

I. Policy

A. Policy Statement

As a Catholic institution of higher learning, Providence College continually seeks to establish a suitable work and academic environment in which the dignity and worth of all members of its community are respected. Sexual harassment of and by students, staff and faculty is unacceptable conduct and is prohibited both by federal and state law and by College policy. This policy applies to all members of the college community in both on and off-campus Providence College sponsored events and activities. All members of the College community are encouraged to promptly report complaints about sexual harassment to the grievance officer. Reprisals against those reporting sexual harassment are also prohibited. Persons found to be in violation of this policy shall be subject to disciplinary action which may include, but is not limited to, verbal or written warning, demotion, transfer, suspension, expulsion, dismissal or termination.

B. Definition and kinds of sexual harassment

(1) Sexual harassment may involve the behavior of a person of either sex against a person of the opposite or same sex, and occurs when such behavior constitutes unwelcome sexual advances, request for sexual favors, and other unwelcome verbal or physical behavior of a sexual nature where:

a. Submission to such conduct is made either explicitly or implicitly a term or condition of an individual's education or employment;

b. Submission to or rejection of such conduct by an individual is used as the basis for academic or employment decisions affecting the individual's welfare, academic or work performance, or creates an intimidating, hostile, offensive education or work environment.

(2) Sexual harassment includes, but is not limited to, the following kinds of behavior or communication:

a. Unwelcome verbal or written sexual propositions, invitations, solicitations, and flirtations.

b. Threats or insinuations that a person's employment, wages or academic grade, promotional opportunities, classroom or work assignments or other conditions of employment or academic life may be adversely affected by not submitting to sexual advances.

c. Unwelcome verbal expressions of a sexual nature, including graphic sexual comments about a person's anatomy, dress, appearance, or sexual activities; unwelcome use of degrading language, repeated sexual jokes, teasing or innuendo; unwelcome physical gestures conveying a visual meaning, ogling, leering or suggestive sounds or whistles; obscene phone calls.

d. Sexually suggestive objects, pictures, audio recordings, videotapes, computer communications, or literature unrelated to work or educational purposes, used or displayed in the work or educational setting, that may embarrass or offend individuals. While Providence College adheres to the principles and traditions of academic freedom, it recognizes that these freedoms must be in balance with the rights of others, including the right of individuals not to be sexually harassed. It is understood that the principles of academic freedom permit topics of all types, including the right of individuals not to be sexually harassed. It is understood that the principles of academic freedom permit topics of all types, including those with sexual content, to be part of courses, lectures, and other academic pursuits.

e. Unwelcome and inappropriate touching, patting, brushing, or pinching; impeding or blocking movement; sexual assault.

f. Consensual sexual relationships where such relationships lead to favoritism of a student or subordinate employee with whom the instructor or superior is sexually involved and where such favoritism adversely affects other students and/or employees.

C. Romantic Relationships

Any type of relationship may cre-

ate the presumption of sexual harassment due to the elements of power differential and abuse of authority. A romantic relationship between a teacher or Officer of the College and any student can have the effect of undermining the atmosphere of trust and professional responsibility and can create an appearance of impropriety and a conflict of interest. The professor-student relationship is akin in many ways to the professional-client relationship. Most professors have codes of ethics which prohibit romantic relationships between professionals and clients. Therefore, it may be reasonably argued that such relationships should be forbidden in order to protect the integrity of the professor-student relationship. Faculty and Officers who enter into a sexual relationship with a student must realize that, if a charge of sexual harassment is subsequently lodged, it will be exceedingly difficult to prove immunity on grounds of mutual consent. Likewise, departmental and support services supervisors are discouraged from having an amorous relationship with students or an employee who is in their line of supervision.

D. Responsibility

Individuals who are aware of or have experienced an incident of sexual harassment should promptly report the matter to the Sexual Harassment Officer, who will listen to the facts and review with the reporter the options for further appropriate action under the circumstances. (See: Section II. Procedures) A third party may also file a grievance under this policy if the sexual conduct of others in the education or work environment has the purpose or effect of substantially interfering with the third party's welfare, academic or work performance.

E. Retaliation

Retaliation and reprisals against persons who complain about sexual harassment or who cooperate with investigations of sexual harassment are prohibited. Reports of retaliatory behavior shall be investigated; if supporting evidence exists, the perpetrator will be subject to appropriate and immediate penalties, up to and including dismissal.

F. Laws, Regulations, and College Policies

Sexual harassment is a form of discrimination that is prohibited by:

Federal Law: Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, which governs employment; Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, which governs educational programs and activities.

State Law: Rhode Island Fair Employment Practices Act, Rhode Island Gen. Laws 28-5-1 to -39 (1986 & Cum. Supp. 1991); Rhode Island General Laws, sexual assault, Title II, Chapter 37.

College Policies: Student Handbook; Faculty Handbook; Administrative Handbook; President's "Affirmation of Policy Statement."

II. Procedures (These procedures are intended to resolve a situation fairly, prevent further harassment, and mitigate harm to a complaint)

A. Option: Independent initial course of action

Sometimes, the type and nature of the harassing behavior can be effectively stopped and dealt with by directly and firmly informing the harasser that the behavior is unwelcome and must stop. This action can be taken by the complainant on his or her own, verbally or in writing. The complainant should clearly communicate the disapproval of behavior with which that person is uncomfortable and which the person considers to be harassing. If a person takes this course of action, documentation should be kept (personal notes recording relevant incidents and conversations, including date, time, place, witness, and what was said and done). If communication is by letter, a dated copy of the letter should be kept by the complainant, and a trusted individual of the complainant's choosing should be advised that this letter was written and sent. Support services are available (information, counseling, advocacy) on and off campus for any individual

who needs assistance relating to harassment experiences. (See: Section III. Resources)

In some circumstances, the above course of action may not be feasible, may be unsuccessful, or the individual may not feel comfortable dealing with the matter in this manner. If this is the case, persons are encouraged to come forward, as the College provides resources for information, and for the resolution of both informal and formal grievances.

B. Option: Resolving a complaint through the college's informal grievance procedure

(1) Complaint Procedure

An informal sexual harassment complaint should be filed with the Sexual Harassment Officer as soon as possible after the incident(s). All complaints, whether oral or written, will be taken seriously and investigated expeditiously. Every effort will be made to preserve confidentiality and privacy to the extent the investigative process allows.

The informal course of action should not be used for severe cases of sexual harassment or sexual assault, nor when a previous formal complaint has been filed against the respondent.

The College will in no way retaliate against or permit retaliation against a person who complains of sexual harassment or who cooperates with a sexual harassment investigation.

(2) Resolution: Purpose, outcome, timeline

The goal of this informal process is not to determine whether there was intent to harass but to ensure that the offending behavior ceases and that the matter is resolved promptly at the lowest possible level. The focus is not on the intent of the behavior, but on the impact that the behavior creates. When the purpose is achieved, the complaint is resolved.

The sexual harassment officer will conduct an initial interview of the complainant to determine the facts and whether what allegedly happened is sexual harassment. The complainant will be assisted in determining what informal actions may be appropriate to resolve the problem. The college will take remedial actions reasonably calculated to be effective and appropriate in ending the illegal or inappropriate activity, if any, and to take preventive measures to see that it does not recur. If the proposed resolution is accepted, the college will keep a record of the complaint and its resolution. The college will also follow-up with the complaint to ensure that the problem has in fact been resolved.

Informal complaints will normally be resolved within fifteen (15) days of the initial interview. When this is not possible, both the complainant and the respondent will be notified of the delay and the reasons of the delay. The complainant is deemed to be resolved when both the complainant and the respondent are satisfied regarding the matter.

Use of the informal resolution method does not prevent the complainant from later deciding to use the formal procedure, nor does the use of any internal grievance procedures preclude the complainant from using external grievance resolution resources. (see: Section II.C.(3) Other remedies available) In fact, where informal resolution is not possible, the complainant will be advised of the option of filing a formal complaint. In addition, support services are available on and off-campus for any individual who needs assistance relating to harassment experiences. (See: Section III. Resources)

C. Option: Resolving a Complaint Through The College's Formal Grievance Procedure

(1) Complaint Procedure and Timeline

A complainant may file a formal complaint with the sexual harassment officer without first using the informal complaint procedure. A formal complaint should include: the respondent's name and position; the times, dates, places, and circumstances surrounding the allegation of sexual harassment; and the names of any witnesses to the incident(s). The complainant will be assisted in preparing

a written complaint if needed.

Formal complaints will normally be investigated and concluded within thirty (30) days of the initial interview. The sexual harassment officer will interview the complainant, the respondent, any witnesses, and other appropriate persons, and relevant files. When the investigation is completed, the sexual harassment officer will present to the appropriate College Vice President having administrative oversight of the respondent in question, a written report which will include the allegations, the investigatory process, the evidence in the matter, the persuasiveness of the evidence, and any other information which may be helpful to the resolution of the problem.

Within ten (10) days of the receipt of the Officer's report, the appropriate College Vice President will determine whether there was a violation of college policy, will take prompt and effective corrective action as necessary, and will inform in writing the complainant, the respondent, and the sexual harassment officer of the disposition of the complaint.

Pursuit of the formal complaint procedure does not prohibit the complainant and the respondent from reaching a mutually agreeable compromise or settlement of a dispute prior to the completion of the formal process.

(2) Formal Sanctions

Sanctions imposed on offenders shall be commensurate with the egregiousness of the conduct and adequate and sufficient to demonstrate the College's commitment to taking strong and effective measures to both remedy and prevent the conduct. If the appropriate College Vice President concludes that there is a reasonable basis for believing that the alleged violation of the policy has occurred, sanctions may range from written reprimand up to and including dismissal, in accordance with established procedures for dismissal of a member of that group (student, staff, faculty) to which the offender belongs. In addition the College disciplinary process, rape and other forms of sexual assault may be prosecuted criminally by the Attorney General of the State of Rhode Island.

(3) Other Remedies Available

This policy is intended to offer an internal resolution to sexual harassment complaints. It in no way excludes the complainant and the respondent from exercising her/his rights before any other appropriate forum, including filing charges under State criminal statutes or with the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission within 180 days of the alleged harm. The investigating party will not discourage or in any other manner dissuade a complainant from utilizing his/her external remedies and will assist the complainant in the exercise of her/his rights.

(4) Appeals

a. Timeline

Within ten (10) days of the written notification of the College Vice President's decision, either the complainant or the respondent may file an appeal of the decision with that administrator; the appeal must be submitted in writing detailing the specific reason(s) for the appeal. The appeal will be heard by a Hearing Committee, consisting of members of the college community to be appointed by the President. The Hearing Committee will be convened within ten (10) days of the receipt of the written notice of appeal. Sufficient and reasonable notice of the hearing will be provided by the Committee Chairperson to the complainant and the respondent.

b. Hearing Process

The hearing will be closed to persons other than those participating. However, the complainant and the respondent may be accompanied by her/his own advisor or legal counsel, with whom she/he may consult at reasonable times during the hearing. Advisors or legal counsel may neither address the Committee nor question witnesses. The hearing will begin with the presentation of the complainant's case and be followed by the respondent's response. The Commit-

tee will then question both the complainant and the respondent and provide them with an opportunity to question each other. The complainant and the respondent may present witnesses, who will be present only during their own testimony. Once the Committee is satisfied that all relevant information has been presented, the complainant and the respondent may present summary statements and/or written statements to the Committee. The Committee will meet privately to determine whether sufficient evidence exists to disturb the decisions of the appropriate College Vice President.

c. Outcome

The Committee shall have the power to affirm the decision of and/or penalty imposed by the College Vice President. It may also remand the matter to the College Vice President imposing the penalty for further consideration. If the Committee so remands, then it may make specific recommendations to the College Vice President for further consideration. The Committee will notify the complainant and the respondent of its decision in writing within seven (7) days of the conclusion of the hearing. If the Committee affirms the decision of and/or penalty imposed by the College Vice President, this decision is final. If the Committee's decision is to remand the case back to the College Vice President with specific recommendations, the College Vice President shall consider the remand on written submissions. In all such cases the review shall be limited to the severity of the penalty only. The decision of the college Vice President is final. However, in any case in which the penalty imposed is suspension or dismissal from the College, then that penalty shall be reviewed automatically and without the necessity of appeal by the President Of the College, who is not required to conduct a hearing and who may consider the decision on written submission.

III. Resources

A. On Campus

Student Health : 865-2422 Mon-Fri: 7:30 a.m. - 7:30 p.m.

EMT's: 865-2888 Mon-Fri: 7:30 p.m. - 7:30 a.m. Sat-Sun: 3:30 p.m. - 7:30 a.m.

Security: 865-2222 24 hours a day

Residence Life: 865-2392 Mon-Fri: 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. After hours, call your Hall Director

Personal Counseling: 865-2343 Mon-Fri: 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Chaplains Office: 865-2216, Days; 865-2768 After hours

B. Off-Campus

Emergency: Dial 911

Providence Police: 401-272-1111

RI Rape Crisis Center: 401-421-4100

Statewide 24-Hour Hotline

Women and Infants Hospital: 401-274-1100

Rhode Island Hospital: 401-444-5411

IV. Prevention Programs

A. Providing Information

The Sexual Harassment Prevention Policy and Grievance Procedures will be disseminated to all current members of the College community and to all those who join the community in the future. An annual letter from the President affirming the Policy statement will be sent to all faculty, staff, administrators and students to remind them of the College's high standards of conduct in this area. A copy of the Policy will be included in new student and employee orientation materials and handbooks. In addition, copies of the Policy will be made available at appropriate campus sites, and will be distributed in all sexual harassment prevention training sessions.

B. Education/Training

Sexual harassment prevention training and workshops will be provided to all employees, supervisors, and managers. Sexual harassment prevention issues will be addressed during student orientation. A series of training sessions will be provided for persons who are likely to receive request for information or to be approached for advice or consultation. Participation in a workshop shall be mandated for those found to be in violation of this policy and may also be an element in an informal resolution settlement.

Between Revision and Tradition

by Beth Danesco '96
Editorial Writer

The study of history is being threatened these days by a two-headed monster. One head, the revisionist head, deletes important people and events from the texts, bashes white men like a bad self-help book, and is politically correct to a San Andreas-sized fault. The other head, the traditionalist head, would like to go back to the pre-revisionist days when the history we taught our high schoolers featured the good deeds of white men who were explorers or cowboys and left other subjects, like the contributions of women, the horrors of slavery, or the treatment of Native Americans to the imagination. Though revisionism is more in vogue than traditionalism, both seem alive and well. However, neither can be accepted by those who study, teach, read, write or just sort of like history.

Revisionism is very disappointing. Instead of creating finally a well-rounded, accurate, inclusive history, revisionists have taken the lopsided white-male dominated history, turned it upside down, and brought it to the opposite extreme. Revisionists could have been the iconoclasts who de-deified the "Founding Fathers," for example, showed their flaws as well as their contributions. Instead of turning the mythical men into human historical figures, though, revisionists have, in many cases, turned our Washingtons and Jeffersons from traditionalist angels to revisionist devils who have caused nothing but misery. The picture is still skewed.

Certainly, the men who wrote the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution acted hypo-

critically and were as subject to the ignorance of their time as anyone else. Revisionists seem to ignore, though, the ironic truth that these same white men and slave owners who oppressed women and minorities also left them with the documents on which they justified their battles for freedom, equality, and suffrage in generations to come. These men may have failed to live up to their own high ideals as individuals, but they should be respected for espousing these ideals as statesmen.

Traditionalists argue for the other extreme. They would prefer that the idealized version of "The

with the good. Whitewashing away the mistakes of the past is performing a disservice to those who must cope with the problems of the future. It is also, coincidentally, an affront to our country's integrity.

Additionally, to ignore the fact of white male dominance in American history is to ignore a central struggle in the American experience: the struggle of men and women of all races to, as Dr. King put it, "rise up and live out the true meaning," of our creed. America was not an automatically perfected work. America is an enduring work in progress, a work

History should not be manipulated into patriotic propaganda

Founding Fathers" remains sacred, that the history books ignore the plight of those who were, until recently, disenfranchised in this democracy. Examining that unflattering side of history, they claim, is destructive to the country. This thinking is problematic.

First, history is documented fact. It is interpreted and analyzed, but it is still fact. It is not folk lore nor fairy tale. It should be cultivated into a body of knowledge from which we may all learn, not manipulated into patriotic propaganda. People wearing rose-colored glasses as they look at history ignore the truth of history's first lesson: those who do not learn from the mistakes of the past are doomed to repeat them. We must address the bad and the ugly along

filled with conflict, failure, compromise, and success. Traditionalists seeking an inspirational history do not need to fabricate one, they only need to look at reality in a different light.

The two-headed monster must be slain. In its place there needs to exist a history that encompasses the contributions of all types of Americans, fairly and reasonably, a history that does not ignore the complexities of our past in favor of easy or popular accounts. The facts of history wait like paint on a palette. Hopefully, historians will paint a new picture with more color and balance than the ones existing at the moment. Hopefully, they will take greater care in their work, for in the end, the portrait they paint is a portrait of us all.

Anal Leakage and Olestra

by Vera Schomer '96
Editorial Editor

It's that time of year again. 1996 has begun and Americans are working desperately to fulfill their New Year's resolutions to exercise and start eating "healthy." Although these resolutions sound good, they usually translate into a desire to lose weight, not necessarily get in shape, and eat whatever they want with less fat and less calories, not necessarily healthy foods. Proctor and Gamble is planning to cash in on the public's weight loss obsession by selling foods made with a "fat-free" fat called "Olestra"; it passes through the gastrointestinal tract without being digested or absorbed. This fat is a quick-fix solution for people who are unwilling to make lifestyle and nutritional changes, and is likely to have detrimental effects on the bodies we work so hard to improve. Frankly, it's disgusting.

The average American eats the fat equivalent to six sticks of butter per week. Nearly one-third of Americans are obese. Obesity and high-fat diets are major risk factors for developing high blood pressure, heart disease, diabetes and cancer. While federal health promotion campaigns emphasize the importance of eating more vegetables, fruits, beans and grains as a way to lose weight and stay healthy, corporate America fights back with an easier alternative for Americans who prefer instant gratification and gluttony. Food companies sell the junk food that

everyone loves, engineered in laboratories to remove fat and sugar, but laden with chemical additives and empty calories in the form of simple carbohydrates (white flour, etc.).

These foods also cost a pretty penny. Since the demand for fat-free, sugar free foods has skyrocketed, they end up costing more than comparable products made of the real thing. Proctor and Gamble is hoping to make a killing with olestra, soon to be known as "Olean." It invested \$200 million in developing, studying and test-

Why did the FDA pass an unnecessary and unhealthy product?

ing it. According to *Time* magazine, the annual market for olestra products could be worth \$1 billion within 10 years. Meanwhile, people are probably jumping to buy stock in the company, hoping to make a fortune on a product that makes people sick.

Let me explain. Olestra can cause intestinal cramping, flatulence, loose bowels, fecal urgency (the need to go immediately), and "anal leakage" where the oil goes right through the body and stains the underwear of people who eat it. It also reduces the absorption of essential fat-soluble vitamins such as A, D, E, K, and carotenoids because they latch on to olestra and

subsequently exit the body before entering the bloodstream. P&G's solution to this problem is to simply add extra vitamins to foods containing olestra - extra vitamins to throw away in your stool.

The FDA approved olestra on Wednesday requiring that testing continue. What I find alarming is that the FDA had no money to conduct its own tests on the product. It based its decision on the testing and findings of Proctor and Gamble - findings that could have been fudged to better olestra's chances of approval. By law, the approval could be based on "reasonable certainty of no harm" (*Time* 1/8/96). I don't find that definition very assuring, especially since it will become a "macroingredient" in foods, meaning it will be eaten several grams at a time. Most other artificial food additives are consumed in much smaller quantities.

It's no wonder that prominent health and consumer groups such as the American Public Health Association, the National Women's Health Network, and Ralph Nader's Center for Science in the Public Interest have come out against the approval. Olestra is just too risky - there is no proof that it won't turn out to be a danger to the public's health.

Personally, I have no intention of eating a bag of chips that comes with a warning label. Just as saccharin was found to be carcinogenic, I predict olestra will be found detrimental to human health after it has been consumed for years. Mark my words.

Mr. Bubba's Opus

by Amy Rodrigues '97
Editorial Writer

Think back to your favorite teacher in high school. A little amusing, a thrilling lecture, someone who kept your attention and made math, English or history exciting to learn. A teacher, a friend, and a role model. Now think of your favorite high school teacher and imagine him starring in a porno flick. Recently, this truth became a reality for many students at Dennis-Yarmouth Regional High School on Cape Cod after someone (I am still interested in who) happened to stumble across Mr. Robert "Bubba" Walenski starring in a "soft" pornographic movie which he also helped produce. Mr. Walenski, who had a 25-year teaching career, and who was, and still is, a very popular and accomplished teacher never discussed or revealed his "off time" career with anyone, and rightfully so. Yet, even though he did not break a criminal law, nor has it been proved he endangered the well-being or academic environment of his students, Mr. Walenski was still fired. Yet again, one more fine and talented teacher has been lost in an educational system that is in grave need of more "Mr. Walenski's".

Teaching is one of those professions that takes into account not only intelligence and competency but also moral decency. It is the only career that requires people to lead decent and private lives. And this is what Mr. Walenski has done for 25 years. He drew a line between his own life and his students' and kept his private life out of the classroom. As long as he has not broken a law or endangered anyone, what he did is nothing more than a hobby. Some people prefer gardening, others prefer making pornographic films. Obviously, I am not implying that starring in a pornographic movie is the most decent and moral thing for a teacher to do, but as long as it is kept out of the classroom there is no harm done to anyone. As everyone does, Mr. Walenski also has a right to lead a private life. Whatever he chooses to do, whether it be to appear in pornographic movies or not, (last I checked they are not against the law) should not influence or interfere with his job as a competent teacher.

This issue regarding teachers and what they do in their private lives has surfaced before concerning those who feel that people

who are homosexual are unfit and unbecoming teachers. I am not sure if the people who feel this way are scared that their children will run to become homosexuals (or porno stars, for that matter) or if they are just scared that issues or conversations dealing with topics parents today are not comfortable to deal with will arise with a student's teacher being gay. However, as long as teachers abide by the rules and laws governing all of us, not just teachers, what they do in their own time away from their teaching careers is their own business. There must be a line drawn between what teachers do in the classroom and what they do outside the classroom. And a good teacher will draw that line. Mr. Walenski should not have been completely persecuted for doing something he has every right to do in his time away from school.

Although this whole porno issue should never have been blown up the way it has, for the reasons stated above, Mr. Walenski should not return to teaching. The line has been crossed between his private life and his teaching career and once that is done his new image as a porno star will make it very difficult for him to teach his students, and for his students to face him each day. The respect he once held with his students has been destroyed because he has crossed that line, through no choice of his own, between professionalism and his private life.

This week, after Mr. Walenski left, his students were not any safer, morally decent, or more well-educated than they were when they were going to class every day ready for that thrilling lecture and that entertaining class with Mr. Walenski. They have lost not only their favorite teacher, but the belief that if you work hard, commit yourself to helping others, and conform to a private life guided by rules and laws that you believe to be right, that in the end what is truly best for all will prevail. Unfortunately, this is one of those situations with a no-win ending. Mr. Walenski lost a job, the Dennis-Yarmouth school system lost a fine teacher, but more importantly, the real losers were his students. Great teachers who commit 25 years to helping children are hard to come by. Maybe next time we will think more about all the good that will come out of a truly remarkable teacher and think twice about any immediate negative effects that will come out of smearing a great teacher's private life all over the nightly news.



The Not So Pro-Life Movement

by Mike Sullivan '97
Editorial Writer

Ever since the 1973 Supreme Court decision on Roe vs. Wade the leaders of the self proclaimed "pro-life" movement such as Pat Robertson, Ralph Reed, and Randall Terry have barraged the American public with their talk on the immorality of abortion and the value of human life. At first glance they may seem to be genuinely committed to promoting the value of human life. However, if you look at them more closely you can

ery year. The only realistic way to reduce the abortion rate is to launch a national campaign to reduce unintended pregnancies with the promotion of birth control and better sex education for adolescents. Almost every pro-choice proponent I've ever heard speak on the issue has said the abortion rate could be drastically reduced, perhaps by as much as 50%, within a year of such a program being instituted. This is where the "pro-lifers" show their true colors. They claim abortion is murder and that it should be and must be stopped

The pro-life movement has to focus on protecting the lives of children who are already here.

see that they are nothing more than a group of loud, self-righteous hypocrites. Although many of the rank and file members are sincere and have nothing but the best of intentions, they often do not understand the greater political picture, and that the agenda they are supporting is dangerous.

The "pro-life" movement is anything but pro-life. They simply call themselves that because they want to outlaw abortion. Everyone, even many "pro-life" leaders, acknowledges that outlawing abortion would do nothing to reduce the numbers of abortions ev-

at all costs, but when given a viable method of doing so such as birth control they dismiss it on account that it "morally offends" them. In other words, to them preventive birth-control is more offensive than murder.

The political agenda of the "pro-life" movement is also full of contradictions. You would think that with all their talk about the sanctity of human life they would support programs that protect the health and lives of newborn children. Well, they don't. The "pro-life" Republicans have heartlessly led a constant all out assault on

programs that protect the fragile lives of impoverished children who are too weak to defend themselves. These "pro-lifers" want to eliminate the federally funded child immunization program which provides vaccinations against deadly diseases to poor children that they would not otherwise get. They also want to drastically cut funding from the Women, Infants and Children program which according to a USDA report successfully reduces the rates of miscarriage, infant mortality, and birth defects. Worst of all the "pro-lifers" in Congress have already proposed to eliminate Medicaid's entitlement status. Under current law any pregnant woman, young mother, or young child that falls into the category of poor is eligible for Medicaid if they become sick. The "pro-life" Republicans have proposed to slash Medicaid spending and cap it. That means if a poor child needs medical care after his or her state has run out of federal money, then that child, no matter how sick he or she is, is out of luck. Many "pro-lifers" try to shirk their moral responsibility to these children by claiming that they vote for these candidates but do not support most of their agenda. In reality many "pro-life" groups such as the Christian Coalition and Operation Rescue have actually made cutting funds to these programs a priority. Apparently their commitment to life ends at their pocketbook.

The truth is that the "pro-life" movement is not interested in protecting life before or after birth. The "pro-life" movement is only interested in making its own members feel good. A law making abortion a crime would be nothing more than warm, fuzzy, feel-good legislation. It wouldn't accomplish anything except making the "pro-lifers" feel good about themselves. The next time you hear someone say they are voting for an ultra-conservative candidate because they are "pro-life," call them on their hypocrisy. Ask them why the lives of so many poor children are meaningless to them. Ask them if they love all children so dearly, why don't they adopt one of the 500,000 children in this country waiting for a family but who probably won't get one. If the "pro-life" movement wants to have any credibility with the American public, they have to focus on protecting the lives of children who are already here. After all, how can you teach children the value of human life when you show that you have no value for theirs? If you really want to live in a country where the abortion rate is drastically reduced, the health and lives of innocent children are protected, and the quality of their lives are improved, then vote for the true pro-life party, the Democratic party.

Peaceful Protests?

by Kristen Martineau '98
Editorial Writer

This week marks the annual "March for Life" in Washington, D.C. Pro-life supporters from all over the country gathered together in an ongoing crusade against abortion. On January 22, 1973 the Supreme Court made a decision that affected the lives of millions of unborn children. The Supreme Court prohibited states from making laws that interfered with a woman's right to an abortion. This law has become the principle for pro-choice advocates. Protest marches have become a way in which activists on both sides express themselves. At times these "peaceful assemblies" are anything but peaceful.

From the day the Supreme Court ruled in favor of allowing abortion, the lines between pro-life and pro-choice were definitively drawn, with very few people wavering. The issue of a human being's right to

with some people who did, and they vowed that it was not violent or rowdy, but rather a very pleasant experience. Unfortunately, this is not always the case. A few years back, I participated in a protest march around an abortion clinic. The day began with a Mass, at which time we were asked to pray for those unborn children who may never have the opportunity to experience life. We then proceeded across the street to pray the rosary while walking around the clinic. I can honestly say that this experience was not very pleasant. As pro-life supporters were on one side, pro-choice advocates chanted, yelled, and screamed in opposition. Police officers lined the streets attempting to maintain order. An event that I believed would be spiritual and reflective was anything but that.

We live in a country whose very objective is to enforce and uphold the Constitution and its amendments. As Americans, we are all entitled freedom of speech.

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life continues to be one of the main issues surrounding political campaigns. Advocates of the pro-choice movement believe that it is a woman's right to determine what she does with her body. The main question involved is: When does life begin? If you believe that it begins at the moment of conception, then you would consider abortion to be murder. If you believe otherwise, then abortion can, in your mind, be justified. Nobody can dispute the fact that if a pregnancy continues beyond the first trimester, and through the third, the result is a human being.

In the past 23 years, protest marches and public displays have been at the forefront of the controversy. I did not attend the march in Washington, but I spoke

That includes the right to "peaceably assemble." In a matter as emotional as abortion it is inevitable that people would be carried away with their cause. However, when protests begin to disturb the peace and law enforcement officers are called in, the line must be drawn. Whether it be a John Salvi who opens fire on an abortion clinic, or pro-choice activists who become disruptive, neither extreme can be tolerated. It is unfortunate that in the past protesters on both sides were unable to express their opposition without making others fearful. Hopefully, this gathering in Washington has set a major precedent for peaceful discourse regarding abortion, and a change in society will be made regarding the way in which it deals with the issue.

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Letters to the Editor

March for Life Posters Inexcusably Torn Down

To the Editor:

I am writing because some of the signs for the March for Life were torn down, and I find it disturbing and saddening that at an American college in the 1990s people still think that they are entitled to censor the legitimate expression of viewpoints different from their own.

In and of itself, having a few signs torn down is not a big deal, although it is still inexcusable. The vandalism, however, is indicative of a problem in the whole abortion debate: pro-choicers refuse to listen to pro-lifers or even acknowledge that pro-life is a legitimate moral and intellectual position. I know that this is a real problem

also from first hand experience. I myself was pro-choice until I really thought about the pro-life arguments and came to realize that, regardless of whatever other rights they may have, no woman or man has the right to take the life of a helpless unborn child.

I want to ask, therefore, that the person or persons responsible think about why they found March for Life posters so upsetting that they tore some down, even though, I'd wager, they knew full well that what they were doing was wrong. Could it be because they were unpleasant reminders of the truth that the unborn are indeed children?

Nicholas Lombardo '97

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Ironically, There are Some Winners in the Oil Spill

by Christopher Roche '96
Asst. Editorials Editor

From UNIVISION to the *NBC Nightly News*, Rhode Island has managed to grab the top story. Unfortunately for the Ocean State, the striking of oil will not make Rhode Islanders rich, like it did for the Beverley Hillbillies. Rhode Island was formerly most famous for being responsible for the existence of Vinny "the Pazmanian Devil" Pazienza, but now it has garnered an even more ominous brand of notoriety, that of being the Ocean State with the slippery surf.

some money through class-action lawsuits, the long-term effect of fishing in contaminated waters is impossible to estimate. Furthermore, those who depend on seasonal incomes along the shoreline, namely owners of rental properties, small businesses, hotels and restaurants should be expecting awful profits for the coming year. This will not only hurt the individual owners, but it will further damage Rhode Island's already strapped economy. In a state that boasts its shoreline as its main selling point, tourism revenues can be expected to drop faster than Newt

described the potential claim as a "multi-million dollar case."

The other winners in this disaster ironically may be Eklof Marine, of Staten Island, N.Y. Despite being the owners of the tug and the barge that are responsible for the oil spill, the company may actually profit from its own mess. The Coast Guard has granted approval to Donjon Consortium of Hillside, N.J. Donjon Consortium just happens to be the owner of Eklof Marine. The *Providence Journal-Bulletin* says, "Theoretically, as a partner in the consortium, Eklof will share in any profits the consortium makes from cleaning up the spill, even though Eklof is also responsible for its creation" (Pro-Jo 1/24/96). If there is any justice in this world at all, then every claim made by every lawyer and client will be rewarded in full. (However, Eklof Marine would probably file for bankruptcy and not have to pay its debts anyway).

As high winds and heavy rains threaten to spread the disaster even more, the efforts of the United States Coast Guard, local officials, state and federal governments as well as the Save the Bay group cannot be ignored. Over the course of the next few days, many men and women will be asked to continue to go above and beyond the call of duty in the effort to remove the barge and the tugboat from the water, and thus prevent further pollution. Their efforts are laudable, and the state of Rhode Island as well as the ecosystem encompassing Block Island Sound and Narragansett Bay will be forever indebted to them.

Gingrich's popularity rating. Overall, there will be very few winners.

One group of winners seems to be Lawyers. With huge disasters come huge waves of lawyers. Despite this nation's dislike of attorneys, they are integral in assuring that justice is done. The commercial fishermen who will lose their livelihoods deserve compensation. On Tuesday lawyers met with about 50 fishermen in Galilee in order to nail down representation for the purpose of class-action suits. Among the group was former Governor Philip Noel who

At this point, it is not clear how extensive the damage is from the 800,000 plus gallons of heating oil spilled off Moonstone Beach. Oil has been sighted as far as Point Judith, and it is traveling into Narragansett Bay. One thing is for sure, the damage will be more extensive than the public will ever know. It does not matter how much oil is cleaned up, or how swiftly the job is done. Fish and wildlife have been contaminated; the commercial fishery has been ruined, and the beaches have been spoiled.

While fishermen may recover

Latin Masses are Dead

To the Editor:

I would like to respond to the article "Bring Back Latin" which was written by Mr. Christopher Roche in your December 7th edition of *The Cowl*. In his article Mr. Roche states, "When the Catholic Church decided to forgo Latin Masses in favor of Masses in the vernacular, it made a grave error; and I believe this error is contrary to the mission of the Church." Later in his article Mr. Roche admits, "I am not exactly sure why the Church ever dropped Latin in the first place." It seems to me that before one begins to condemn the Church for dropping the Latin Mass, one should at least attempt to understand the reasons behind doing so. It hardly seems to be good editorial practice to do otherwise.

Returning to this article, one reads that because the Church no longer uses the Latin tongue "The Church has become many bodies and even many more parts" rather than the one Body of Christ as Saint Paul writes in his letter to the Corinthians. It is my understanding that the oneness of the Catholic Church stems from Her intimate union with the Body of Christ. As members of the Church we are all parts of this Body, not by the language we speak, but by the faith we share. The diversity found in the Church only serves to enrich the Liturgy. It is this diversity that Paul is referring to when he writes "...just as the body is one and has many members...so it is

with Christ. For by one spirit we were all baptized into one body" (1 Cor. 12:12-13). We are the Body of Christ, the Church, not by the language we speak, but by the baptism and faith we profess.

Mr. Roche also refers to the dropping of the Latin Mass as a return to "Babel-like languages in the Church." Mr. Roche, the feast of Pentecost undid the sin of Babel. Luke writes of this event saying that after the disciples received the Holy Spirit and were speaking to the diversity of the people, "each one heard them speaking in his own language" (Acts 2:6). It does not say each one heard them speaking in Latin!

In order to understand the reasoning behind the change to the vernacular in the liturgy one must look to the Vatican II documents themselves. The "Constitution on Sacred Liturgy" notes, "Mother Church earnestly desires that all the faithful be led to full, conscious and active participation in liturgical celebration which is demanded by the very nature of the liturgy" (11). In other words, the faithful need to fully understand and actively take part in the liturgy, because it is through this liturgy that they receive their unity. If the Mass were in Latin, very few could even understand much less participate in the Liturgy! The Council again states, "Christian people, as far as possible should be able to understand (both texts and rites) with ease and take part in them freely, actively and as befits the

A New Method of Taxation

by Jay Spinola '96
Editorial Writer

The 1996 presidential primaries are fast approaching, and like clock work the new token issue of the season has been thrust on the American public. Four years ago the topic was health care. Today, no candidate is safe unless they hold an opinion on the possibility of a flat tax. In the previous presidential primaries, former California Governor Jerry Brown ran on the platform of a 13 percent flat tax and was derided for his proposition. This year, magazine mogul Steve Forbes has elevated the flat tax into a key issue for 1996 presidential hopefuls. This country needs to undertake a serious examination of the present tax code and implement sweeping reforms of this outdated system. Thus, before all of the political attention for tax restructuring dies out and public interest slowly wanes, I would like to propose my own version of a revolutionary new tax system.

The premise of this new system is simple, and the benefits seem limitless. To be brief, I propose that the entire system of paper monetary notes be abolished and replaced by a procedure which limits capital transactions to debit-cards. All currency transactions, whether they be weekly occupational compensation, or lunch at a local cafe, would be administered by computerized bank accounts accessed by debit-cards. This would force a computerized paper-trail of all monetary exchanges, making it impossible to hide, or withhold funds from the IRS.

A lower tax rate is the first benefit of this system. The IRS currently estimates it receives only 11 percent of the tax it is owed from businesses which deal in all cash transactions. This fact costs the United States tens of billions of dollars each year, thus forcing high tax rates. All citizens should have to pay their fair amount of income tax. Why should the majority of the American people be forced to

shoulder the unduly large tax burden, so that others may cheat the system? This new system would certainly remedy this problem.

A second benefit is simplicity. Tax payers would merely have to submit a short form to the IRS stating any deductions warranted, or charitable contributions made, (which could be verified by computer) and their social security number. The IRS would then determine the validity of those forms and whether more tax is owed, or a refund is due. The tax season would thus be diminished to an idle event in April, instead of a frantic period of accountants and tax attorneys struggling to take advantage of loop-holes to produce the lowest tax rate for their clients.

There would also be external advantages of this new method of taxation. With all paper currency removed from circulation, drug dealers could no longer operate. There could be no robbery for money, thus drastic reductions in the occurrences of small crimes like "purse snatching" or "muggings" would take place. The employment of illegal aliens in this country would also be impossible, as they could not receive payment without a social security number, or purchase any American goods without an authorized debit-card. Thus, minor crimes would nearly cease to exist.

Finally, and most importantly, the tax system would become fair. Citizens would not be able to cheat on their taxes, thus rates would be lowered. Petty theft would be virtually eliminated, ensuring a better standard of life. Finally, all Americans would be forced to pay their taxes, thus ameliorating other problems like the federal deficit.

In their respective bids for a presidential nomination, Republican candidates are sure to shower the public with platitudes promising a revised tax system. I hope they give this matter the serious consideration it deserves and not just milk it for short term political gain.

and unity of the Body of Christ. The Council adds, "Even in the Liturgy the Church has no wish to impose rigid uniformity in matters which do not involve faith and the good of the whole community. Rather she respects and fosters the spiritual adornments and gifts of the various races and peoples" (43). It is the diversity of the People of God which serves as the greatest to the Body of Christ, the Church.

Mr. Roche writes, "I am not exactly sure why the Church ever dropped Latin in the first place. However, it is my personal opinion that laziness had something to do with it." It seems to me that the laziness could more be attributed to Mr. Roche, who did not even bother to open a book to see why the Council did what it did. The Church changed from the Latin Mass in response to the needs of the people in accord with the guidance of the Holy Spirit. "Zeal for the promotion and restoration of the liturgy is rightly a sign of the providential dispositions of God in our time, as a movement of the Holy Spirit in His Church" (43).

Matthew Kenney '94

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History in the Brewing

By Pete Keenan '99
A&E Writer

Beer. As any college student will tell you, it is the nectar of the Gods, the staple of our diets, and the bread and butter of our daily routines. It is an unfortunate occurrence in our society, when the misconceptions and misunderstandings of others get twisted into critique and hostility. It is from the bitter fruit of this polluted tree that respectable people point an accusing finger at collegiate America for their drinking habits.

What most drinkers, young and old, great and small, do not realize is that when they raise a healthy serving of golden lager to their lips, they are not only taking part in a time-honored American tradition, but they are doing something for their health (to some degree) and are participating in the nation's booming small business economy.

Beer. Please do not think of mass hopped-Budweiser or Coors; try to remember your roots and your ancestors. Although it is hard to beat the price of a thirty-rack of Nattie Lite, you would never catch good ol' George Washington hoisting back a tankard of anything on Eagle Liquor's Sale Du Jour shelf. On the contrary, the Father of Our Country would most likely have enjoyed a dark porter, closely resembling a modern microbrewed beer, which brings us to where we are now.

The latest craze in beer consumption today is microbrewing, or more accurately craft brewing. By definition, the term "micro" refers to breweries which produce under 15,000 barrels a year. However, many beers have been dubbed "microbrews" without proper reason. For example, Sam Adams Beer is normally depicted as America's microbrew poster child, but Sam Adams Boston Lager sold well over 1,000,000 barrels in 1995. Craft brewing is a more accurate term, describing the care and work put into the brewing process, as opposed to describing how much beer is produced per year. A craft brewery, such as the Boston Beer Company, which produces Sam Adams, brews its beer in small batches, under close supervision, with only the purest of ingredients. Modern craft breweries are the descendants of the beer created by this nation's founding fathers.

The importance of beer to the Colonial system was first noted in historical documents in 1620, when the captain of the Mayflower cited in his log that the legendary vessel would be returning to England for more supplies, "especially Beere [sic]." Later, on the *Arabella*, a ship headed for the Massachusetts Bay Colony, brought 10,000 gallons of ale aboard for the journey, but only 200 gallons of water. Beer was of great importance to early sailors because it prevented scurvy, and unlike water, did not become rancid after several weeks of storage in barrels. In addition, the mild alcohol level in beers and ales kills and thus prevents contamination from milder forms of

harmful bacteria.

In the colonies, beer was equally important. It was a substitute for the water of the New World which was often unsafe. In addition, the process of homebrewing in Colonial America was a family oriented activity. The family values and harmony cultivated by the group project of harvesting the malt and hops and then brewing it into beer would impress even the likes of Newt Gingrich. Beer was given out to colonists of all ages, sexes, and professions to help ease the strains of daily life, to warm up the colonists in the winter, and to provide energy and motivation during drone and mindless tasks, which often accompanied the settling of the New World. In fact, because beer was considered so healthy in the days of yore, and because it quenched the stress of day-to-day life, those who abstained from drinking a quart or so at meal times were

ing. However, it was the colonists who were right on this issue. *Men's Health* magazine states that beer, when consumed at a level of one or two drinks a day, will reduce chances for heart disease. In addition, it helps prevent diabetes from afflicting men in their 40's. A couple glasses of beer a day will cut your risks of having a stroke in half.

By purchasing some of America's craft brews, you are supporting the working American. An example of this is the case of Tim Yarrington, brew-master at Long Valley Pub and Brewery in Long Valley, New Jersey. A brew-pub is a restaurant which brews and sells its own beer on premises. An example of this is Union Station Brewery at 36 Exchange Terrace here in Providence. Yarrington began his career by brewing at home for eight years, and then taking a class to get his degree. He now oversees the brewing at his brewpub, a sure-fire lu-



considered suspect by the rest of the town.

Beer also facilitated democracy in America. It is a well known fact that taverns in colonial America were the bastions of developing government. They served as town halls in older times, where a colonist could chat about the Stamp Tax with his fellows, get a hot meal and a warm bed, or muster a militia in time of civil strife. There is a direct correlation between these foundations for democracy and the beverage of choice served there.

Beer in more contemporary history also has served its purpose in guiding America towards democracy. In July, 1862, a federal tax was levied on beer, at a price of \$1 per barrel. And where did this money go? Towards the Union's military budget for the Civil War, which it was involved with at that point. Forty years later, the government raised the tax on beer to \$2 a barrel, generating \$15 million in only six months. Those tax dollars paid for America's involvement in Cuba during the Spanish-American War, an expedition which cost America's tax payers \$38 million. Beer has played a great role in furthering democratic efforts around the world.

Many critics of beer and alcohol in general direct attention to the negative health impacts of drink-

ing. However, it was the colonists who were right on this issue. *Men's Health* magazine states that beer, when consumed at a level of one or two drinks a day, will reduce chances for heart disease. In addition, it helps prevent diabetes from afflicting men in their 40's. A couple glasses of beer a day will cut your risks of having a stroke in half.

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At the Movies 12 Monkeys

by Megan Southard '97
A&E Writer

Twelve Monkeys has all the commonly used plot techniques of many recent sci-fi films including flashbacks, time travel, and a deadly virus that threatens the entire human race, yet this bizarre thriller is anything but predictable. The complex story line is carried well by a strong cast including Bruce Willis, Brad Pitt and Madeline Stowe.

Willis' character is a convicted criminal in the future, where everyone lives underground because of a virus that swept the earth and killed off most of the population. In order to receive a pardon from his imprisonment, he must travel back in time to try to gather information about the origins of the virus.

Once he travels into the past, his ravings about the future land him in a mental institution where he meets the genuinely insane character played by Pitt. Pitt, who gives one of his best performances yet, not as a cavalier heartthrob, as in *Legends of the Fall*, but as a raving lunatic with one bulging eye and a spastic twitch. His performance won him "Best Supporting Actor" at the Golden Globe Awards.

Stowe's character enters the story as one of the psychologists in the mental ward whose specialty is the apocalyptic ravings of lunatics about the end of the world. Her character spends a majority of the time trying to convince Bruce Willis' character that he is crazy, until she realizes his predictions are more than just delusory.

The plot gets extremely complicated and slightly confusing at points, as the characters travel back and forth in time and waver on the borderline of sanity. Throughout the film you are not quite sure what is reality and what is the fictitious creations in the mind of the mental patients. The futuristic world of Willis' character seems real enough, (or surreal enough) but then the audience wonders what is that incessant, haunting voice that he hears in his head?

Even the end of the movie allows for different interpretations, and although not a total let down, it somehow wasn't completely satisfying after its extremely fast-moving build-up. Despite this aspect, the film was definitely worth seeing, especially in the theaters with *12 Monkeys'* dark, urban and unconventional futuristic setting. The film shows the increasing trend towards these new dark and twisted thrillers that have received the attention of audiences and big-budget actors, and proves that the public (thankfully) is interested in more than fluffy *Sleepless in Seattle* money makers.

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Giant Geek Rock

by Michael Sablone '98
A&E Writer

Most 10 year-olds don't know why the sun shines (the sun is a mass of incandescent gas). They couldn't care less about James Ensor (Belgium's famous painter). Some get a kick out of mammals, but they have no clue about their classification history (Placental the sister of her brother Marsupial / Their cousin called Monotreme / Dead uncle Allotheria). This may seem odd and trivial but it really isn't, for last Friday flocks of them youngins, and a hefty amount of the old folks packed Lupo's to be entertained and educated in those matters by those two John's, Linnell and Flansburgh. Ying and yang. 20/20 vision and bespeckled. Little and big. True giants of the ever limited Geek rock scene. The founding fathers of They Might Be Giants.

They Might Be Giants are definitely odd. Any duo (now band) who has the cojones to write a song immortalizing James K. Polk, has to be respected. Respected and Admired. Their always quirky music gained a following by blending dual vocals, an accordion, keyboards, a guitar, obscure voice and sound samples, and a looping drum beat. Not very much, but now they've blossomed into a full band with their 1994 release John Henry, which made They Might Be Giants

into a real band; no longer an art house geek duo that they once were, complete with bassist, a real drummer, and horns. The horn section was not there for the show, and that left a huge gap in their music, most noticeably with the newer material, such as on "Sleeping in the Flowers." Overall they put together a solid set, complete with a double encore.

This new direction has slightly changed the sound of They Might Be Giants. Old songs became new songs. Some earlier material suffered a little from the full band. For instance, at times, Little John's keyboards were drowned out by the drums. On the flip side, some old songs got a shot of adrenaline from the fuller sound. We first saw this on Apollo 18 with "Dig My Grave," which when played, got the crowd stirred up and (oh God this is funny) moshing. Other old songs changed considerably, witnessed by the crowd's confusion as the John's provided new introductions to both of their mainstreaming hits "Particle man" and "Istanbul (not Constantinople)."

Other highlights included "The Statue Got me High," "Twisting," "Subliminal," and the rock conga song "No One Knows My Plan" (which now relies on the crowd's decision to conga, as opposed to the band telling people to conga). Overall, musically they were solid, except for the lack of horns and the sporadic drowning out of the keyboards and accordion. Big John scored



points for pulling off his "I just inhaled helium" voice without sounding too falsetto and Little John juggled speak singing with

long solos that were equally impressive as Big John's.

A few songs that weren't affected by the new format blew me away. "Ana Ng" survived the switch, along with "(She was a) Hotel Detective," and "Don't Let's Start," which Big John commented that it was now their "trademark song." I was shocked when the show opened with "Spider," a song that relies on off-the-wall samples. I never thought I would hear it in concert, however, to my surprise it transferred well. They also played "The Guitar (The Lion Sleeps Tonight)," another song which I had not expected to hear. Along with new renditions of old songs they also played a new song, entitled "Drug," which was straightforward material, with somber anti-drug lyrics.

Along with being very intelligent, They Might Be Giants are also one of the most humorous bands in the business - not outlandish and hyper, but subdued and slick. The band adopted a bar band attitude between songs, telling people to "remember lost friends" at last call. Little John also continued this drink theme by announcing to the crowd after he had taken a drink by stating "Cup." His offhandedness intensified the loopiness of the performance.

The high comedic point of the show, aside from the word "cup," was when the band invited opening act duo, The Candybutchers, on stage for a rendition of "Spy." At the improvisational ending, Little John, as usual, had conducting duties. He slowly got the band into an absolutely hilarious cover of "Baby Don't Fear the Reaper." In fact they did the cover twice, the second time Little John manipulated the two drummers into alternating snare hits of "Reaper" while he played the introduction on his keyboard. After a couple of seconds the rest of the band hopped in on cue to finish the song.

The Candybutchers opened the show and they played your usual mix of Squeeze/Jayhawks/Del Amitri/Monkees/Matthew Sweet type music. The lead vocalist was really into it, frequently asking the crowd how they were doing and asking if they wanted to rock. This is humorous for they consisted of only an acoustic guitar and a snare drum.

Their songs were not that memorable, but they got the largest applause that I've seen for an opening act (excluding the Foo Fighters), for they involved the crowd in songs by having genders sing different parts of the chorus and took requests. They played 3/4 of a Black Sabbath song for some chap who yelled for them to "play some Ozzy." I don't think he expected them to play it and afterwards the lead singer stated, "Sorry, but the Ozzy guy yelled the loudest." Sometimes their music reminded me of bags of sticky sweet cotton candy. In other words, it was too light and fluffy, yet somehow it got all over me and made my face turn red. Such are the hardships of the music world.

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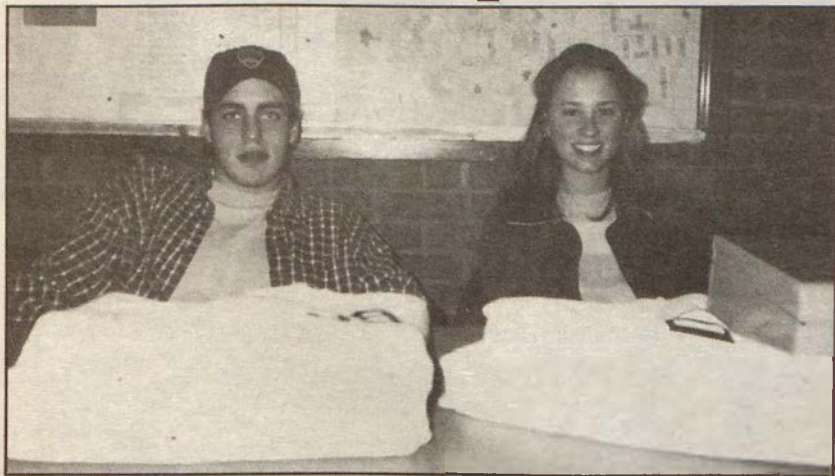
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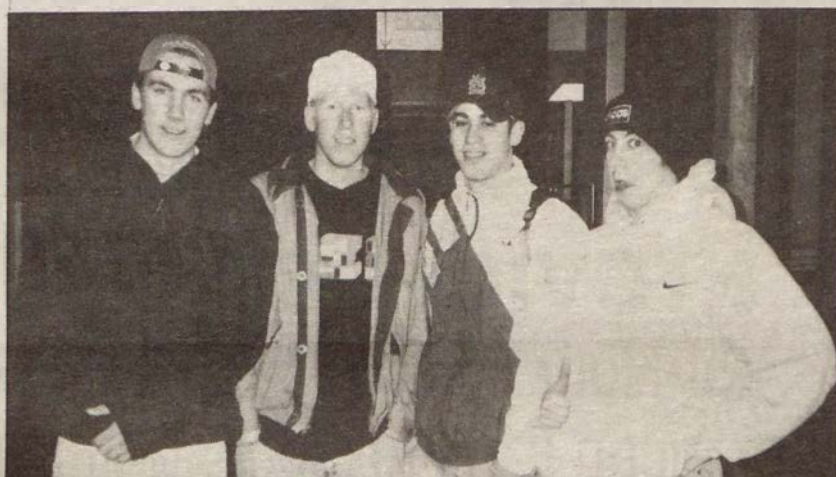
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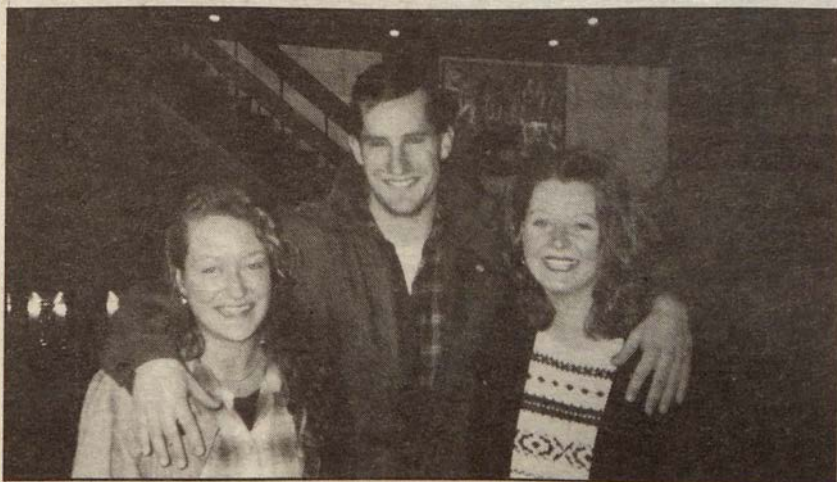
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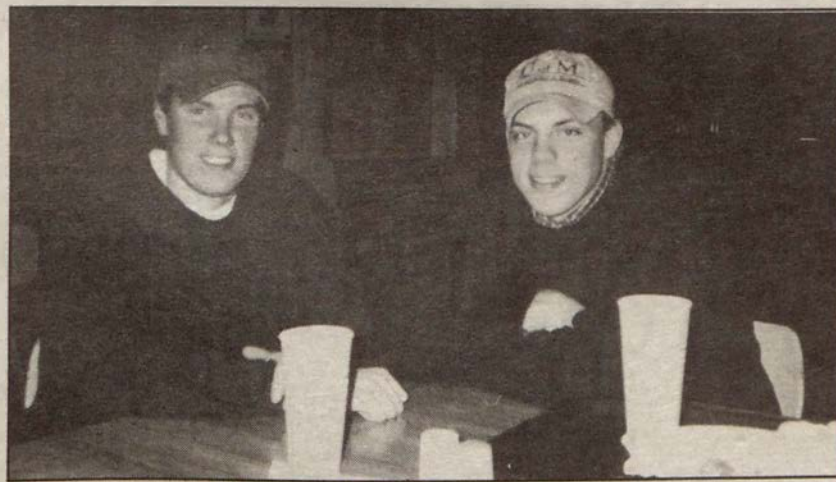
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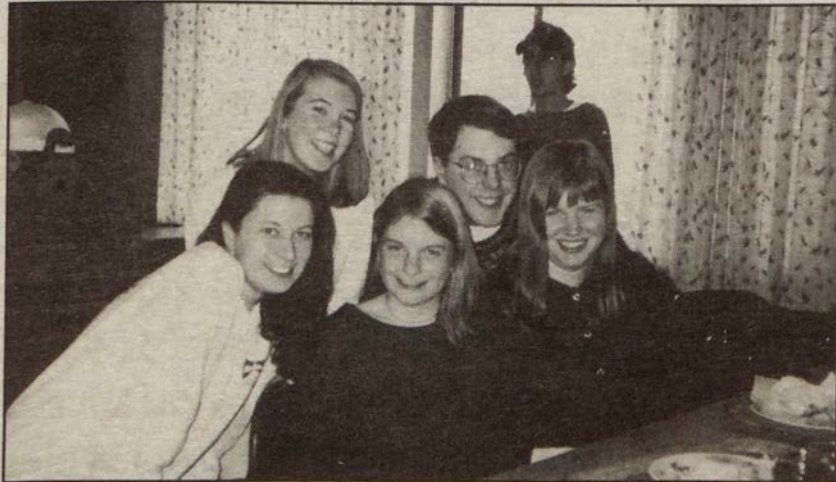
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Introduction

Review of the Objectives for the Requirement

Discussion:

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- What should be the objectives?
- How can these objectives be met?
- How does this requirement relate to the Mission Statement of Providence College?
- Are there other questions to be considered?

Following the Focus Group Sessions, the Curriculum Review Steering Committee will meet to review all materials and to formulate additional

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DANCE FOR HOPE

Participants should bring your sponsor sheets and donations on February 2-3rd. If you have not registered yet please call **Mike Janicki at 865-2235**

****Please bring a pillow, blanket, toothbrush and a change of clothes and a lot of enthusiasm**

WELCOME BACK!!!

We, of STEP I, look forward to another semester at Providence College.
All feedback/suggestions welcomed.

**-Because we care...STEP I:
The Power of Peer Education:**

Focus Group Sessions on Core Curriculum

Philosophy Requirement:

Wed., January 31st
2:30 - 4:00 p.m.

Moore Hall II

Theology Requirement:

Thurs., February 1st
2:30 - 4:00 p.m.

Moore Hall II

Natural Science Requirement:

Tues., February 6th
4:30 - 6:30 p.m.

Albertus Magnus 137

Fine Arts Requirement:

Thurs., February 8th
1:00 - 2:30 p.m.

Slavin Center - '64 Hall

Mathematics Requirement:

Tues., February 13th
2:30 - 4:00 p.m.

Moore Hall II

Social Science Requirement:

Thurs., February 15th
2:30 - 4:00 p.m.

Moore Hall II

Come and hear someone who's a cross between Jesse Jackson and Bill Cosby!

Dr. Dennis Rahiim Watson

speaks on

"Leadership, Success, and Survival Skills in the 1990's: 100 Challenges Facing Students"

Wednesday, Feb. 7th

Moore Hall I

4:00 - 6:00 p.m.

Faculty Exhibition

1996

Providence College

Hunt-Cavanagh Gallery

East Campus

January 17th to February 23rd

Reception

Wednesday, January 24th,

4:00 to 6:00 p.m.

Upcoming BOP Events

JAMAICA
FINAL PAYMENTS
ARE NOW BEING
ACCEPTED IN THE
BOP OFFICE.
PAYMENTS ARE
DUE BY FRI.,
FEB. 2nd

From Coffeehouse... Breakfast Club

(the movie)

Breakfast food will
be served!

Tues., Jan. 30th
9 p.m. - 12 a.m.

Fine Arts Presents...

Damn Yankees

starring Jerry Lewis

Sun., Feb. 4th
in Boston

Tix \$12 on sale Mon., Jan.
29th in BOP office

SENIORS!

There will be a Commencement
Video/Photo Drop-off on
Wed., Jan. 31st and
Thurs., Feb. 1st from
10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
in Lower Slavin

Having a senior event
you want taped for the
Commencement Video?
Call John or Asher at
273-1053

Habitat for Humanity *presents:* Rock the House

featuring
Morgan's Tale
Sat., Jan. 27th, 1996
at Stuart's
8:00 p.m. - 1:00 a.m.

Beer available with proper ID

CLASS OF '97

IS HAVING THE THIRD ANNUAL
SNOWBALL SEMI-FORMAL

FRI., JAN. 26TH, 1996

9:00 P.M. - 1:00 A.M.

(DOORS CLOSE AT 10:00 P.M.)

IN PETERSON

TICKETS \$6.00

(AVAILABLE AT THE DOOR)

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FRI., FEB. 16TH, 1996

9:00 P.M. - 1:00 A.M.

IN PETERSON

\$8.00 BEFORE \$10 AT THE DOOR

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SAT., JANUARY 27TH, 1996

9:00 P.M. - 1:00 A.M.

(DOORS CLOSE AT 10:00 P.M.)

IN PETERSON

\$5.00 IN SLAVIN PIT THIS WEEK

(10:30 A.M. - 2:30 P.M.)

\$7.00 AT THE DOOR

DON'T FORGET TO BUY YOUR '99 SWEATSHIRTS

UPCOMING INTRAMURAL SPORTS

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ALL SPORTS START AS SOON AS THERE ARE ENOUGH ROSTERS. SIGN
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LOCATED IN LOWER PETERSON OR CALL 865-2340.

To Protect and Serve Who?

by Chris Seaver '96
Contributing Writer

I never had the pleasure of dealing with the Providence Police until most recently when I experienced an unsettling chain of events that will forever change my opinion of the department. On Saturday, December 9, the city of Providence declared a parking ban because of the snow whereby all cars would be towed if parked on the street. On this particular day I had run a couple of errands in the early afternoon and had left my car parked on the street (Pembroke) directly in front of our house to allow other house mates easier access to enter and leave the driveway in their cars. From mid afternoon to early evening, my roommates and I watched television and never once saw or heard of a parking ban. At around 8:30 p.m., one of my house mates from downstairs ran upstairs to let me know that my car was being towed. By the time I ran out the door the car was nowhere in sight; what the hell was going on? I immediately called the police and questioned the towing. The answer: "A parking ban was clearly stated and we cannot give you the whereabouts of your car until tomorrow morning at 8:30 a.m." The patrolman I spoke with refused to answer any other questions and hung up on

me.

The next morning I went down to the station and was told I could pick up my car at a lot on Charles Street. When I arrived at the lot, there was no one in sight and a ticket for \$50.00 was left on my windshield. Assuming that this ticket was the total towing fee, I took the car home. As I was getting up at 8:30 a.m. on Tuesday, I heard a loud pounding on the front door. It was a Providence policeman who said, "Who is the owner of the Massachusetts registered car that was towed?" I responded that it was my car. The officer said that I owed Jimmy \$72.00 and I was evading payment. Confused, I asked who Jimmy was and how exactly I was evading payment. "Jimmy is the guy who towed your car and you acted criminally by taking your car out of his lot without paying the towing fee. I am going to give you one more chance to pay or I will arrest you." I proceeded to tell him that I did not have enough so I would write him a check, but he quickly interrupted, "I work on a cash-only basis." I told him my only source of that much cash would be the ATM machine down at 7-11 whereby he agreed to drive me down to get the money. After I gave him the money, the officer wrote me a receipt on notebook paper which stated that I paid the towing fine

and listed his name and badge number.

After these events took place I called a lawyer to see if this 'procedure' of collecting towing fees was legal. The lawyer told me that it was illegal for a police officer to force entry into the house and also that a police officer cannot legally collect civil debts; further I was advised to take some action but was greeted with the response, "Yes the police officer did act illegally, but consider yourself lucky that the court did not order you to appear in court with the charge of evading payment. If you still feel uncomfortable with the way matters were handled, come in and file a written complaint. Do not expect anything to happen, possibly just a verbal reprimand."

After a bit of venting my anger and frustration with the pathetic methods of the Providence Police, I ended the conversation without any satisfaction. My hope for the readers of this article is to relay a message of caution when dealing with the Providence Police because through my experience I have seen that they do indeed "protect their own". Finally, I want to relay two important lessons I have learned. The first is that everyone must remember to remove their cars from the street when it snows, and second, that the Providence Police department operates on a "cash only" basis.

Forget Lisa Marie... What About the King?

by Erin R. King '98
Asst. News Editor

Turn on the TV. There they are. Or rather, there they aren't. These days, the only time we hear about Elvis Presley is when people say he must be rolling in his grave, after his daughter's farcical marriage to the King of Pop. Besides the occasional sightings at Midwestern supermarkets, The King of Rock-&-Roll keeps himself pretty low-key. But even with his daughter getting all that attention, some people just can't forget what January 8 is.

It's Elvis' birthday.

Certainly Ted Turner didn't forget. His TNT network presented all-day Elvis movies on his birthday and twice-daily Elvis movies for the next week. During the famed "Blizzard of '96," as there was not much else on TV., this writer found herself watching a few too many Elvis movies. One night, I even had a dream that I was in an Elvis movie, singing and dancing my way through an hour and a half of pure Hawaiian hell.

Here are three of the most notable Elvis flicks. They all have the same formula: Elvis goes to a cool locale, like Florida, Hawaii, or jail; something inevitably stands between him and the girl of his dreams; he plays a little guitar and, almost magically, all the barriers between people are erased, making way for a veritable lovefest. Say what you will about the genre, but Elvis movies are all about pure, unadulterated human goodness.

Well, maybe this first selection is an exception:

Jailhouse Rock. You know the song. But have you ever seen the movie? In an incredible bar-room brawl, Elvis commits manslaughter while defending the honor of a battered woman. He goes to prison, where he learns to play guitar. Elvis touches the hearts of the world by playing guitar on a special TV. program for convicts. He's an instant star. Since he's a bad-ass, he has no respect for authority or the "rules." This helps him start his own renegade record label, become fantastically rich, and of course, win the love of a beautiful woman.



Clambake. Elvis is a rich oil tycoon's son, but he's missing one thing: you guessed it—the love of a beautiful woman. He fears that most girls only love him for his money. Luckily, he makes friends with another fellow, a waterski instructor at a tropical resort. They switch places, and that's where the fun begins. Waterskis. Speedboats. All just excuses for mod 60's bikinis. Elvis falls hard for a water-skier played by Shelley

Fabares (of "Coach" fame). Featuring an actual clambake, complete with food, a live band, and Elvis with a guitar, the movie basically says its okay to lie about who you are, as long as you keep your guitar handy. As you beg for forgiveness, it helps to play a little tune. I've noted that two bespectacled employees at my local Blockbuster video particularly enjoy this film above all Elvis movies. It just goes to show that regardless of the year, the same simple plot (with a few pastel bikinis thrown in for effect) cannot cease to entertain.

Girl Happy. An unrepentant romp through 1960's Fort Lauderdale at spring break. Also starring Shelley Fabares (with a different haircolor) as Elvis' heartthrob. Also an excuse for the bikinis. Enough said.

TNT's own **Elvis Up Close Segments.** Did you know that when Elvis was in fifth grade he lost a talent show to a third-grade girl who, forty years later, is obviously tone deaf. Also, we learn how Elvis really liked his peanut butter and banana sandwiches.

It just goes to show that even though he's been gone nearly twenty years (Hear that? He's gone! Dead!), the spirit of the King lives on. So if you happen to see a man with sideburns and a jumpsuit-cape combo in your local 7-11, fear not. It's not him, but rest assured that he's probably seen the movies, and if you ask really nicely, he may just play you a song or two.

To Achieve Your Dreams, Remember Your ABC's

Avoid negative sources, people, places, things and habits.

Believe in yourself.

Consider things from every angle.

Don't give up and don't give in.

Enjoy life today; yesterday is gone and tomorrow may never come.

Family and friends are hidden treasures. Seek them and enjoy their riches.

Give more than you planned to give.

Hang on to your dreams.

Ignore those who try to discourage you.

Just do it!

Keep on trying. No matter how hard it seems, it will get easier.

Love yourself first and most.

Make it happen.

Never lie, cheat or steal. Always strike a fair deal.

Open your eyes, and see things as they really are.

Practice makes perfect.

Quitters never win, and winners never quit.

Read, study and learn about everything important in your life.

Stop procrastinating.

Take control of your own destiny.

Understand yourself in order to better understand others.

Visualize it.

Want it more than anything.

Xcellerate your efforts.

You are unique of all of God's creations. Nothing can replace you.

Zero in on your target and go for it!

-Wanda Carter

PC Student Honored in Florida

Dan Connolly received College Pro Painters' President's Club Award. Dan was one of 93 college students honored by College Pro Painters (US) Ltd. in Orlando, Florida on January 6, 1996.

Dan is a senior majoring in Management. Last summer he was one of over 600 students nationwide who ran franchises for College Pro. Dan managed the Wellsley, MA outlet where he produced \$100,000 in sales.

From January 3-7, the company held its annual conference in Orlando, Florida at the new Omni-Rosen Hotel, right in the center of Orlando's great attractions. The conference served to kick off College Pro's 25th year of operation. College Pro flew down its Managers who received "President's Club" and/or Pioneer Awards" and provided them with accommodations for the weekend.

President's Club Awards are given to franchise managers who have produced over \$100,000 in sales. College Pro gives Pioneer Awards to those individuals who "produce over \$60,000 in sales in an area where previous sales have not exceeded \$20,000."

Over 500 people attended the awards dinner held on January 6. The theme for the evening was a "Salute to Stardom" - a title most befitting for the evening.

College Pro Franchises manage all aspects of their house painting businesses from marketing to potential clients; to hiring, supervising and training their work force; to financial controls. In addition to a great work experience, College Pro also provides a large earnings potential.

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What? I'm a Senior??

by Pam Marchant '96
Features Writer

I am scared. I am terrified more and more every day because in approximately three short months I will be leaving Providence College. This school has been my haven for four years and now my time is just about up.

I cannot function. Even now, I can barely get this article out. I can't do much homework. I can't spend hours in Slavin like I used to. Basically, I'm tired, and I sense that many other seniors are, too.

crete plans. I suppose I shouldn't feel so bad. At least I have an excuse for not having a clue.

Yes, "senioritis" has set in and it's worse than I ever thought it could be. Not only is it a desire to never do work again (which is the popularly accepted definition), but it is an intense nagging pit in my stomach that reminds me that with every passing hour, I am closer and closer to D-Day (the day I must finally make a decision).

What brought me out of my denial of last semester was when so many people kept asking me



Please don't ask me what I'm doing after graduation because all I'll tell you is that I'm having a party on May 26. I just don't know what I want to do yet (which everyone tells me is okay but at this point I can't possibly see how it's anywhere near okay.)

This has become a major stress point in my life. The only progress I have made is to snap out of my denial of last semester (when I was convinced that I was a first semester sophomore). Now I must move on and go to the next step of actually making plans.

What's interesting is that even my friends who know what they want to do still don't have any con-

what my plans were. This leads me to believe that if all these people had left me alone, I'd be perfectly happy right now. Instead, I am this complete mess, searching for words after my deadline has already passed. So if you know seniors who seem happy to you, please (please!) do not ask them the dreaded question. Those smiles will vanish from their faces faster than you can say, "graduation."

As for me, I'll plug away at my daily tasks, hoping that I do not spontaneously crack one day. As for you, please be nice to me. I am scared.

Buddhism and My Ex-Girlfriend

by Asher Schofield '96
Features Writer

The opening line to the song "Pink Walls" by Mud was running through my head on the morning that I was typing my article onto the computer: "This throne is for me, for me." And I thought about how well it seemed to sum up the underlying message of Buddhism: Every man for himself. It is hard, going to a Catholic school, to find and fully understand some of the world's other and more quirky religions. I have done this.

It is common to have an ex-girlfriend. It is slightly less common to have an ex-girlfriend whom you despise. But it is an all around rare situation when one has an experience which renders him victorious over that sour fruit of a person whom he was once intimate. I am that guy.

There is a gigantic mural of Green Buddha on the wall of my apartment. He has red horns, which I would suspect furthers the theme of every man for himself. Sometimes, when we are really looped, he talks to us. His wisdom is sage-like, incomparable and beautiful.

Man, my ex-girlfriend was a real stinker. Over break, I was cleaning out my room, and I came to those shoe boxes full of silly letters that 6 out of 11 people who have been to high school have. As I rummaged through, I discovered countless nauseating notes from (lets just call her. . .) Lefty. From

one of these envelopes from Lefty, I pulled out an interesting piece of paper. Apparently, at one time, she had mailed me a photocopy of one of her extremely personal body parts and I was holding it, or rather them, in my hands. Yuck. Pretty unpleasant.

Here's some other things that are pretty unappealing about Lefty: - she once traded really bad poetry about feelings, love, and star dust with another male until she saw fit to seduce him.

- I found her in bed with a very good friend of mine (I think that she'd written to him about star dust too).

- She misspelled Carpe Diem as carpy dium.

- She screwed my friend, Seth, out of an apartment in Vail so that he had to forsake his dream life in Colorado and return to New Hampshire where things aren't quite as exciting.

Along with two geckos named Eugene and Walter, Seth has a small collection of hand painted Buddha's. He too would like to see Lefty first sat on by an overweight woman for a long period of time and then finally open roasted on a pig spit. Well, over break, a cluster of my friends and I sat, soaking in the virtue of the Buddha's, when in walks Lefty with this "happy to see everyone" nonsense. She then plopped down on the floor and got comfy. I'd wished that she wasn't getting comfy.

Seth and I looked on as she

blabbed about how she was going to go on welfare for the next two months while she was home, so that she could have money to go back out to Colorado. She'd just come from Key West. As she yapped, a miracle happened.

I heard someone cry out. I saw a flame as tall as one of those height check boards that little kids have to stand against in order to get onto amusement park rides shoot up from behind Lefty. I heard more startled exclamations. Lefty jumped away, furiously swatting at her wrist as flames spread up her arm. She was on fire. I continued to look on. Life can be so interesting. As the flames reached her shoulder, she threw her coat off and stomped on it, extinguishing the fire. The whole event only lasted about three seconds, but it managed to destroy her brand new fleece, leaving charred fragments on the floor. She left, feeling foolish and utterly defeated. It had been one of the candles around Seth's Buddha's that sparked her right up. A religious experience? Uh-huh.

And as I finished typing my article, the same words were repeating through my head as on the night that Lefty burnt: "That trashy pig burnt, that trashy pig burnt, that trashy pig burnt." Conclusion?? It just goes to show you, even star dust can turn to ashes. That and that I'm gonna be mailing Seth a smutty photocopy out of appreciation.

Become a Cowl Member - Now!!

Want to join *The Cowl*??? Now is your chance!! The Features Section is looking for two writers and one Assistant Editor. If you are interested, stop by *The Cowl* office in Slavin 104, and leave your name, phone number and a sample of your writing before January 29, 1996.

ATTENTION: LIBERAL ARTS MAJORS!!!

Have you considered the Business Studies Program? If you are presently an undeclared student or are considering a LIBERAL ARTS major but wish to also consider BUSINESS, perhaps this can be of some assistance to you.

The BUSINESS STUDIES PROGRAM consists of seven business and business-related courses that students can take to supplement a non-business major.

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Help Your Heart Recipes

This recipe is intended to be part of an overall healthful eating plan. Total fat intake should be less than 30 percent of your total calories for a day — not for each food or recipe.

Speedy Shrimp and Pasta

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| 1 | 16-ounce package frozen seasoned vegetables and pasta | 1/4 | cup water |
| 12 | ounces uncooked shelled and deveined medium shrimp | 1/4 | cup grated or shredded Parmesan or Romano cheese |
| | | 1/4 | cup snipped fresh basil or parsley |

In a large skillet, stir together vegetables and pasta, shrimp and water. Bring to a boil over high heat. Reduce heat, cover and simmer 3 minutes. Stir and cook 1 to 2 minutes more or until shrimp turn pink, vegetables are tender, yet still crisp, and pasta is done. Sprinkle with cheese and basil.

Serves 4; 1 cup per serving. Preparation time: 10 minutes. Cooking time: 6 to 7 minutes.

Nutrient Analysis per Serving

212 kcal	Calories	130 mg	Cholesterol	3 gm	Saturated Fat
20 gm	Protein	562 mg	Sodium	2 gm	Polyunsaturated Fat
18 gm	Carbohydrate	7 gm	Total Fat	2 gm	Monounsaturated Fat

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A Touch of Fiction

Reminiscing...

by Lori McCrevan '99
Features Writer

The waitress was just serving my ice cream when I saw them come in. They walked in and sat down as if they owned the place. I think there was six of them, so they could not completely fill two booths. For a minute they all sat down, and then they all switched places. I could see that one of the boys was trying to get a seat next to the blond haired girl, but she was oblivious to the whole situation. I smiled to myself because I thought they were cute. I guessed that they were about thirteen. I knew they were probably trouble, but I liked them anyway.

"Hey Karen, look at those kids. Did we think that we were that cool

I was the friendly one. I never really had any outstanding qualities. I liked to think of myself as a mixture of many things.

My focus turned again to the kids in the booths. They were all scanning their menus trying to decide what to order. I could almost predict what they were going to order. The four boys would order french fries or hamburgers. The two girls would order frozen yogurt or a diet soda. The boys did not want the girls to think that they were too skinny, and the girls did not want the boys to think that they were too fat. I can remember those times. After a while I dropped the insecurity and decided to order whatever I wanted. I used to order the same thing every time: a hot fudge sundae topped with

feel sad. That was the worst time of my adolescence. I found it hard to believe that we could actually hate each other that much, yet I knew that it was true.

"Yeah, but we've been friends ever since," Karen reminded me. I was so thankful that the two of them were here. Being away made me realize that I needed them more than anything in the world. I would like to think that the three of us had not changed over the years, but it was impossible. I think that we have all changed, but in similar ways. There was a little bit of commotion from the kids in the booths that drew my attention away from my own reminiscing thoughts.

They were squabbling over money. Two of the boys were arguing quietly with each other. From what I could guess they were short on money. They all looked at the bill and then looked in their wallets again. I felt bad. I still struggle for money. I can remember a time when I delivered newspapers just to make money. The girls dug into their change and the boys searched their pockets for some hidden money. I heard one of the boys say that they had enough for the bill, but not enough for a tip. Embarrassed, they all gathered their things and prepared to leave. I searched my wallet as they had done and found two bills crumpled at the bottom. I walked over to the kids and placed the bills on the table. They looked at me, but none of them said anything. I think they were afraid of me.

"You owe me next time," I said and went back to my friends.

"Thanks," one of the girl mumbled. They gave me one last look before they left. I think they were trying to figure out why I had done it, but I wasn't exactly sure myself. I guess I didn't want it to tear them apart. When I was thirteen I found the best friends that I have ever had. I don't want them to loose that for a couple of dollars.

Mary and Karen looked at me, but I knew that I need not explain anything. They knew. They smiled back at me and that told me that they would have done the same thing.



when we were that age?" I asked.

"We didn't think that we were cool. We were cool," she replied with a smile.

She was right. In a time when appearance was everything, we didn't care. We didn't care what everyone else was doing or what everyone else was wearing. We did things our way. That is what made us cool.

"Mary, what was your boyfriend's name in eighth grade?" Karen asked her.

"David," she said trying to keep herself from laughing. "How many times did I go out with him? Twice?"

"But you were together for a long time," I remembered.

"Don't remind me. I talked to him once a week and we barely spoke in school. I don't know why we were together. It was like I was afraid of him. I guess it was just because I was so beautiful." We all laughed. We know that she is pretty. She was the kind of girl that everyone envied for her natural beauty. I guess that had always been our joke. Mary was the pretty one, Karen was the smart one, and

M&M's and lots of whipped cream. Suddenly my coffee ice cream did not look so appealing anymore.

"Rachel? Are you still there?" Karen asked. I think she found it rather amusing that I was just lost in my own memories. She laughed as I came back into reality.

I couldn't really remember. I know that we have been friends forever, but how long was that?

"I met Karen in seventh grade, and then at the beginning of eighth grade she introduced me to you," Mary recalled.

"How come I didn't know you then, Mary? Karen and I knew each other."

"That was the brief hiatus of our lives when we hated each other. Don't you remember? We didn't talk to each other for months," Karen said.

I laughed when I realized that she was right. "I told you that you were flirting with Anthony during the class trip to New York. You got so mad at me. I was afraid that you would never talk to me again. I really missed you then. I lost my best friend." I couldn't help but

Aghhhhhh!!

by Tom Belason '98
Features Writer

This isn't so much an article, as a list of grievances. However, I will try to make it look like an article as I sit here and tell you about all the things get me P.O.'ed. All this has been building up in my noggin recently, and if I don't vent, I'll probably kill a large number of people. Here's the list...

1. Professors who don't show up for postponed make-up exams. It was bad enough the test was canceled because of a snow flurry, but then I had to study over break, and for the first week of the semester. Then, I had to miss work on a Sat-

3. Vinnie from Fresno. Who is this guy and why does he keep calling me?

4. The abortion debate. This is never going to be resolved and frankly, at this point, I don't really care either way. Again, this is a large group of people I wish would just keep their mouths shut.

5. The two dingleberries who decided to rip up two-by-fours holding a small, newly planted tree in place in front of Raymond. What in hell could you need wood that badly for that you destroy landscaping that everyone should be enjoying, not mourning. Wake up.

6. Hippies



urday to make up the damn thing. So I sat in the hallway for 45 minutes and waited for him to show. He didn't. If he wasn't going to be there, why couldn't he send a proctor to administer the test? So, professor (and I use the term loosely), if you read this, and you know who you are, I am definitely NOT happy. By the way, I ain't takin' it again!

2. Students who badmouth teachers in their class, to the extent that the teacher hears them and feels embarrassed and uncomfortable in front of his/her class. Have a little respect for cryin' out loud! The teacher always knows more than you, and personality quirks are no basis for character judgment. All you do is make yourself look like a fool and make everyone around you, including the teacher, extremely uncomfortable. So next time, just shut up.

7. People who dissolve friendships just because they don't like someone that you are friends with. Oh, I'm sorry I can't only be friends with you. God forbid I have a life outside of our relationship. If you're that jealous of me having more than one friend, try going to Washington Street in Boston. I'm sure you can pay someone \$50 to be your special friend.

8. Neo-hippies

9. Political discussions going on while I'm trying to write my article. Do you mind? I don't care!

10. Over 80% of people on the PC campus, including faculty and staff. Lose the attitude already, this isn't Harvard.

If anyone would like to respond, my Voice mail # is 9179. Feel free to call and respond, but I'll probably just call you back and tell you why you're a disgrace.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

In all of Earth,
there is no place
dedicated to
solitude.

- Chief Seath of the Dunnamish

THE HOLE IN THE WALL GANG CAMP

A camp for children with life threatening illnesses is offering an Information Session for staff positions during the summer of 1996 on Wednesday, January 31, 1996 in Accino Hall, room 206 at 6:30 p.m.

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Women's Hockey Continued

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working on." Friar Alana Blahoski's hard work paid off, for the weekend heralded the news of her selection onto the All-Tournament team.

Wheeler reflects on the games held in UNH's Towse rink. "The first time we played up there we were very overwhelmed, but then we adjusted, and the tournament was much better." Wheeler went on to compare PC's performance in the NE game versus last night's Brown game. "Today we started off slow. We always start out slow in the first period, but with Northeastern we played a good sixty minutes of hockey."

After the 4-3 fall to the Brown Bears, Barto noted, "We were down 2 goals, and we just made a hole for ourselves." The women who represent the Black and White didn't begin to dig themselves out of the hole until the final two periods, and even though they made greater use of scoring opportunities, their efforts weren't enough to win. Assistant Coach Bob Bellemore said, "The way we started out, it looked as if we were going to get blown out of the build-

ing. After the first goal we got much better. Smith kept us in the game, especially in the first period."

Jennifer Wagner scored the first goal against the Bears during a Brown power play. She followed up the tally which helped PC to regain some adrenaline. Yates managed the last score for the Lady Friars for the night. Barto surmised, "What's killing us is that we're not playing sixty minutes of hockey."

Is there still hope that Providence will make it to the women's ECAC championship to defend their title? Barto has confidence that the team has the ability, but they need to "find a way in their hearts to play solid hockey, because when we play solid hockey, we can play with anybody." Even after the loss to Brown, McCabe's optimism shines on, "Brown may have won the Mayor's Cup, but we'll win the ECAC's!"

The Lady Friars now need to translate their confidence into solidity on the ice. Their next home game is on the afternoon of February 3 at 12:30 in a second chance battle with Princeton.

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way through the second, Friar defenseman Scott Balboni converted on a two-man advantage, sending a seeing-eye wrister from the point, through every player, the referees, a concession guy, and past Veisor for a 3-3 tie. Midway through the third, Providence captain Joe Hulbig backhanded a rebound for a 4-3 cushion, only to have it erased twenty-three seconds later when NU's Dan McGillis evened things up, eventually sending the grudge match into OT.

"It was an ugly game, almost like a couple games we won early in the year where we just kind of gutted it out, got good goaltending when we needed it, and had a couple guys come up big when we needed it," concluded Friar Head Coach Paul Pooley. "It was a big win for us. I can't say we played great, but I think we're being our own worst enemy out on the ice, in terms of throwing the puck away. We're getting just a little antsy with it. Hopefully that win will help calm us down."

The "I'm Having A Very Bad Day Award" goes to Northeastern's Jordan Shields who suffered a gash above his eye, a broken nose, and lost a tooth. The Friars walked away a little bit cleaner, as the worst injury was a bruised knee cap suffered by Dillabough. He's expected to be day-to-day.

Speaking of getting the bag beaten out of you, Friar goalie Dennis was acted as an air bag for several UMass Lowell net-crashers Saturday night, getting run over five times and taking a kick in the head in the losing effort. As for the game, both squad's started slow until Lowell tallied back-to-back jobs midway through the second. The Friars' Russ Guzior and Justin Gould returned the favor with two quick scores midway through the third.

But with just 2:24 remaining in regulation, Lowell's Christian Sbrocca poked the puck away at the Providence blue line. Teammate Jon Mahoney pounced on the puck and capitalized on a partial breakaway, giving the River Hawks the eventual 3-2 victory.

Last Friday, host Lowell exploded for five unanswered goals

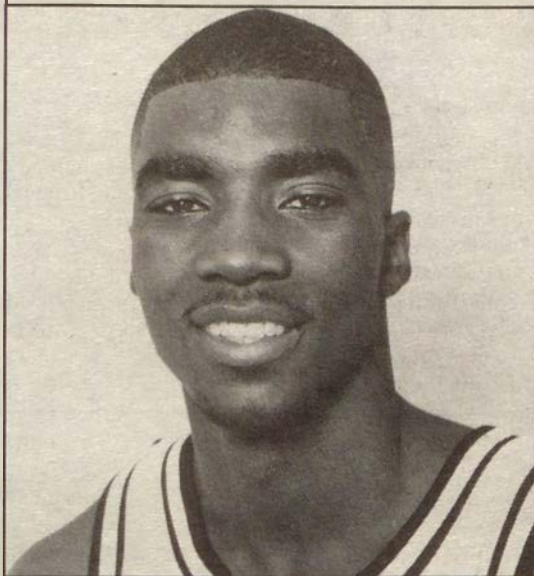
on the way to a 5-1 victory last Friday. A week earlier, the Friars had bowed to potent Clarkson 5-4, and St. Lawrence 5-3. The Friars had gone 3-1 over the holidays; but after four tough losses, Coach Pooley's club needed last night's victory to reverse a potentially dangerous slump.

"Every team goes through (a skid)," said Pooley. "Northeastern struggled early, UNH struggled early, I think Lowell's playing pretty well but they've had a couple losses that they probably should have won. You just win any way you can, no question. (The win over NU) is a good boost for us. We've got some work to do but, hey, our goal is to win four series this year, we've won three so far. So we've got one more series to win, and we figure if we do that we'll be top four in Hockey East."

"It was a big one for us," admitted Green. "It was a good time to get a win out of this game. Now we have 13 Hockey East games left, it's all uphill from here."

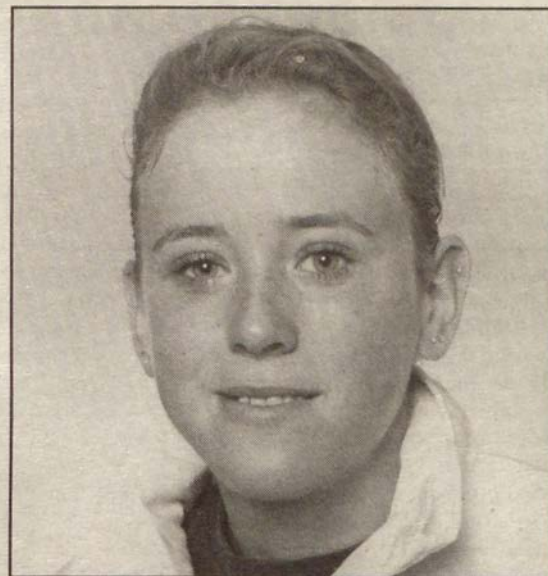
Fortunately, teeth are overrated, too.

PC ATHLETES OF THE WEEK



God Shammgod '99
(New York, NY)
Men's Basketball

Shammgod led the Friars to a 95-78 win over West Virginia on Saturday. The rookie guard equalled a Providence College freshman record with 13 assists in the game to go with his four points. The 13 assists matched the mark set by Ricky Tucker (2/4/80).



Marie McMahon '97
(Ennistymon, Ireland)
Women's Track

Marie finished first in the 3,000 meters in a time of 9:20.54 at the Commonwealth Invitational on Saturday. Her time of 9:20.54 in the 3,000 is the fastest recorded by a collegiate athlete this season. With her spectacular performance, McMahon qualified for the NCAA Championship.

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18 points on the night, knocked down a three pointer and finished an old-fashioned three point play.

Early in the first half, it didn't look like Providence and Villanova would even be in the same time zone by the end of the game. The 'Cats sprung out to a 29-11 and appeared to have the game in hand when Pete Gillen called a time-out. His words of wisdom fueled a stunning 19-0 stretch during which the Friars' much maligned defense badgered Nova into 0-for-10 shooting. Derrick Brown pumped in 13 of his career-high 29 points during the run. The juco transfer knocked down a couple of jumpers, finished breaks, went coast-to-coast, and converted a pretty no-look from Thomas. Zeffy Penn broke the scoreless streak with two late hoops to give the 'Cats a 33-30 lead at the break.

Wednesday's loss came four days after PC's "best game of the

year," according to Coach Gillen. The Friars opened the second half by outscoring the Mountaineers, 31-12, to break open a close game. Croshere scored PC's first five points of the second half on a lay-up and a three and the Browns, Michael and Derrick, combined for eleven points in the run. All told, seven PC players scored as West Virginia fell further and further behind.

In the game's last seven minutes, the Mountaineers fouled regularly, while Shammgod chewed chunks of time off the clock with skillful if sometimes showy ball handling. Senior walk-on Justin Acker replaced Shammgod with 1:35 left, and scored the first five points of his college career as the Friars finished out the 95-78 rout.

The second half was quite unlike the first half, when West Virginia took an early ten point lead and baffled the Friars with its zone.

As soon as PC began making the extra pass, the lead disappeared, and the stage was set for PC's sixty point second half explosion.

On the downside, however, sophomore point guard Bo Larragan broke a bone in his hand and will be sidelined for three weeks. As a result, starting shooting Michael Brown, who played the point last season, will spell Shammgod, as he did against Villanova on Wednesday.

Last night's loss was the first of three straight league road games for the Friars. The black and white will be in Pittsburgh on Super Bowl Sunday to take on the dangerous but erratic Panthers, who have done two rare things this season: They beat Georgetown and lost to Rutgers. Next Thursday, PC will mix it up with nationally ranked Boston College at Conte Forum. If the Friars hope to avoid the conference cellar, they had better learn to win in a hurry.

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WINNING RESOLUTIONS

Providence amends to keep winning during the New Year

by Ken Martin '99
Sports Writer

New Year's has come and gone and as usual many of us struggled to make resolutions regarding the year ahead. However the resolution for the Providence College Swim Team was a very simple one: to keep doing exactly what they did in 95', win.

This past Saturday PC hosted Seton Hall at Taylor Natatorium and held true to their 95' form taking both sides of the dual meet.

In Men's action the Friars rolled to an easy 133-104 victory and improved their dual meet record to 5 and 3 overall. Strong relay events such as the first place finish put in by seniors Paul Nathe and Mark Tartaglione, junior Michael Ahearn, and freshman Sean Walker in the 400 meter free relay helped secure the victory for the Friars (3:40.65). Also in individual efforts such as the school record finish in the 200 meter breaststroke by freshman John Burroughs (2:27.94) contributed to the romp of the Pirates.

"The past two weeks have been tough. We are coming off some intense training and we knew we might not be able to put in our best times but we swam hard and got the victories we thought we could get," commented senior co-captain Eric Mohr.

The Lady Friars were obviously thinking about a victory as well winning their side of the meet by a score of 132-108 and jumping their record to 6-2 overall. They took the 400 meter free relay with a time of 4:08.65. Leading the attack in the event was senior Nancy Harkins, junior Colleen Doyle, sophomore Kierstin Newell, and freshman Guerin Anglim. Senior co-captains Ann Bentz and Michelle McWeeney showed their leadership as they paired up to take first and second in the 200 meter breaststroke with times of 2:45.16 and 2:48.56 respectively.

Earlier in the month PC traveled to the University of Rhode Island Invitational Tournament to take on UMass, LaSalle, and URI. However the trip was decidedly altered by inclement weather which snowed in LaSalle and the tragic death of a UMass swimmer just prior the tournament.

Trying to put the events of the week behind them URI and PC went ahead with their dual meet on the 12th and 13th.

"It was a strange time (at URI). We were all kind of shaken up by what happened and we were

happy to come away with the win," remarked Mohr.

Providence beat URI by a score of 155-134 taking first place in 10 of 16 events. Senior co-captain Paul Nathe led his Friars with victories in the 100 meter freestyle and butterfly events with times of 47.63 and 53.69. Nathe was also named PC Athlete of the Week. Following the example of Nathe

was freshman Jed Michnowicz who won the 500 and 200 meter freestyle races (4:51.75 and 1:47.44) and the 200 meter backstroke (1:57.08).

Day two was more of the same for Providence as the Lady Friars won their side of the dual meet 179-111. PC won 12 of 16 events by way of victories in the 200 meter freestyle and medley relays

with times of 1:56.58 and 1:43.64. Individually Colleen Doyle won the 400 meter individual medley and 200 meter freestyle with times of 4:40.22 and 1:58.88. Also sophomore diver April Amoroso helped out by winning the 1-meter dive and placing her best dives this seasons on the 3-meter board. For her efforts she was named PC Athlete of the Week along with team-

mate Paul Nathe for the week of January 14.

Providence will travel to Syracuse tomorrow to compete against Syracuse and Cornell at 11:00am.

"We know Syracuse and Cornell are tough. We want to keep swimming our race no matter what the outcome. Hopefully it will prepare us for the Big East's (Championships)," said Mohr.



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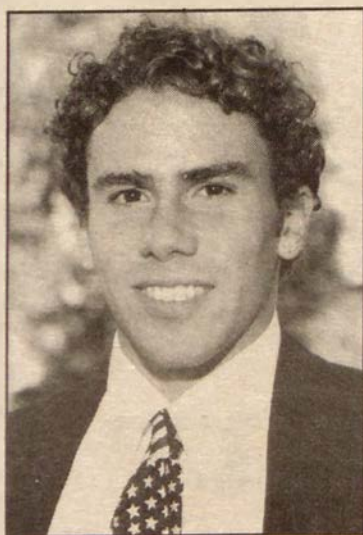
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Warming Up For Winter

by Scott Palmieri '97
Sports Writer

"An hour of winter might seem too short/ To make it worth life's while to wake and sport," so says a Robert Frost poem and probably most of the hearts of college students as they return to school after winter break. This difficult time is even more difficult for those who bundle up for the weather so that they can reach an indoor track where they must push the limits of their bodies and hearts. The PC harriers returned to their indoor

Championships. "It's great to have it out of the way early," said Healy, who can now focus his energies for the all important NCAA's in Indianapolis this March.

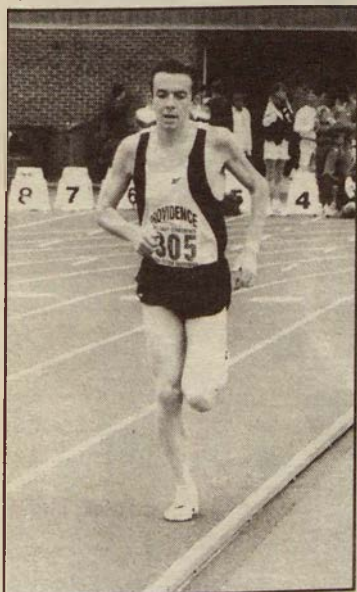
The ladies' team also produced an NCAA qualifier at Harvard. Junior Marie McMahon's first place finish in the 3,000 meters was the fastest time in the country by a collegian. McMahon isn't satisfied, however. Her next goal is "to qualify for the NCAA's in the 5000 meters." Other lady harriers had successful weekends to qualify for the ECAC Champion-

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season and succeeded in several qualifying times the past two weekends at Brown University at the New England Challenge Invitational.

"I'm very happy with the way things are going," said Coach Treacy. "They came back in great shape and it's already beginning to show." Although Coach Treacy called this past meet "a tune-up for this weekend," when PC participates in the Terrier Classic at Boston University, both the men and women succeeded in a bunch of impressive performances that qualified some for the important future meets.

For the men, junior Steve Myers qualified for the IC4A Championships in the 800 meters(1st place) and the 1,000 meters(2nd place). Also grabbing two qualifying times was Jose Libano who finished second in the 1,000 meters and fourth in the 800 meters. Nick Kent earned a spot at the meet with his mile victory(4:14.74). Kent joined Myers, Libano, and Gary Blair as the squad won the 4x800 meters which rounded the IC4A qualifiers. The most impressive men's performance of the weekend came from junior David Healy and senior Andy Wedlake who finished third and fourth respectively in the 3,000 meters at the Commonwealth Invitational at Harvard. Their times were good enough to qualify them for the NCAA



David Healy '97

Huskies Hound Lady Friars

by Pieter J. Ketelaar '97
Sports Writer

When you play the defending NCAA National Champions there are some things you come to expect from them: offense, defense, and more offense. And that's exactly what Providence got as the University of Connecticut Huskies swept through Alumni Hall with all the subtlety of let's say... a recent blizzard Saturday en route to a 76-46 decision.

The third-ranked women's basketball team in the nation stormed PC this past weekend and handed the Lady Friars the lopsided 30 point loss.

UConn's Carla Berube diagnosed the win: "We were able to get out on the perimeter and stop their three-point shooters."

Fresh off a rousing 86-59 win over the only Big East team that has beaten UConn so far this season, Syracuse, the Friars were pumped for their biggest rivals in the conference, and for the first few minutes of the game, they played their hearts out.

The standing-room-only crowd witnessed PC's Kerri Chatten win possession of the opening tap, a moral victory, against imposing 6-7 Husky center Kara Wolters. The Friars wasted no time in getting on the board with Julie Wheeler's lay up and just like that, they held a slim 2-0 advantage over the first team ever, men's or women's, to complete an entire season undefeated in NCAA play (35-0).

But just like that Nykesha Sales sunk a trey to put UConn on top 4-2. Connecticut struggled to get

the show on the road committing several early fouls but Providence failed to capitalize on these early opportunities. Teams of UConn's caliber, however, don't give you many second chances and by the halfway mark in the first half, the champs had forged a workman-like 17-8 lead.

UConn's Jen Rizzotti spearheaded the Huskies high-powered offensive attack getting her team high percentage shots seemingly every time down the court. It seemed as if every player on the team scored. If it wasn't the dominating Wolters, it was Sales, or Jamelle Elliott, or Berube. To put it mildly, the Lady Friars seemed over their heads and quite frankly, in awe of the Huskies.

The Friars pressed on however, and on a couple of occasions would start to mount a threat, but before you could mouth the word "comeback" UConn would shift into another gear and pull away again. PC came to within eight points, 27-19, in the final minutes of the half but the Lady Huskies went to the intermission in command, 31-19.

The second half was more disheartening for the Friar faithful on hand. Despite being able to cut UConn's lead to seven, the Friars found themselves squandering the few chances they got on offense and in turn playing way too much defense. Providence's Nadine Malcolm, the Big East's leading scorer, figured to be a non-factor after a viral infection had hit her two days prior.

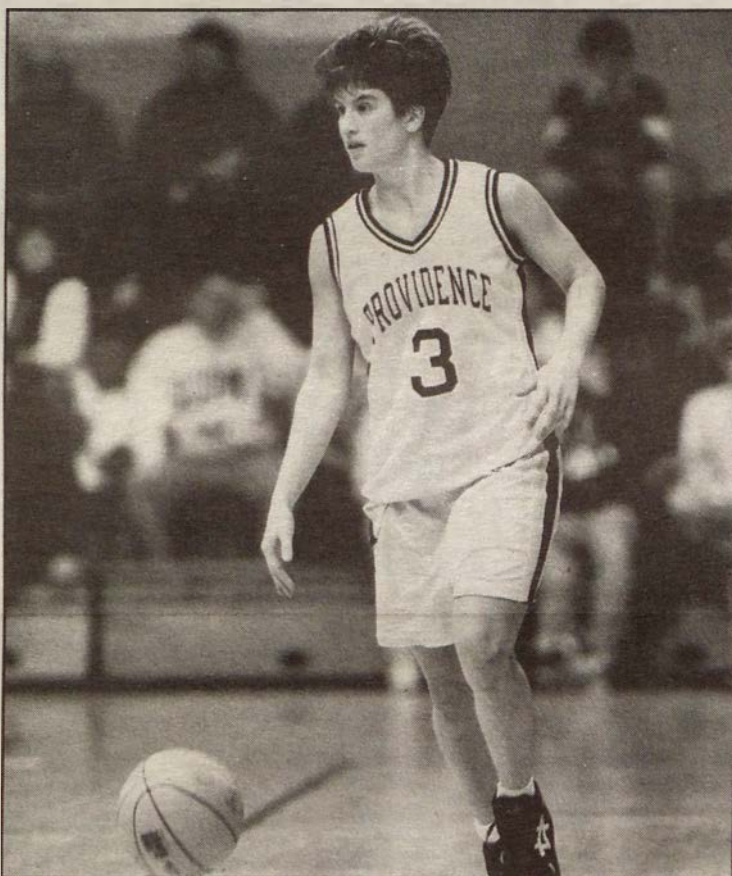
The game continued but it was merely a formality as the Huskies rolled to a 76-46 stomping of the Lady Friars. Nykesha Sales was the leading scorer for UConn netting 15 points, but perhaps the most telling stat was that they had four players in double digits for a rather balanced attack.

Mandy Saunders, who had hit seven three pointers against Syracuse, was held to one as she lead the Friars with 9 points. Malcolm was held to just 3 points marking just the second time she has been held to less than double digits in two years.

UConn's Head Coach Gino Auriemma put it bluntly when he said, "We flat out outplayed them. We've had a long stretch of games and it felt good to get the monkey off our back and put up a good defensive effort."

When asked about her offensive game, Nykesha Sales commented "Well, I was guarding [Kerri] Chatten and when she wasn't on me, I had the easy one [Sarah Miller] so I was able to help out on the double teams inside and that abled us to open the game up."

Providence Head Coach Bob Foley stated quite soberly that "29% shooting and 29 turnovers pretty much tells the story. We had good rebounding and defense but they were just too much for us this time through. They took away our perimeter game as well. We still believe we can play with them, we just need to get healthy and have the depth. Rizzotti and Elliott are great players and both really con-



Junior guard Mandy Saunders stables the Friar backcourt.

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Blood, Teeth, And Hockey East

by John Carchedi '98
Sports Writer

The human body is overrated. That's the attitude you need in order to play in Hockey East. Providence and Northeastern exemplified this attitude last night, pounding each other for three periods and overtime before the Friars' David Green lifted a rebound to give his squad a 5-4 victory.

The win ends a four-game skid for the black and white, including two losses last weekend to UMass Lowell that dropped PC to fourth in Hockey East with an 8-3-2 record (13-8-2 overall). Last night's contest also completes a season sweep over the Huskies.

"I think it was a lot more physical (than usual); they took the body well on us tonight," explained Green after the game. "We were lucky to come out with a win. I think that was their game plan tonight, try and hit us, and they certainly did that tonight. I think the referees let a lot go tonight, which is good too. They let us play the game, and it was a good game."

Just one minute into the extra session, Northeastern forward Scott Campbell was called for high sticking. Twenty-two seconds later, Friar defenseman Scott Balboni blasted a slapshot from the point through a mass of bodies in front of Husky goalie Mike Veisor. Veisor made the butterfly save, but the puck landed perfectly on Green's stick, who lifted it over the down netminder.

"There was a big scuffle in front of the net, and I just stood on the side, just waiting for a rebound, for the puck to come near me," noted Green, who also chipped in two assists. "I guess the goalie kicked it out and it went right to me. So I was lucky to be



Travis Dillabough tallied the prettiest goal of this season Tuesday night.

there at the right time, the right spot."

"It was a hard fought game," sighed Northeastern Head Coach Ben Smith, whose club's conference record dropped to 4-8-2. "It's just a tough way to lose it for our kids. We got some chances, forced them into some mistakes, but they were able to withstand it. We got some chances that we didn't cash in on that came back to haunt us. Then the game turns into a real tug-a-war, typical Hockey East style."

"We've had three very good games, very close games in the series. We haven't been able to get a win away from (Providence). Right now they're a better team."

Just 3:14 into the game, the Friars' Dennis Burke won a race for the puck at center ice, masterfully poking the puck with one hand ahead to teammate Jon Coe, setting up a 2-on-1. Coe capitalized with a beautiful feed to freshman Troy Lake for a 1-0 PC cushion.

Northeastern capitalized on its own 2-on-1 moments later as Husky Dan Lupo beat goalie Dan Dennis at 5:57. Smith's club then took a 2-1 lead at 9:01 when Eric Petersen beat Dennis upstairs.

Minutes later, Friar Travis Dillabough scored the prettiest goal of the year. With PC a man short, the junior winger took a feed from Green at center ice and muscled his way through two Huskies to break over the blue line. With a defenseman on his back and falling to his knees, Dillabough somehow lifted the puck over Veisor's shoulder for a 2-2 tie.

Northeastern regained the lead with a tally before the end of the first period. Mid-

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Hard Times So Very Close

by Rebecca Joyce '96
Sports Writer

Last night the Lady Friars lost 4-3 against the undefeated ECAC Bears in the Mayor's Cup game. The month of January has allowed the women's ice hockey team fall to a 7-10 (3-5-0 ECAC) record.

PC set off the New Year with a 4-1 victory over Yale, but followed up with a 5-4 loss to Princeton on the seventh of January.

On the thirteenth their bad luck continued when they traveled up to UNH's Olympic dimensioned rink to lose 11-3. Sherryl Jones, a freshman volleyball player, not only made it onto the team roster but she also began to find her grounding in the ice hockey team by granting PC an assist in an otherwise disappointing game. The loss dropped the Lady Friars below 500 in league games.

PC took on Colby the following day and lost 6-3. Laurie Baker played a strong game, making one assist and two goals.

The team's downward spiral didn't come to a halt until the third game of last weekend's Granite State Invitational tournament. On Friday, the Lady Friars lost 5-2 to UNH, surrendering the final tally on an empty net at the end of the third period.

The 8-3 loss on Saturday to Concordia wasn't altogether a disappointment, for PC scored more goals against this team than did UNH (0 tallies) or Northeastern (1 tally). Karen McCabe, Emilie Turcotte, and Myia Yates scored for the Lady Friars.

Alison Wheeler took her turn in the hat trick spotlight on Sunday in a 3-1 victory over NE, earning her the Bauer/ECAC Player of the Week. Meghan Smith also received star recognition for her goal keeping performance. After the game, Coach Jackie Barto said that the women "Communicated better today than we've been doing. That's one of the areas we've been

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by Keith Christensen '96
Sports Editor

"We're still a young team, and we haven't learned how to win yet."

Head coach Pete Gillen used those words to describe his team after Syracuse beat PC at the Civic Center on December 3, but the words never rang truer than after last night's heart wrenching 69-65 loss at seventh-ranked Villanova. Late rookie mistakes cost Providence, as it dropped to 2-6 in the Big East (9-7 overall). The game followed on the heels of a 95-78 romp over West Virginia Saturday at the Civic Center.

Austin Croshere went strong to the hole and gave PC a 61-56 lead with 3:16 left, but the 'Cats struck back. Alvin Williams knocked down a trey, Croshere's try from the corner went in and out, and Jason Lawson nailed two free throws to erase PC's lead.

With the game even at 61, the roof fell in on Providence. God Shammgod dropped a soft pass off his foot, kicking possession back to Nova with 2:08 left. Ruben Garces then fouled out, and Lawson hit one of two to inch the 'Cats ahead. Jamel Thomas gave the ball right back when he double dribbled, and Lawson, who had 18 points to carry VU, hit a short jumper over Croshere to stretch the lead to three.

Even then, the black and white

had a chance, but Croshere missed two open threes from the corner, and Shammgod couldn't finish a three point play after his slashing lay-up cut the lead to 65-63. When Lawson converted only one of two free throws on the next possession, the Friars had the ball and 26 seconds to hit a three, but Shammgod drove straight to the whole and missed a lay-up. Kerry Kittles, who showed the effects of a groin injury all night, hit two from the

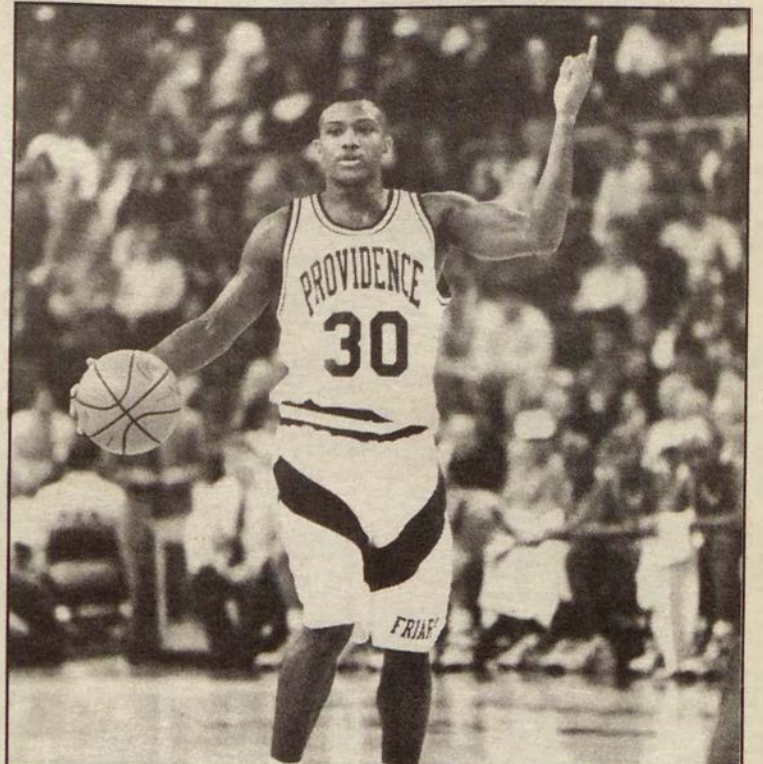
charity stripe to make it a five-point game with 12 seconds left.

Lost in the aftermath of the brutal finish were two PC runs and Derrick 'Flight' Brown's second straight superb outing. Trailing 54-47, with less than eight minutes to go, the Friars went on a 10-0 run that propelled them into the lead. Derrick Brown hit a free throw and a three, while Croshere, who had

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Alison Wheeler '97



Michael Brown '96