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Campaign Reform Under Way

Election Committee Hoping to Enable Candidates to Communicate Better

by David M. Canal '98
News Writer

"The days of overly restricted campaigns for Student Congress might soon be over." This is according to several members of the Student Congress Election Committee. The committee is currently working on a bill that could enable the candidates to communicate better with students on how they stand on issues and allow for more creativity in campaigning.

Meg Wrona '96, Election Committee Chairperson, stated "The goal of the proposed bill is to get more people to participate in the elections. We want to make

A major change addressed in this proposal would be the ability for any student to run for the Executive Board of Congress. In the past, Executive Board candidates were required to have served at least one year on Congress. With this new resolution, any student could run for executive board regardless of their past activities or lack of experience in Congress.

Another proposed change would lift many of the restrictions that candidates face while campaigning. In the past, students have been able to use just two posters of restricted size, \$25 to use toward campaigning, just one button to wear, and have been un-

wish. We will also be extending the period for campaigning to begin whenever nomination forms are in."

The Election Committee also hopes to hold a debate on Slavin Lawn prior to the election. The debate would be open for anyone to attend and would be covered by *The Cowl* and WDOM. It would be rebroadcast at various times. Also, campaign budgets will be raised to \$50 and students will be allowed to keep their signs up until the election polls close at 4 p.m.

Finally, if passed, the Office of the Parliamentarian will require at least one year's experience in order to run for that position. The Committee feels that the Parliamentarian's job of keeping checks and balances on Congress requires experience and familiarity with the runnings of Congress.

Mike Rush '96, Senior Class President, feels the new changes are a step in the right direction, "The changes in the election procedures are very important to encourage competition and the facilitation of ideas among the PC community. These changes are in the spirit of capitalistic ideas and democratic principles."

Students are encouraged to let their representatives know how they feel on the proposed changes. If accepted, the new procedures would affect the elections coming up in the spring, for the 96-97 year.

Under the new proposal, students would not be as restricted as they have been in past years with regards to campaigning. Rather, the new emphasis would be on the candidate's creativity.

the election less of a popularity contest and more of an election based on issues."

The Election Committee has met twice already and is hoping to finalize the plan later this week. The new process would be proposed at the Student Congress meetings both this Monday and the following Monday, Feb. 12.

able to campaign until three days prior to the election.

According to Mike Walsh '97, an Election Committee member, "Under this new legislation, we hope to allow for a greater deal of creativity on the candidate's part. We will allow candidates to use as many mailbox stuffings, buttons, T-shirts and posters as they

Fr. McGonigle Stepping Down

by Mary M. Shaffrey '97
News Editor

On January 8, 1996, Rev. Thomas D. McGonigle, O.P., Vice-President of Academic Administration (VPAA), announced his resignation to his colleagues. Attached to the resignation letter was a copy of his letter to Fr. Philip Smith, O.P., President of the College. In both letters, Fr. McGonigle stated his desire to return to teaching, and that his responsibilities to the VPAA position were limiting him.

Rumors are circulating on campus that there is more to Fr. McGonigle's resignation than a simple desire to return to academics. In his resignation letters, however, Fr. McGonigle stated, "For everything there is a season and a time for every matter under heaven (Ecclesiastes 3:1). I sought to serve our common educational mission well during my 'season and time' as VPAA. During this past semester (however) I have become increasingly aware of my desire to return to full-time teaching (because) teaching is at the heart of who I am as a Dominican priest and I miss it immensely."

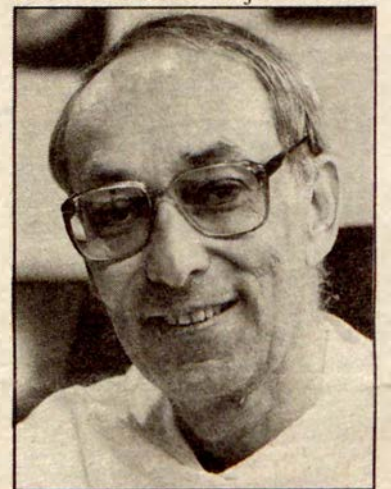
Fr. McGonigle has taught one graduate level course during his time here, and is a tenured professor in the history department.

Fr. McGonigle also expressed how proud he was to have worked on the creation of many new initiatives since the fall of 1993. They include: Public and Community Service, the Center for Teaching Excellence, Women's Studies, Environmental Studies and Black Studies.

Fr. McGonigle came to PC in July 1993 after having served as the Vice-President, Academic Dean, and associate professor of church history at Catholic Theological Union in Chicago, IL for five years. In 1994, when the col-

lege was searching for a president to replace Fr. John Cunningham, O.P., Fr. McGonigle was up for consideration.

According to The Providence College Student Handbook, the VPAA is the principle academic officer of the college. He holds the major responsibility for all matters concerning faculty personnel. He also serves on the major adminis-



Fr. McGonigle's resignation will take effect at the end of this semester.

trative committees of the college and is the administration's representative at all meetings of the Faculty Senate.

Dr. Robert Trudeau, President of the Faculty Senate and a member of the Political Science Department, stated that when a search committee is established, it will be open to members of the PC community, as well as people outside of PC.

"The college will be looking for somebody with significant academic credentials and administrative experience in academic administration," he stated.

Fr. Smith is expected to issue a statement with further details regarding the search, specifically a time table and how it will be conducted, later this week.

PC Celebrates Multicultural Awareness Week

by Tammy Ledoux '99
News Writer

No, Superman wasn't at PC, but Ethnic Man! was.

Ethnic Man!, otherwise known as Teja Aroboleda, kicked off PC's Seventh Annual Multicultural Celebration on Tuesday night. The Celebration was co-sponsored by the Balfour Center and the Student Development Center.

Aroboleda is a man of Filipino-Chinese, African-American, Native American-German-Danish heritage who grew up in Japan. Ethnic Man! is his one-man autobiographical show, explaining the ups and downs of life as a multicultural human being.

Aroboleda is a 1994 Emmy Award Winner for public affairs programming. He began the show by explaining his heritage and the encounters he had as a multi-racial child in America. "I've been called n****r, sp**, Turk, and jerk," said Aroboleda.

Aroboleda's father, a United Nations diplomat, moved the family to Japan when Aroboleda was still a child. There Aroboleda

learned to speak Japanese fluently. While in grade school, Aroboleda drew a picture of himself. In it he had "blond hair, blue eyes, and white, white, white, skin," he said.

While in Japan, Aroboleda's



by Heather Deware

Ethnic Man spoke in '64 Hall on Tuesday

parents separated. His father stayed in Japan, while his mother moved back to the United States. "The most difficult decision I have ever had to make was to go to

America or stay in Japan," said Aroboleda.

When Aroboleda was 19, he was accepted to Clark University in Worcester, MA. As he approached adulthood, he wondered about his own identity. "Who am I? and Where do I belong?," asked Aroboleda.

He remembered an incident in which an individual told him to go back to his own country. "My own country—where would that be?" Aroboleda pondered.

Aroboleda narrated a cross-country trip he took while still in college. "America is a beautiful country. I never felt so close to home and yet so far away." Aroboleda went on to explain that at 33, he finally likes and loves who he is.

Aroboleda learned a few things from his experience as a multi-racial man. "I learned one thing. We all want the same thing—to preserve our heritage. But we cannot isolate ourselves anymore."

At the close of his performance, Aroboleda expressed to

Curriculum Review Begins

by Erin R. King '98
Asst. News Editor

On Wednesday, January 31, the Curriculum Review Steering Committee (CRSC) began a series of focus group sessions on the core curriculum. The first meeting, moderated by Sr. Ann P. Stankiewicz, O.P., Ph.D., co-chair of the CRSC, focused on the Philosophy requirement. Currently, the Philosophy requirement is two classes (six credit hours), one of which must be an ethics course.

This meeting was the first of six, each focusing on a different subject

area for core requirements; Theology, Natural Science, Fine Arts, Math, and Social Science are still to come. All CRSC sessions are open to the entire Providence College community—faculty, staff, administrators, and students are all encouraged to attend.

Rev. John F. Cunningham, O.P., Ph.D. opened the discussion by relating the department's desire to "make the discipline of philosophy relevant to students."

Mary Beth McKeever, '99, agrees. "I'd like to see philosophy taught in a way that is beneficial

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Education Majors Preview the Job Market

by Jessica Cotrone '99
News Writer

About 200 Education majors got a preview of the job market and requirements for becoming one of today's teachers, in '64 Hall, Tuesday, January 16.

The seminar, "Gearing Up for Jobs in Education", was sponsored by PC and NEASCUS (New England Association for School, College and University Staffing). NEASCUS is a group composed of

"This is a valuable program(because)it is informative to hear from the people who actually do the hiring."

-Linda Ernst

public school administrators, whose focus is to bring together information on trends in hiring, sponsor workshops, and release that information to students. It also educates people on job search strategies.

Composed of personnel from a variety of public schools in the New England area, the panel presented three topics: What new grads need to do to get hired; An overview of the 95-96 hiring trends; and an informal meeting with New England

school recruiters. Students were able to speak with recruiters on a personal level and distribute their resumes to them. This year, many positions are available in Massachusetts public schools. As a result, students were able to meet with the people who will be doing the hiring for those positions.

Linda Ernst, Assistant Director of Career Services for Seniors, is also Vice-President of NEASCUS, and organized the event at PC. Although it is usually held only in Massachusetts, Mrs. Ernst was able to bring the seminar to Rhode Island this year.

"As Vice-President of NEASCUS, having it (the seminar) here was fun. This is a very valuable program in that it shows the ways different school systems process the applications. It is informative to hear from the people who actually do the hiring."

One point of interest to Education majors at PC is that many administrators commented on the need for dual certification in hiring. A common major at PC is Elementary/Special Ed, which is dual certification.

Another "Gearing Up" seminar will be held at Newton North High School in Newton, MA on February 14. For details, see Mrs. Ernst in Slavin 105.

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the audience exactly who he is. "I know who I am. I just live on this planet."

The next event marking the Multicultural Celebration was a panel discussion moderated by International Student Advisor John Hogan.

The panelists were comprised of four PC international students. Monica Martinez '98 hails from Ecuador. She explained that because Ecuador is a third world country, she came to the United States because the "education is better".

Andrew Otieno '96 of Kenya is a Resident Assistant and a double major in Finance and Management. He also came to the U.S. for educational reasons. "Here I have the advantage of being able to study what I want to study."

Jeni Pachovska '97 has been living in the U.S. for three years. She is Bulgarian and her father is a Bulgarian Ambassador to the United Nations.

Kang Wu, from Beijing, People's Republic of China, is enrolled in the MBA program at PC. He said that he came to the U.S. because he "was always interested in different cultures and I always

planned on studying abroad."

Hogan began the session by declaring that PC's "International Students are a hidden secret. They are bringing us many gifts and wonderful diversity."

The panelists discussed the different ways in which they adapted to American culture. "There is a big difference in the food," said Martinez. "And I miss my language (Spanish)."

"America is easy to adapt to because it is diverse. People are more at ease with each other," said Pachovska.

Wu disagreed, and stated, "It was very difficult to make friends. Sometimes I'm confused. I haven't been accepted here yet."

Otieno said, "I had to adjust how I look. I dress very differently now, but I still know who I am and where I came from."

Pachovska explained the benefits of her stay in the U.S. "I've enriched my identity and personality."

Immediately following the panel discussion, there was an International Food feast featuring American, Portuguese, French, Italian, Greek, Spanish, and other ethnic cuisines.

While sampling food, those in attendance listened to a perfor-

mance of Pendragon, a Cumberland, Rhode Island-based ensemble whose music celebrates the lives of early New Englanders who brought ethnic traditions to North America.

Today, faculty, staff, and students were invited to enjoy ethnic food and music while talking with Balfour Center students and staff members about the center's most recent accomplishments.

One topic of discussion was the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Candlelight Vigil/Memorial Service held last Thursday in Aquinas Chapel.

The Mistress of Ceremonies was Taniendra McFadden '96. The evening opened with greetings from Rev. Terrence Keegan, Providence College Executive Vice President and Dr. Wilesse Comissiong, Dean of Multicultural Affairs.

Students then read in languages such as Cambodian and Spanish and the reading of "I Have a Dream" was offered by Paul Carroll '99. Following the Memorial and Candlelight Vigil was a reception in Aquinas Lounge.

"Other" Spring Break Trips Prepare for Service

by Colleen Pappas '99
Asst. News Editor

"You don't have to know anything about building a house to go out and lend a hand, you just have to be willing and open to the experience," remarked Kim Begansky '96, on the solitary requirement needed in order to participate in the Alternative Spring Break Challenge sponsored by Habitat for Humanity, International.

This spring break, 82 Providence College students will be repairing and building damaged or destroyed homes around the country as volunteers of the PC chapter of the organization.

"Habitat for Humanity," explained Begansky, chairman of the PC chapter, "is a non-profit, ecumenical Christian organization focused on and dedicated to improving sub-standard and poverty housing."

Groups of approximately 10 students will travel to eight different states including: Michigan, Virginia, Wisconsin, Maryland, California, Pennsylvania, West Virginia, and South Dakota. Both the number of students as well as the number of location sites have doubled from the previous year.

"Habitat is a division under the Pastoral Service Organization. They're there to help us out and we're here to provide a place for people to do community service," added Begansky.

"Last year our campus chapter became an official branch of Habitat for Humanity International, so now we can network with all the sites across the country," acknowledged Begansky. "Our chapter here has ten board members among whom we try to delegate the responsibilities as evenly as possible."

The trips are being funded through donations and fund-raisers. Last Saturday, Habitat presented the group Morgan's Tale at Stuarts as a benefit to raise money for the spring break trips. In addition,

each individual group will do their own fundraising to cover the remaining cost.

"For all the trips combined, the cost will range from approximately \$25,000 to \$30,000," stated Begansky.

The fee includes the costs for food, transportation, and lodging. But as Begansky noted, the cost for each site will vary, depending, for example, on whether or not the group has to pay for food and living accommodations.

Within each group at least one student who has participated on a previous trip has been designated as the "contact person", carrying the most responsibility for organizing each respective trip.

Like Begansky, many of this year's participants have been part of prior Habitat projects, either through PC or on their own.

Marcie Poulas '97 helped rebuild damaged homes in Florida last year with other students from PC and decided to devote another spring break to Habitat's mission.

"It was hard work," recalls Poulas, who this spring will travel to West Virginia, "but it was extremely fulfilling. It's great because you actually work with the people who will be living in the house you're helping to build."

Pat McNiff '96, who has been involved with Habitat for Humanity outside of the college for several years and is chairperson of the Urban Action Program here at PC, agrees, "With Habitat, since you're working directly with the people who will be receiving the home, you see firsthand the expressions on their faces and you understand how much they care about their home, how much it means to them."

"Building homes for people who need them not only addresses one of society's major problems," points out McNiff, "but gives those who receive the home a sense of self-esteem that goes along with their new ownership. It's important to see the personal side of this issue, and not see the people in need as just numbers or

outstretched hands."

"You work alongside people that are living in Habitat homes," explains Begansky, "They are required to put in a certain amount of 'sweat equity' by working on their homes as well as other Habitat homes."

Amy Gianoli '97, who also participated in last year's trip to Florida, remembers, "The Habitat trip was such a bonding experience for everyone. It made us feel good to see what we had accomplished."

"We worked on one woman's house; she was living there with her daughter and grandchildren," recounts Gianoli, "It had been damaged three years earlier by hurricane Andrew and when we got there she still didn't have a working kitchen. She had to wash her dishes in the front yard using a hose. The experience really struck me because when we left she could use her kitchen again and she kept thanking us for what we had done."

Doug Perry '97 who will also travel to West Virginia this spring, has never taken part in a Habitat project before. "I wanted to do it because I have a lot of friends who participated last year and had great experiences. And it's an accomplishment, which is better than just a random week

spent drunk that you probably won't remember."

"I'm really looking forward to it," continued Perry, "I think it's going to be a great time; bonding with the other students and learning something about the people we're helping out."

Sam Tombarelli '96 has been involved with the habitat project at PC since his freshman year and admits, "Habitat has just become a part of me now. It's a part of my Christian faith and a way for me to express that part of myself and do it in a way that I can get to make

quality friends."

And Begansky affirms, "I think the response to Habitat is growing. People are more excited about volunteering and going on the spring break trips."

As Tombarelli concluded, "Habitat helps me to dedicate time for the benefit of people in need."

For those interested, the PC chapter travels to South Providence each Saturday. The opportunity is open to all students and there is no permanent commitment required. Sign-up sheets are available in Slavin every Thursday.



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Freshman Stag a Success, While Junior Stag "Snowballed"

by Jessica Cotrone '99
News Writer

Although Student Congress planned two stags for the 26th and 27th of January, the Class of '99 was the only one dancing in Peterson this past weekend.

Many wondered why these two stags were organized for the same weekend, since all PC students are invited to attend both.

"It wasn't done on purpose. We (Freshman Congress) chose the twenty-seventh randomly. We wanted a date soon after break to give people a chance to get reacquainted," stated Lauren Skryzowski, VP of Freshman Student Congress.

The Junior Snowball, which had been advertised before winter break, was planned for Friday night, January 26. Tickets were on sale in Slavin all last week, but the event was canceled Friday afternoon when less than 50 people had purchased advanced tickets.

"Although many people said they were going to buy tickets at the door, we cannot financially support an event with only 50 people," commented Mike James, Treasurer of the Junior Student

Congress.

Another event will be planned for Juniors later in the year, which is when numerous Juniors feel that this Stag should have taken place.

"It was too soon after break. A dance wasn't necessary. I didn't really want to go. A lot of people felt that way," Patty Hughes '97, said.

Added Kathy Gilchrist '97,

"Everyone who I have talked to said they loved it and they had a lot of fun," Skryzowski added.

The general feeling of the Class of '99 was in favor of the Stag, which was one of the first events specifically designed for the class. Many enjoyed being with their classmates for a night of fun and dancing.

Kerry Hughes '99, asserted, "I



Tricia Keenan, Meghan McCabe, and Jennifer Howley share a moment together at the Freshman Stag on Saturday. *courtesy of Jennifer Howley*

"They should have waited until later in the year. It was too much too soon."

The Freshman Stag, however, was said by one volunteer to have been "the best run/planned event of its nature in the past two years."

Although the totals are not in yet, the Class of '99 made a considerable amount of money from the 475 advance ticket sales and the 200 tickets sold at the door.

thought it was so much fun to be with my friends and people in my class. It was better than the one in September."

Beth Sullivan '99, agreed, "There were too many people at the first one. This was smaller and better."

The money raised at this event will be put in a fund for JRW and Commencement. Another event will follow in the Spring.

Friar's Club Selects Freshmen Members

by Robin L. Erickson '98
News Writer

The Freshman elections for the Friars Club were held this past Saturday night in the Friends of Friars room in Schneider Arena. With such an overwhelming response from the Freshman class, the Friar members met early in the afternoon to get a head start with the election process. Fifteen hours later, at 7 a.m. Sunday morning, the elections were completed and the "Dirty Dozen" were finally chosen.

Camille Ciccarelli, Co-Chairperson of the Elections Committee, was pleased with the election process. "Overall, they were successful and we were pleased with the enthusiasm of the Freshman class," she explains. "We are very proud of them and are looking forward to the years to come with the newly elected 'Freshman Twelve'."

The newest members of the Friars club representing the Class of '99 are as follows: Matt Altenburger, Emily Benfer, Greg Bernhard, Heather Doherty, Jeannine Lalonde, Sean McHugh,

Susan Montouri, Jessica Ross, Stephanie Roth, Kristen Thornton, Sean Walker, and Christopher Wethje.

With only four days having passed since the elections, emotions are still running high among the newest club members. Susan Montouri '99 confesses that "more than anything, we feel lucky because there were so many qualified people trying out and we were just lucky to make it". The Friars Club is excited and proud of their youngest bunch and the feeling is reciprocated by the "Dirty Dozen".

Kristen Thornton '99 sums up the sentiment by explaining that "the Friars do a lot of wonderful things and I feel lucky to be a part of them".

The Friar's Club is only a third of the way through its election of new members. The Coffeehouse for Sophomores and Juniors will be Monday, February 12. Interviews for the Class of '98 will be held on February 14-15, with elections on Saturday February 24. Interviews for the Class of '97 will be February 27-28, with elections on Saturday, March 1.

Curriculum Review Begins This Week

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for use in the future."

Of course, once at Providence College, the Development of Western Civilization (DWC) is inescapable. Rev. Thomas D. McGonigle, O.P., Th.D., and Vice-President of Academic Administration, raised questions that seemed to be on the minds of many at the meeting, if not the entire college community. "How does DWC relate to the other core requirements? How does it relate to [a student's] major?" he asked.

Currently, DWC allows for more "history of philosophy" lessons than in-depth studies of philosophical issues. Dr. Philip Devine, Ph.D. of the Philosophy department, noted that the present system allows for only a brief glance at the most important topics. "If this is Tuesday, it must be Kant," he commented. He went on, however, to note that the study of philosophy as part of the DWC curriculum does help students determine

where the issues are.

The focus group sessions are mainly for information gathering, in preparation for the formulation of a new core curriculum proposal. Sr. Stankiewicz encouraged faculty and students alike to "be creative" in their comments and questions. Perhaps the most notable feature of this committee meeting was the fact that they were not only receptive to, but they were actually anxious to hear the questions, comments, and concerns of students.

The next CRSC meeting, scheduled for today, will focus on the Theology requirement. Future sessions include Natural Science on Tuesday, February 6 at 4:30 p.m. in Albertus Magnus room 137; Fine Arts on Thursday, February 8 at 1:00 p.m. in '64 Hall; Mathematics on Tuesday, February 13 at 2:30 p.m. in Moore Hall II; and Social Science on Thursday, February 15 at 2:30 p.m., also in Moore Hall II.

New Recycling Program in Dorms

by Stacey Doucette '98
Contributing Writer

Recycling of bottles, cans, and plastics is now successfully occurring on the Providence College campus. When students returned from winter break, recycling containers were in place in every residence hall trash room. Most residence halls have brown totes located in their trash rooms for recyclables, however, McVinney, St. Joseph, Fennell, DiTraglia, Cunningham, and Mal Brown have labeled blue bins for recyclables.

Although the majority of the residence halls are actively participating in recycling, there are still some problems that need to

be worked out. In Cunningham the recycling bins are being removed by students and used as trash cans. Also, trash bags and contamination are frequently being discovered in some of the



by Heather Deware

recycling bins, especially in Guzman and Meagher. Students need to raise their level of consciousness towards the environment and themselves. If the PC community is conscious about recycling, hopefully, the amount of recycling on this campus will increase.

Please remember that recycling is now available. It is an option that students should be given and now are. Yet contamination and the other problems that were mentioned reduce our overall amount of recycling and cause unnecessary difficulties. Remember -- recycling at Providence College works, but only if students make the effort.

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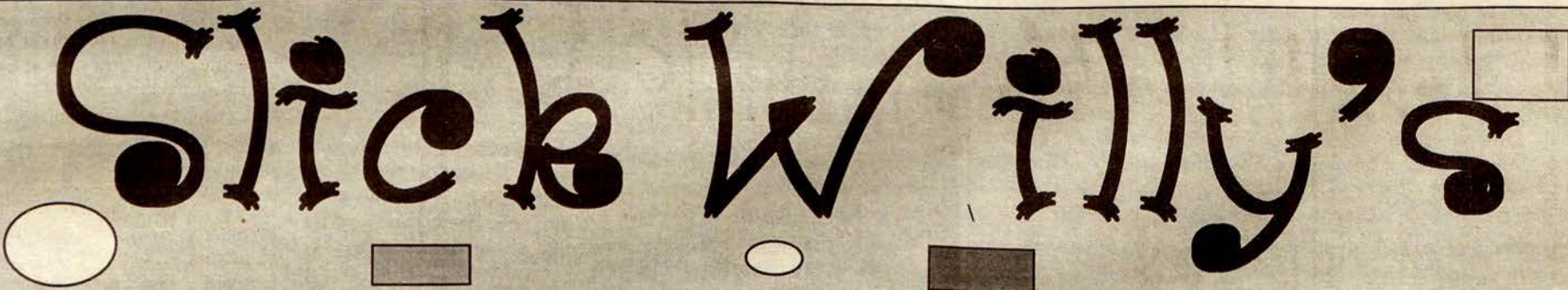
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Disciplinary Measures

submitted by Fr. J. Stuart McPhail
Vice-President of Student Services

A student was found to be in possession of a pipe and a very small amount of marijuana. He was found guilty of possession of an illegal drug (Handbook pg. 39, para. 36) and received a fine of \$200.00 and disciplinary probation until 14 May 1996.

On 24 January a disciplinary hearing was held to consider these charges: violation of standards of conduct established by Providence College (Handbook pg. 37, para. 8); possession of marijuana (Handbook pg. 39, para. 36). The penalties determined were a \$200.00 fine and disciplinary probation until 14 May 1996.

On 24 January a disciplinary hearing was held to consider these charges: violation of standards of conduct established by Providence College (Handbook pg. 37, para. 8);

possession of marijuana (Handbook pg. 39, para. 36). The penalties determined were a \$400.00 fine and disciplinary probation until 14 May 1996.

On 24 January a disciplinary hearing was held to consider these charges: violation of standards of conduct established by Providence College (Handbook pg. 37, para. 8); possession of marijuana (Handbook pg. 39, para. 36). The penalties determined were a \$500.00 fine and disciplinary probation until 14 May 1996.

On 29 January a disciplinary hearing was held to consider the following charges: violation of the standards of conduct established by Providence College (Handbook pg. 37, para. 8); the use of an illegal drug, marijuana (Handbook pg. 39, para. 36). The student was fined \$150.00 and also received disciplinary probation until 16 May 1996.

Nominations Sought for Community Service Award

The Providence College Chapter of the American Association of University Professors is seeking nominations for the Peter D. Salvatore Community Service Award. The award has been established in memory of Peter D. Salvatore, an Associate Professor of Social Work who taught at PC for over two decades and died after suffering a long illness in 1991. Mr. Salvatore was also a clinical social worker in private practice for over 25 years and was chief psychiatric social worker and director of social in-take at Bradley Hospital from 1969-1974.

The award is given annually to a Providence College senior who has made a significant contribution to improving social conditions for people and communities in need through his/her involvement in community services during his/her years at PC. Nominations can be made by faculty, staff, students or members of the community and should be sent to Lynne Ryan, Education Department, Harkins 322 by February 15, 1996. The nomination should include a description of the student's involvement, the impact on the community, on other PC students, and the length of service.

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Forbes in '96?

by Mike Sullivan '97
Editorial Writer

Well, it's finally here. With the New Hampshire primary less than three weeks away, the race for the 1996 Republican presidential nomination is now in full swing and appears to be an exciting race after all. Senator Bob Dole of Kansas has been considered the front runner for the nomination since even before he officially announced his candidacy. Although the possibility of a Colin Powell campaign dimmed his chances for a while after the retired general announced he would not run for president, it seemed that Dole's nomination was a sure thing. However, as history shows us, nothing in politics is a sure thing.

Over the past few months, a new threat to the Dole campaign has emerged. That threat is candidate Steve Forbes. Having never been elected to office and campaigning on a theme of radically reforming the tax codes, he is about as anti-Washington as you can get. Only a few short months ago Forbes was considered to be a long-shot, rich kid who entered the race because he had nothing better to do and was destined to crash and burn with the rest of the long-shots such as Dornan, Keyes, and Taylor. But with a little luck, a little effort and a lot of money Forbes has been able to pull himself ahead into the number two spot in many polls.

As Dole, Gramm and Alexander criticize him for his lack of government experience, his radical new tax plan, and the fact that he has never had to struggle

for anything in his life considering he inherited most of his fortune from his father, Forbes is turning these criticisms around to work to his own advantage. The Republicans have long been critical towards career politicians and those considered to be "Washington Insiders". This resentment has grown so great that many people see Forbes' lack of government experience to be a good thing. Also, the Republicans have criticized the progressive income tax for decades. They have repeatedly claimed that in order to be fair, everyone should pay the same rate. This is exactly what the Forbes plan does. For many conservative rank and file Republicans this is exactly the tax plan they've been waiting for and now that they have a candidate embracing it they are ready to support him.

As for the fact that Steve Forbes is a multi-millionaire, it does not seem like it's going to hurt his chances too much. Many of his supporters claim that the fact he has so much money is a good thing because he would not have to worry about pleasing lobbyists in order to gain any campaign contributions. Will Forbes actually succeed in getting the nomination? It is far too early to tell. Many of his opponents are now saying that his support has reached it's high point and will soon start to slip. Still many other pundits are saying that his campaign has yet to reach it's full potential. Every day he gains a little more in the polls, becomes a little more comfortable while meeting with the voters, and makes his Republican opponents a little more uncomfortable.

Electorate Must Decide on Flat Tax

by Christopher Roche '96
Asst. Editorials Editor

First it was the "Contract with America," and now it is the "flat tax." What will the GOP think of next?

Actually the "Contract with America" and the "flat tax" proposals made by the GOP should not surprise Americans at all, because the Republican Party of the mid 1990's has adopted the notion of "simpler is better." The "Contract" and the flat tax are straightforward proposals to put America back on track. However, in the case of the flat tax, it just might work.

The flat tax seems like it is another ploy by the GOP to favor the rich, forget about the poor, and squeeze the middle class. So far there have been three main proposals for a flat tax: Steven Forbes, Senator Phil Gramm and Rep. Richard Armey have made their plans public, and each one has subtle differences. All three plans propose a tax rate between 17 and 20 percent for all people, and the plans all call for a simplification in the deduction systems as well as the process of filing returns.

The plans under Forbes and Armey are the most radical because they would eliminate the tax on income earned from dividends and savings, and they would eliminate all deductions, including the deduction on the interest paid on mortgages and home equity loans, as well as property taxes. Forbes' plan would start at a 17 percent rate, whereas Armey's plan would start at 20 percent and drop to 17 percent after two years. Forbes' plan would eliminate income tax on families making under \$36,800 while Armey's plan would exempt those below \$33,300. Furthermore, under Forbes' plan, a family earning \$50,000 would be exempt of all income below the \$36,800 mark.

The main problem with these two plans is that they probably would not generate enough revenue

to pay the government's tab, and furthermore, the middle class would be sore losers. Despite Armey's attempts to discredit the Treasury Department in his letter to the editor in Monday's Wall Street Journal, the Treasury Department says that a flat tax rate of 21 percent must be maintained in order to raise as much revenue as under the current plan. Furthermore, it is estimated that a family making \$300,000 would see its taxes drop by 31 percent, while a family of \$60,000 would increase by 2 percent (*U.S. News and World Report* 1/15/96). Middle class homeowners could lose the equity

more humane than Forbes' and Armey's, and it seems to be more sympathetic to the working class, a characteristic that has traditionally evaded mainstream GOP thought in the last twenty-five years.

There is no doubt that the tax system needs to be simplified. April is a much too stressful time for many Americans, and there are too many people who have no idea how much they will owe until they have accountants and lawyers look over their books. Furthermore, too many Americans are drawing on lines of credit to pay their taxes because they have no way of bud-

The flat tax plans will not generate enough revenue for the federal government, and will hurt the middle class.

in their homes because the demand for real estate would drop as a result of the loss in deductions of interest and property taxes. Churches and other charities would also feel the pinch because the incentive to donate would be lost because donations would no longer be written off. Overall, these two plans are extremely unrealistic, and they will never be passed. You have my word.

One plan that is worth consideration is Phil Gramm's. Gramm, in an address to the South Dakota state legislature on Monday, said that all income would remain taxable under his plan. This would include investments as well as savings. Furthermore, Gramm would keep certain deductions such as the mortgage interest deduction because, as he put it, "the home is the center of the American Dream." Gramm would also keep the deduction for donations to charity. All other deductions would be eliminated, and a similar flat tax rate would be put in place. This plan certainly seems

getting for them. Also, too many wealthy people are dodging Uncle Sam entirely. A flat tax should eliminate these two problems.

In considering whether a flat tax should be implemented, one must consider the question, will the flat tax cause more problems than it will solve? It may simplify the tax system and tax everyone at an equal rate, but it may be too much of a radical change for the economy to handle. Furthermore, no other government has adopted a flat tax; Americans would be proverbial guinea pigs for the system. Unfortunately, there is no way to predict what effect the system will have on small businesses and workers. Over the next ten months the electorate must follow the debate closely and reflect its opinion of the flat tax in the voting booth. Both the GOP and the Democrats will have plenty of ammunition for and against the flat tax, and the way the electorate votes will determine the economic course of this nation for the next century.

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A Super Bowl Lesson

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For some of us, it was the overbearing parent of the second baseman on our first Little league team. For others, it was the high school jock who got away with shoving whimpy kids into their lockers, the coach who took tough love training to a brand new plateau, or the college athlete who got a full ride for being a good...fencer? In any case, somewhere along the line, most of us have come across a person who has caused us to doubt that there are any positive values left in American sports.

It is easy to become cynical. Sports are big business. Start at the college level. No, start before then, when hot high school prospects are promised money and cars under-the-table by booster clubs and corrupt athletic departments connected to money-grubbing schools. Follow from that the logical progression to professional athletes who make millions but strike for more. Throw in bad attitudes, lack of sportsmanship, crass com-

mercialism and good old-fashioned greed, and we can see that there is in fact much to be cynical about. Let's not forget, though, that there are still some things in American sports worth cheering about, or for.

Sportsmanship, for example, may not be as publicized as bench-clearing brawls, but it still exists. Sure there are hockey games that turn into boxing matches and New

After the game, they had their chance to speak. Did they curse the refs, bad mouth the opponent, or complain about the overall unfairness of life? No. They congratulated the Cowboys on a great win and a great season. In a moment of abject defeat, these big guys we so often characterize as barbaric were self-possessed enough to show several million people how to lose graciously.

It is easy to become cynical. Sport is big business. But are teamwork and sportsmanship lost?

York Yankees pitchers who occasionally use uncouth gestures to express feelings to a stadium full of people. But look at the Super Bowl just a few days ago. The Pittsburgh Steelers saw a whole season's worth of hard work and sacrifice crash and burn. They lost the Super Bowl, the mother of all American sports championships.

Teamwork is not a lost art. A sense of team is evident in all the victory pigpile seen after all major wins. Think of the Olympic Volleyball team a few years ago: all the players shaved their heads in solidarity with one player who was undergoing radiation therapy. Again, look at last weekend's

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The Republican Attack on Hillary

by Amy Rodrigues '97
Editorial Writer

Recent events involving the actions of our government have led me to question how government officials, ideally elected to unite the populous, can conversely disunite the mission of the whole country. This, based simply on the conflicting ideological beliefs and partisan animosity that is so prevalent within our system today. However, do not be alarmed. What we are witnessing now is immeasurably miniscule compared to all the smearing, the tactics, and the ploys of the 1996 Presidential Election upon us as we speak.

One of those tactics emerged, coincidentally, on the same day that President Clinton attempted to create a speck of unity within our country, despite the growing disunity and antagonistic fervor so prevalent within our government. On the same day, our First Lady, Hillary Clinton, was subpoenaed to appear before a grand jury concerning the meaningless and futile inquiries by the Republican party into her dealings in the Whitewater real estate deal. This is the first time in history that a First Lady was called before a grand jury to answer questions involving a "criminal" investigation. However, Hillary's appearance before a grand jury is sure to be, not sur-

prisingly, the first of many Republican election ploys not only personal to attack personally the First Lady, but mostly to attack indirectly the Clinton re-election campaign.

New York Senator Alfonse D'Amato has committed the past year to discovering the "truth" about the role and dealings that the President and First Lady had in their Whitewater days. He, along with all of his cronies, is a walking reality of the level that Republicans will stoop to regain control of the Executive power. Not only has D'Amato led a fervently hopeless investigation for the past year on the Whitewater Independent Council, but he will soon manage Senator Bob Dole's hopeless campaign. Could it be that D'Amato is not out for justice, but perhaps out to gain a political advantage by attempting to connect the First Lady with missing files and an obstruction of justice charge? The conflict of interest is obvious and almost pathetic. D'Amato should step down as either Dole's campaign manager or as the chairman of the Whitewater committee. Only then can we possibly consider this investigation as a serious, fair, and objective working of justice. Then we could eliminate any speculation that Republicans are using this as their clever campaign strategy for 1996.

Another issue that has come up

that would lead one to believe that Republicans are using this fruitless investigation for their own political purposes (gasp), is that coincidentally enough, the Republicans on the Senate Whitewater committee asked the Senate for an open-ended extension of not only the time left for the committee to investigate, but also for an additional \$600,000 on top of the \$950,000 already allotted to them eight months ago. First, any American who reads that his or her elected Senators spent nearly a year, and over a million dollars examining Mrs. Clinton's legal billings from

publicans discovered it yet? The simple reason is because an election year is upon us, and the scrutiny and mudslinging has just begun. Republicans wish to keep Whitewater around as long as possible into the election year, regardless of whether or not Mrs. Clinton had a minute role in the Whitewater controversy. Ah, the politics of America. While Republicans struggle to regain the White House with their Nixon-like ploys and their issue-dodging candidates, hopefully someone will remember to tackle the issues.

This is Hillary Clinton's ulti-

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the mid-80's should certainly question the importance and urgency of the whole investigation. Do we not have children in this country living in sub-human conditions, and do we not have an ever-enormous national debt? Or are these things just going to be thrown out the window for the election year? Apparently for Republicans, the issues are secondary.

If there was such an awful "crime" committed by Mrs. Clinton, why haven't Senate Re-

mate test. American politics have sabotaged and devalued the mission of her work since she came to the White House with her husband. But despite that, Hillary has opened the eyes of many political old-timers who still believe June Cleaver is the model woman, and has exhibited to many that perhaps there is a woman in this world that far exceeds the intellectual and despicable nature of most male politicians who will do anything to regain power.

This Whitewater mess will not bother the American people in the least bit. At most, it has only provided Americans with some interesting reading and Oliver Stone with an idea for another movie. Republicans can attack until their dinky, cold hearts are content, but personally scrutinizing a tough and impeccable First Lady will get them nowhere, especially not into the White House. It is laughably obvious that Republicans are using every mean necessary to extend this futile, insignificant, and frivolous examination of a "crime" that was never committed in the first place.

Republicans and Democrats alike are responsible for what has happened in the past years, and it is their job to ensure that stability reigns over election tactics and mudslinging. But, as we all know, this will not happen. Somewhere along the way American politics has overemphasized the meaning of bi-partisan politics enough so that nothing is ever accomplished. We have lost a great sense of national unity, and become a truly atomistic society where politicians, though not surprisingly Republicans, will do anything, such as this Whitewater blowup, to regain or accumulate a powerful advantage for the promotion and advocacy of an election campaign. Ah, the politics of America.

A Super Bowl Lesson

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Superbowl. Halftime performer Diana Ross may have left her co-Supremes in the dust as she pushed her way into the spotlight back in the sixties, but when the NBC microphone found Emmet Smith in the locker room after the big game, he brushed aside talk of his personal stats for the night and made it clear that this moment belonged to the team.

Sports are not completely greed-oriented either. There are individuals and teams who look beyond the bottom line all of the time. PC's own Pete Gillen, on his Channel 10 show, openly criticized the NCAA for their money-oriented policies and wished that the association cared more about their student athletes. Boston Red Sox tower-of-power Mo Vaughn is one of many pro athletes who spends time mentoring kids. Vaughn even takes local under-privileged youth to see "The Nutcracker" every Christmas. And how many other volunteers who love sports help out at municipal gyms across the country in programs that aim at keeping kids out of trouble?

Sports, like our government, entertainment industry, educational system, and just about every other aspect of our culture, has a decidedly corrupted side. There are however, plenty of inspirational qualities left in sports today: qualities of hardwork, team work, sportsmanship and community spirit. To see these qualities we have only to look past our cynicism to the many players, coaches, owners, and teams who, in their pursuit of winning, still remember that the important thing is how we play the game.

Bill Clinton's State of the Art "Campaign" Address

by Kristen Martineau '98
Editorial Writer

President Clinton delivered his annual State of the Union address last week. With '96 being an election year, this was an opportunity for him to convince the American people that he and his administration are successful and consequently, deserve re-election. This was a chance for him to begin his "campaigning" early, since most Americans, politically active or not, watch the address.

The speech lasted roughly one hour and fifteen minutes. The President began by introducing his wife, Hillary Rodham Clinton. The couple has been through a lot together, espe-

which jobs would be created so that recipients would again learn to be self-sufficient. What a wonderful idea! Who cannot argue that our current system is desperately in need of reform because it encourages dependency and provides little incentive? However, welfare reform is not a "new" issue. It is an issue that always seems to come up in political campaigns, and a promise for reform is usually made. President Clinton has been in office for three years and has done little to change the system. Why should we believe he will do something now?

Children and family values were emphasized throughout the evening. The President stressed the need for parents to

their kids watch will face difficulty when they do not receive cooperation on the part of other parents. The only way to put an end to the garbage that flashes across television screens is to deprive the industry and control what is being allowed on the air.

As a way to eliminate violence among kids regarding the clothing they wear to school, President Clinton suggested that uniforms be worn. Yet another decent idea, but unattainable. I would find it very surprising if ALL Americans agreed to send their kids off to school in uniforms. Some may claim that it is a violation of freedom of expression.

The President certainly possesses charisma that can capture an audience. In many ways,

that is how he impresses people. He is young and has a lot of energy. It's too bad that he has not channeled that energy in other directions. The petty and childish conflict between the President and Congress often makes me wonder if this is really the United States, one of the most powerful nations in the world. It is embarrassing that the Legislative and Executive branches are not willing to compromise.

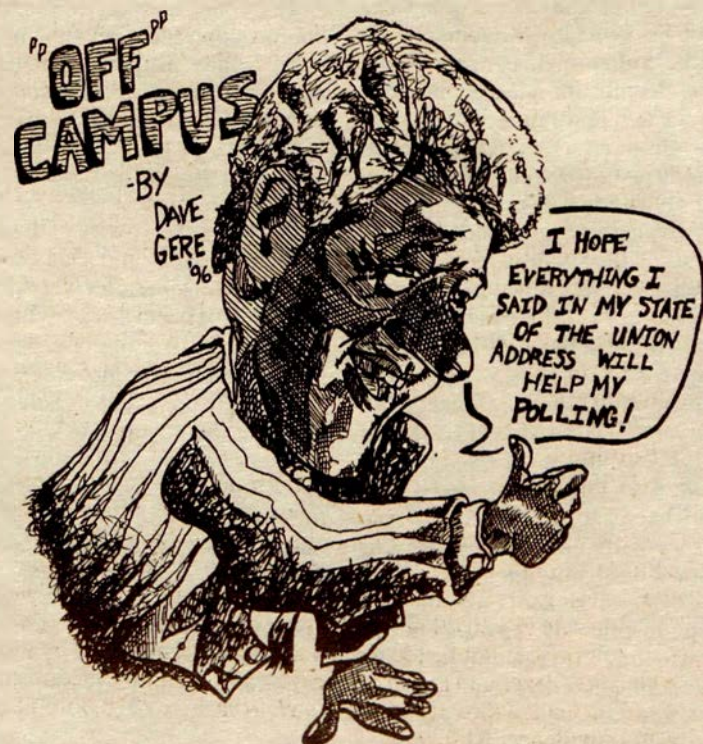
Some may say that the Republicans shot themselves in the foot when they shut down the federal government; that their chances of getting a Republican to take over the Presidency is unlikely. Others believe that America is in dire need of change, and change does not spell Bill Clinton.

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cially recently. Mrs. Clinton has dealt with Whitewater, and this past week a U.S. Court of Appeals ruled that the sexual harassment suit against the President by Paula Jones may in fact proceed while he is still in office. Nevertheless, President Clinton did not hesitate to thank his wife for all she has done. He praised her for being a wonderful mother and a great first lady. After all, appearance is everything, right?

Clinton outlined, point by point, issues that will be addressed in the future (providing he is re-elected). Welfare reform was one of the big issues that he confronted. He proposed a workfare system in

play an active role in their children's lives. This is an issue that nobody can argue with. After all, children are the future of America and without a good example set for them, the outlook is dismal. Clinton attacked the television industry for showing programs unsuitable for children, even at two in the afternoon. He suggested installing a device on T.V.s that would help parents monitor what their children watch. A great idea, but idealistic. Unfortunately, not all parents are responsible and caring. Some simply do not care what their children watch as long as they are occupied. Those that want to determine what



Legislating Morality is Not the Answer

by Jay Spinola '96
Editorial Writer

This year marks the 23rd anniversary of the legalizing of abortion by venue of the Supreme Court's decision of the case of Roe versus Wade. Although this landmark case has served as precedent for over two decades, it has been the subject of relentless attacks by conservatives condemning the law as immoral. Yet, what Pro-Life advocates cannot seem to grasp is the fact that morality is not an inanimate object that may simply be legislated into existence. The love and respect for human life must be taught in the home, community, and religious institutions of America. To force a particular moral belief on the public through legislation serves no purpose except to ignite civil unrest and initiate controversy.

The attempt to legislate morality through legal practices is a dangerous game that threatens to infringe on the individual rights of the American citizen. This country was founded on the liberal ideology that held the rights of the individual superior to the good of society. In other words, personal freedom was to be preserved as long as those freedoms would not infringe on another's personal rights.

The last major attempt America undertook to legislate morality came in the form of Prohibition. Viewing the mass consumption of alcohol as degrading to the human person, the United States Congress saw fit to bar its citizens from consuming the fermented product. Needless to say, the effects were

disastrous. Not only did the American citizenry refuse to conform to this effort to produce moral legislation, it firmly rejected it. In a predictable paradox, Prohibition did not serve to heighten morality, but rather increased degradation. Drinking, instead of being eliminated, flourished in the underground forums of "speak-easies" and other after-hours spots. Crime dramatically increased. In fact, the

enlist the assistance of semi-qualified persons, performing the operation in possibly an unsanitary and uncontrolled environment. Even worse, a woman viewing herself in a desperate predicament might attempt to undertake the abortion herself. Thus, outlawing abortion would only further endanger the lives of women, without affecting the continued threat to the existence of the unborn fetus.

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only benefiting party were the millionaire crime bosses who became rich and powerful supplying liquor to the masses. Thus, this attempt at legislating morality only proved detrimental to the public.

America could witness the same type of deleterious effects if abortion were to become illegal. History has demonstrated that simply outlawing a particular action does not cause it to disappear. The same would be true of abortion. It is highly doubtful that a women feeling compelled to have an abortive procedure would be deterred by preventative legislation. This women would thus be forced to

Morality itself is a deeply felt system of beliefs that individuals, and societies hold as truth. This system of beliefs must be instilled in the youth of our generation and every other in order for it to remain effective. If every person is convinced of the value of human life then the need to outlaw abortion would cease to exist. The decision to reject abortion would then be made on a personal level, and not by state mandate; thus it would not infringe on personal sovereignty. Thus, the only truly effective and appropriate way for Pro-Life advocates to challenge the existence of abortion is to teach the value of life, not legislate morality.

American Studies Director Responds

In last week's *Cowl* article on American Studies, it was incorrectly noted that I had been denied tenure. This is not true, for my name never went before the Rank and Tenure Committee for a decision on tenure. Because many of my friends in the faculty and student body are confused about this matter, and because I'm tired of seeing long, sad faces staring at my face as if I am on the verge of death, as if my life is over because I will not be teaching here after Commencement, I write what actually happened here. Hey, it may even help non-tenured faculty. Maybe not.

In February 1994, I had one great week. I was notified that my CAFR grant had been approved to study Catholic college basketball (and that my proposal received the most votes) and that then-President Fr. John Cunningham had approved of a tenure-track position in American Studies, so that my status would be shifted from adjunct assistant professor to assistant professor, pending approval by Rank and Tenure.

Fr. Thomas McGonigle, Vice-President for Academic Administration, spoke with me outside Harkins Hall to tell me of Fr. Cunningham's decision. I had heard of the decision earlier, but I pretended that it was news and I thanked Fr. McGonigle. I was very excited.

In late April 1994, however, as I found out in early May 1994, a motion before the Rank and Tenure Committee to change my status to tenure-track failed to pass. Of course, I was upset, but I was confused when I learned from Fr. McGonigle, the chair of the Committee, that the committee members had been concerned about my emphasis on popular culture in American Studies. I was confused

because my job description read: "expert in the history of the American Studies movement, local and social history, and popular culture." How in the world could I be criticized for teaching popular culture if I was hired to do so?

My job description had been approved by the President, Academic Vice-President, and Associate Academic Vice-President. All the big guys knew. But the Committee, apparently, did not.

Since this made little sense to me, I spoke with Fr. Cunningham, who urged me to note this to Fr. McGonigle. But Fr. McGonigle said that he wanted me to wait six months and then I could appear before the Committee. (Apparently, I could have appeared before the Committee before my name came up, but no one told me this.) So I waited six months.

Six months later, in October 1994, Fr. McGonigle said that I should appear before the Committee in March 1995, for that would be the best time. As he put it, the first semester wasn't good, for the Committee had many new members. The beginning of the second semester would be hectic and the end of the semester even more hectic, so March would be just about right.

I was never able to appear before the Committee. In the end, soon to be ex-VP Fr. McGonigle related that the Committee did not often change its mind and was not about to do so. In May 1995, I was told I was to be here only one more year.

But I was not told I had only one more year to live, so enough already with the long faces. I could be hit by a bus tonight, but I intend on living happily, with a far better job, after May.

Dr. Richard Testa '84

Letters to the Editor

The Abortion Debate Continues...

Republican, Democrat or Christian?

To the Editor:

After reading the article "The Not So Pro-Life Movement", by Mike Sullivan, I, being pro-life, was deeply offended at the arrogance and ignorance exhibited by Mr. Sullivan. I would like to focus on just a few of the faulty statements made. First of all, Mr. Sullivan says pro-lifers have to focus on the children already here. Well, Mr. Sullivan, just where is the pre-born child located? If that child is not here in this world, then where is he? Perhaps we are awaiting the child's arrival from another universe? No, Mr. Sullivan, the pre-born child is no less in existence than the child already born and needs to be protected from those who claim they are for choice but ignore the child's. Mr. Sullivan's comment on promoting contraception as "sex education" is way off. This nation has been promoting the two exhaustively, but yet, this garbage has not been successful in reducing teen pregnan-

cies and abortions. Could it possibly be that the very philosophy behind contraception (not being open to new life) is what leads many to abortion after the condom fails 15-20% of the time. (Not to mention the countless abortifacients, in the form of "the pill").

In this world we are not divided by Republicans and Democrats, but by those who suffer with Christ on the cross and those who are below it, persecuting him. Those that insult the very movement trying to save innocent children, in or out of the womb, and who promote contraception, (which is against the authoritative teaching of Christ's Church), are the very ones below the cross persecuting Christ all over again!

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Pro-Life is Not Just Anti-Abortion

To the Editor:

I would like to respond to "The Not So Pro-Life Movement" article in the *Cowl*. I was shocked at seeing the article written by a member of the staff of the *Cowl* who represents our Catholic school and its predominantly Catholic students in an indirect manner. After reading the article, I found many flaws in the comments and the so called facts that were presented. I would like to bring these to clarification, yet the 250 word limit on editorials restricts me from doing so.

The pro-life movement is simply not just anti-abortion, yet is actually pro-life. Most of its members are for the protection of life, both that of the born and unborn. Our ideology of protecting children and members of the community can be seen especially through the Catholic Church. She is one of the largest organizations in the world contributing a great majority of its income to the care and relief of the poor. Our focus on abortion is only a part of the movement to help protect the lives of

all and is unfair to say that such a movement cares little for life already in existence (even though the unborn are still in existence!)

It seems that Mike Sullivan is trying to express his support for the Democratic party. Although I disagree at the distinction between parties in the United States, Michael has a right to his own view. However, I think maybe next time, instead of generalizing those that have the funds to voice themselves well "pro-life" Republicans may not be truly pro-life and applying it to the whole movement, you should express the real facts. We need to respect the opinions of each other. We all have the right to express our own views, but at least, at a Catholic college and in its newspaper, let us try to express our opinions in a decent, respectful, well demonstrated fashion!

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The Reality of Post-Abortion Syndrome

To the Editor:

As prominent as abortion is in the news these days, the issue of its emotional impact on women is surprisingly neglected. There is substantial evidence that women who undergo abortions suffer a variety of psychological problems afterwards, known as post-abortion syndrome. To the shame of the mass media, the pro-abortion rights movement, and the American Psychiatric Association, however, this reality has not been widely recognized, and thus women continue to get abortions without being informed of the possible psychological consequences.

In her sociological study "Passage Through Abortion," a research survey of aborted women, Mary K. Zimmerman concluded that "although, 48 percent of the women studied described themselves as disturbed by the abortion." (Zimmerman, as paraphrased by David Reardon in *Aborted Women: Silent No More*, p. 47) This is quite a substantial figure, and it is all the more impressive when one considers that Zimmerman was working from a strongly pro-abortion rights perspective.

Other studies produce similar findings. "In the American Journal of Psychiatry, researchers reported that of 500 aborted women studied, 43% showed immediate negative responses. At the time of a later review, approximately 50% expressed negative feelings, and up to 10% of the women were classified as having developed 'serious psychiatric complications.'" (Saltenger, *Every Woman Has a Right to Know the Dangers of Legal Abortion*, as paraphrased by Reardon, p. 119-120)

Post-abortion syndrome can involve feelings of guilt, depression, insomnia, nightmares, feelings of self-hatred, flashbacks to the abortion procedure, deep sadness at the sight of children, and anger - anger especially at boyfriends, husbands, abortion providers, and children (particularly children born after the abortion). Many women who undergo abortions feel betrayed that they were not given information about the various after-effects of abortion.

These problems are not just minor psychological annoyances - they can affect women who have gone through the procedure to extreme degrees, even to the point of suicide. "According to one study, women who have had abortions are nine times more likely to attempt suicide than women in the general population." (Saltenger, as paraphrased by Reardon, page 129). And it is not just researchers who find a link between abortion and suicide: "The fact that suicide rates are high among aborted women is well known among professionals who counsel suicide persons...Meta Uchtman, Regional Director in Ohio of a national organization called Suiciders Anonymous worked with 4,000 women, of whom 1,800 or more had abortions," (Reardon, p. 129) You don't have to be a psychologist to realize that these are astronomical numbers.

"Even the most biased pro-abortion surveys admit that severe post-abortion psychological trauma does occur. But these investigators insist that disabling sequelae are rare, occurring in only

five percent of abortions a year in this country alone. Even taking 5% as an accurate figure and accounting for women who have multiple abortions, that means at the outside there are a huge number of women who are suffering to the point that it affects their day to day lives - and yet, according to the many, there is no such thing as post-abortion syndrome.

In fact, rather than acknowledge its reality, pro-choicers have adopted what are really ridiculous lines of defense. One of the more commonly used arguments, believe it or not, is that post-abortion syndrome is more or less equivalent to the depression that mothers sometimes experience following childbirth.

I find this argument - popularized after a study by a pro-abortion rights researcher in the late 1970s - absolutely inane. First of all, people have baby showers and celebrate the profound joy of a newborn baby, but who has abortion parties? Second, how many women commit suicide because they are so stressed after giving birth? There may be some amount of emotional upheaval, but certainly there is also much peace and joy, two words not commonly connected to abortion.

One simply cannot dismiss these statistics as the delusions of some poor misguided pro-lifers who are looking for some ammunition to show that abortion is wrong. There is simply too much evidence, from pro-aborts as well as from pro-lifers.

But why, if it's so common, don't we hear anything about post-abortion syndrome in the media? Regardless of whether one supports abortion rights or not, hiding this information hurts women because it denies them the possibility of making an informed choice.

The answer is not very pretty: the media is predominantly pro-choice, as is well known, and it filters out what it doesn't want to report. Any recognition that guilt seriously bothers women after abortion implicitly recognizes that abortion is wrong.

It's not the only thing that the media has obscured about the abortion issue. For instance, have you heard anything about violence against pro-lifers or how money motivates the billion dollar abortion industry, (some clinics give coupons for abortions, something not legal for other medical procedures) or the number of women who are injured during "legitimate" abortions, or how long the wait is for adoption now that we're killing one out of every three unborn children, or the vast number of institutions that give financial and emotional support to women who want to keep their children, or how child abuse has risen astronomically (over 800%) since Roe vs. Wade? Probably not.

The media continues to portray the issue as limited to the physical act of abortion. When you're just looking at the act of abortion, it's easy to get lost in philosophical fictions like "potential human life" and the "right to abortion". Once you start to take a look at what's really going on, at the emotional and social devastation that abortion engenders, it's hard to view abortion as anything other than the taking of innocent life.

Nicholas Lombardo '97

Teach by Example: Morality Counts in the Classroom

To the Editor:

As an aspiring high school teacher, I felt compelled to respond to the article written by Ms. Amy Rodrigues entitled "Mr. Bubba's Opus" in the January 25, 1996 edition of *The Cowl*. In her commentary, Ms. Rodrigues wrote about Robert Walenski, a teacher from the Dennis-Yarmouth Regional High School District who made news recently, on account of his "extracurricular activities." Mr. Robert Walenski was terminated from his 25 year teaching career after it was discovered that he moonlights as a star and producer of pornographic films.

Ms. Rodrigues felt that Walenski should not have been fired for engaging in what she atro-

cent years did we watch to see what little idiosyncracies our teacher would do in front of class, whether it be scratching his beard too much, or chuckling at how she paced up and down in front of the classroom like a warlord while she lectured? I did it. We all did it, and taking note of little things such as that can hardly compare to what must have gone through a student's mind after he/she found out that his or her role model, the 'cool' teacher could be found in all his nude glory in a porno flick.

It's a fact we tell our educators to hide a great deal of things from their students. We don't allow them to disclose their political party affiliation because we are so afraid that students will want to run

ulting the sexual act or bringing embarrassment to themselves when they must confront the students who have witnessed a video such as the one Mr. Walenski produced.

I approve of the Dennis-Yarmouth Regional school district's decision to get rid of Mr. Robert Walenski after his "second job" was discovered. Even Ms. Rodrigues admits that Mr. Walenski's return to school would be an awkward and thus not an acceptable one, but she criticizes why the school board blew this whole matter "out of proportion". The school district, not Mr. Walenski, was a victim caught in the crossfire of eventually having to deal with parental protests if they did not let him go. Obviously they didn't want to lose a teacher who challenged and inspired his students for the past 25 years. But ultimately, they had to look at the years to come and what impact the knowledge of a teacher having a dark side would have on students. If Mr. Walenski was such a dedicated teacher, why didn't he take a second job in say, private tutoring to help those slower students who cannot always grasp concepts in the larger group setting of the classroom. If extra money is what he was after, he could have earned a sufficient supply from tutoring.

Are my views implying that I do not feel that teachers are entitled to a private life outside of school? No. What I'm pointing out is that a teacher is as much in the spotlight to his/her students as a politician is to a voter. With the recent reports from the Whitewater scandal, we have shown that we will do some tough investigations into the private lives of the President and his family, and thus it should be similar to what we do when we entrust the future of our country, our children, into the hands of our teachers.

Linda Walling '97

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ciously considers to be a hobby comparable to gardening, simply because he tried to keep his "little secret" out of the classroom.

Ms. Rodrigues agrees (and rightly so) that "teaching is one of those professions that takes into account not only intelligence and competency but also moral decency." First off, I question where the moral decency is in the selling of sexual images by one who is supposed to teach not just what is read in the textbook but to teach young impressionable minds by example. Whether Mr. Walenski or Ms. Rodrigues realize it or not, a student between the ages of middle school up until high school pays more attention (whether subconsciously or not) to a teacher's actions than to what they say. How many times in our young adoles-

to join either party because their favorite teacher is such. We barely permit our teachers to enforce a moment of silence at the beginning of each school day because we don't want to sway our students to our idea that we owe a great deal to a higher power. Yet the advocates of Mr. Walenski don't see any problem with welcoming back with open arms a teacher who does something that should stay much further away from a school environment than our views on politics or religion.

We have a responsibility to protect our students, who are primarily minors, from issues regarding sexual liberties/behaviors. I am not advocating that students need to be protected from the facts of life, but that their role models should not be dramatizing or ex-

'97 Snowball Cancelled!!

To the Editor:

The Class of 1997 Officers spent much time planning this year's Snowball Event. It took less than ten minutes to cancel it. Easy come, easy go!!

Due to the fact that less than 50 members of the class bought tickets in advance, the Officers had no choice but to throw the event in the bag. In the past '97 events have sold no less than 500 tickets in advance and more at the door. That is why the officers were so surprised when they had to spend their Friday afternoon cancelling the event.

Laziness? Apathy? Call it what

you want, but there is no excuse for what happened last week. As your class officers, we have to carefully plan events with the interests of our classmates in mind. An on-campus event with alcohol available to those of legal age was thought to be an eye-catcher for the class. Now what are we supposed to think?

Maybe it was too soon to have an event after JRW? We really can't explain it. All we can say is that we try hard to plan activities to promote class unity and we need students to support them.

Therefore, in the future, Class of 1997 event tickets will ONLY

BE SOLD PRECEDING THE EVENT. No tickets will be sold at the door. Maybe this measure will ensure members of our class will be more responsible in the future and buy their tickets on time.

If anyone has any suggestions for events in the future please contact one of the officers. We extend our thanks to the 45 of you who did buy your tickers in advance. It's nice to know some people care.

Class of '97 Officers:

Bill, Mike, Jen, John, Amy, Maureen, Michael and Suzannah.

Demoe: "Pro-Life" Always

To the Editor,

I disagree with Editorial Writer Mike Sullivan's '97 Commentary "The Not-So 'Pro-Life' Movement" (*The Cowl*, 1/25/96). He wrote, "The pro-life movement is anything but pro-life. They simply call themselves that because they want to outlaw abortion." I find this to be an ambiguous statement as the pro-life movement goes beyond the outlawing of abortion. It is also opposed to the death penalty, racism, war (the slaugh-

ter of innocent people), worldwide hunger, and worldwide corruption.

Mr. Sullivan made other ambiguous remarks concerning pro-lifers' lifestyles. He also wrote, "The next time you hear someone say they are voting for an ultra-conservative because they are 'pro-life' call them on their hypocrisy." In his visit to Poland in June 1991, Pope John Paul II told the Polish people that abortion can be compared to the Nazi destruction of the Jews and other nationalities

in the Holocaust. In 1978, Cardinals of the Catholic Church elected Pope John Paul II to the Papacy. He is an ultra-conservative in his opposition to abortion being a moral issue and a political issue. Does Mr. Sullivan feel that the Cardinals who elected the present vicar of Christ are hypocritical? An answer by Mr. Sullivan in the next issue of *The Cowl* would be appreciated.

Most Sincerely,
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Action, Comedy, Strippers, and Vampires?

Robert Rodriguez's *From Dusk Till Dawn*

by Patrick C. Heap '96
Asst. A&E Editor
with credit to Brian Albano

When going to see a movie the biggest mistake one can make is to expect something. *From Dusk Till Dawn*, written by Quentin Tarantino, is the latest film from director Robert Rodriguez. If the names Tarantino and Rodriguez are not enough to get you at least curious, how about the names Harvey Keitel, George Clooney, Cheech Marin, and Juliette Lewis. Not enough? How about a little story line? Two brothers (Clooney and Tarantino) just finished robbing a bank and are heading for sanctuary in Mexico. Along the way they take a family hostage (Keitel and Lewis) to use them and their mobile home to get across the border. After a long and tedious journey they wait in Mexico at a strip bar for the banker robbers' connection, who has designated the meeting to take place at Dawn. The robbers are safe in Mexico with their booty and the family is promised to be set free at dawn when the robbers' connection arrives. Sounds like the movie just ended and everyone is happy, except for the fact that the biker and trucker infested strip bar where

they wait for about six hours is a front used by vampires to get their next meal. Confused? Well, read the first line.

Rodriguez and Tarantino blend the styles of 70's B-horror, 90's action, 80's comedy, and chaos with a touch of attitude which screams, "I hope this movie throws everyone for a loop." Tarantino and

critics, fueling them to consider audiences to be a bunch of idiots for liking his movies.

However, a point can be argued, "What is the purpose of a film?" There is of course no real answer. The favorable consensus seems to be that the purpose is to make an important statement or many statements, but let's keep in

by a number of even more outrageous heroes (heroes is only used here because they are slaughtering vampires and not for any other heroic-like qualities) the film tried to stay focused and serious. After the first wave of vampires had been defeated, a shaken Clooney pulls it all together, "OK, so we are fighting vampires and don't give

Although the movie, at times, gets a little crazy (a lot) with the vampires, we enjoyed how Tarantino and Rodriguez portrayed them. Ever since Anne Rice's novels about vampires being these beautiful and romantic figures, not to mention Coppola's *Dracula*, the old vampire image of myths and black and white horror had been lost. It is a relief, for some, to finally see a vampire state to a human, "I am going to turn you into one of us, so you can be my slave for eternity. You'll lick the dog sh*t off of my boots forever." This brings back the old beast from hell image of vampires. Also, the film creates a new mythology for vampires by adding a few new and original lores to the vampire trivia table for future vampire stories.

One of the greatest things about the movie, other than the cast, director, and gore, was that it seemed to be just another day in the life of Clooney's tattooed bad ass character, who, in the end, left Lewis to ride into the sun.

We highly recommend this film to anyone who has to wait until 1 a.m. to watch their favorite movies on the U.S.A. network to see it on the big screen because it probably won't last long, let alone be the only film of its kind to make it onto any kind of screen other than a drive-in. This is sure to be the greatest drive-in horror, never to make it on the drive-in screen, classic.

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Rodriguez make a statement with this movie by simply not making any statements with the film. In a day and age where everyone is trying to win this award or that award in film, it is good to see two of the most renowned directors and screen writers of the 90's do a film which slaps film critics and moviegoers with gratuitous violence, gore, and outrageousness. *From Dusk Till Dawn* can almost be compared with the many Jim Carey films which have outraged

mind the entertainment aspect of movies. Let's face it, everyone has their own idea of what being entertained is. Well, here is an example of entertainment which has never really made it past late night cable and on to the big screen, until now.

All seriousness, or silliness (whatever) aside, the all-star cast was so incredible that the movie almost seems a realistic. Even though hundreds of outrageous vampires were being slaughtered

me any of that 'I don't believe in vampires' because neither did I." Although Clooney and Keitel seemed to catch most of the attention as the movie's main stars, Tarantino plays the role he was made for. With a sweat drenched, bony, thick rimmed glasses hanging, face, Tarantino portrays the twisted and demented psycho rapist who really sees the world with a different perspective. His performance was disturbing to say the least.

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Loss, Escape, and Pain: A Study of Cold Water Flat

by Peter "Shaggy" Keenen '99
A&E Writer

Our wonderful world is full of music. All sorts of music. All sorts of diverse people making music. All sorts

of tempos and beats and styles and instruments that make music what it is. And amidst the crowded aisles of the local chain of overpriced CD stores, there are bound to be a handful of discs which are truly marked by genius.

You are aware of the music to which I refer. The tunes which are so beautiful that they cause you to literally stop and catch your breath. The songs which are so brilliantly composed, performed and mastered that they force you to question the limits of what is considered excellent within your fragile reality. The melodic ballads which elevate you up to kiss the feet of God, and when they pass, leave you in a state of after glow. In my short lifetime, I have seldom come across such mystically entrancing selections.

MCA recording artists Cold Water Flat sadly do not fall into this category, but they're still pretty damn cool. Spawned from the same family which produced Scott of Rhino and Bill of Buffalo Tom, Cold Water Flat's lead singer and guitarist is Paul Janovitz. Ted Silva plays bass and Paul Harding is the trio's drummer. Their self-titled 1995 album is label Fort Apache's first release.

The basic concept of Cold Water Flat's music seems to be concentrated on heavily distorted guitar chords which are backed up by a potpourri of emotions and rage. The band's rhythm section is tight, complimenting Janovitz's furious guitars. Janovitz's voice is almost raspy, adding an interesting perspective of brooding and desperate passion to the music which is in the most case, already morbid or depressing in tone. Advice to anyone contemplating suicide: don't listen to Cold Water Flat. Further accenting the morose nature of the music are the lyrics themselves; they are focused on ideas of loss, escape, and pain.

Cold Water Flat does have a bright shiny side, proving that this dark cloud has a silver lining. For example, the speaker of the song "It's Over" admits that his life sucks and things are bleak, but he does offer a prospect of hope for himself as he looks to the future and the changes that will accompany it.

The album's star-lit songs are found predominately within the first four tracks. The first four are strong, and serve to demonstrate the precedent to which many of the subsequent songs will adhere. "Magnetic North Pole" is the early climax of the album, starting off strong and remaining loud, abrasive, and coarse throughout the song. Janovitz sings a tale about living through your dreams. As the speaker continues, it starts to come into view that the speaker isn't just existing within his dream world, he's trapped in it, and he's attempting to escape, but he can't because escape is futile! Or at least, that's

what I thought.

Speaking of escaping, the record starts off with a song about just that, entitled "Virus Road." The initial song truly brings the listener up to an energy level which will remain constant throughout the entire album. The opening song serves to prepare the listener for the type of sound that they will be

hearing for the next forty-two and a quarter minutes. "Rescue Lights" is another highlight on the record. It too bears the characteristics of Cold Water Flat, hard-edged guitar chords, an intelligent and meaningful set of lyrics, and a sense of foreboding gloomy feelings with a hint of prosperity buried in the far future.

Cold Water Flat's music is not a dynamic sound. It doesn't change greatly in theme or tone, silent one minute, grabbing you by your cojones the next. However, one promised aspect is that it will be impressive throughout. Some critics argue that Cold Water Flat's sound rings a bit too close for comfort to Buffalo Tom's. An expla-

nation for such a scalding review are the similar scratchy vocal patterns found in all the Janovitz brothers' styles. However, others, myself included, believe that Cold Water Flat bears its own unique sound, both musically and vocally. Cold Water Flat: they're not divinely-inspired, but they sure don't suck.



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This Is the State of the World

A&E COMMENTARY

by Michael Sablone '98
A&E Writer

Blame Seattle. Blame Corporate America. Blame Muzak. Blame ABBA. Blame yourselves. Blame somebody. You may ask, why are all these people being subpoenaed? They're all being indicated for the state of the music industry, for America has embraced mediocrity and forgone originality in an attempt to be the most "Alternative."

The focus of this inquisition should be on the music industry, but it's not solely at fault. Things are not going well, and you really have no one else to blame but yourselves (you being the average college age student in America). You grew up listening to 80's synch pop that twisted your mind. You, albeit slowly, blossomed into your own culture — a step ahead of yuppies, two steps ahead of hippies. The 90's hit, at first nothing special, but then in 1991, all hell breaks

in and say hello. If the band wants to make a second record, tell them to go away, but keep the rights in the rare case they happen to make more money after they leave.

If people are upset by the current means of bands phasing out after one hit album, look and listen: WBRU claims to be "the cutting edge of rock." Their slogan states, "Where you always hear it first." Likewise, MTV news's tagline is, "Where you hear it ... first." Think about this rush to be the first to play new bands. How can someone be "cutting-edge" if they play music by a band that everyone already knows? They need new material from new bands, even if it sounds exactly like everything else; i.e. the Silverchair principle. They were signed because they sounded exactly like Pearl Jam, yet the twist is that they are only sixteen. "Cutting edge" has gone right over the edge. Radio, print, and TV media are too preoccupied with finding the next big thing to realize that it will be virtually impossible to do so (I'll admit, I fell for this fallacy as well, my pick was the Foo Fighters). Until people stop competing to be the penultimate

The cry that you hear because of this is not from the bands today. It is a cry of confusion from the music industry, for they are both thriving and shrinking with this onslaught.

loose with a trio from Seattle, Nirvana, which blended underground punk music with a pop feel (thank you Butch Vig). Say what you want about the band, but they single-handedly changed the direction of pop music. Grunge became God; the alternative to pop music became pop music. For future reference, the word "pop," is short for "popular music," hence, I will never refer to "alternative" music as "alternative." This switching of taste and style explains the direction that the music industry is headed.

The cry that you hear because of this change is not from bands today. It is a cry of confusion from the music industry, for they are both thriving and sinking with this onslaught. Follow-ups of multi-selling albums by the Red Hot Chili Peppers, Belly, Stone Pimple Toilets, Green Day, and Letters to Cleo all flopped. Most albums were better than their predecessors, but somehow they all were brushed aside by the same general public which embraced them earlier. There is a very simple reason for this: as soon as modern rock became popular, there was a rush on the market. Therefore, new releases from new bands were in high demand as opposed to new releases from old bands, even bands whose breaking album was little over a year old.

Let me explain further. The easiest way for record companies to make money is: Scour the clubs, find a band that either looks or sounds exactly like everything else, and sign them to a multimillion dollar ONE RECORD deal. For the album, get it produced by an old musician, and make sure that you include fuzzy guitars, lots of screaming, and the new instruments of choice, cellos or violins. Market them heavily on the thousands of Album Oriented Rock FM stations. Note: If there is not a nice AOR station around you, just wait fifteen minutes for a classic rock station to switch formats. Do a write-up stating "If you like the Offspring, then you'll love (insert catchy one word band title here)." If the band has a minimal amount of talent, then sit back and wait for the money to walk

alterna-person, this dredging will not stop.

Case study: Pearl Jam. This Seattle band is huge — they are not as influential as Nirvana but pretty darn close. Their first record, *Ten*, was a monster, but it wreaked havoc on the charts because it was made to sell records. *Ten* is close to what Eddie and the boys want to sound like, but not quite what they wanted to do. If you don't believe me, answer this question: Would you find "Bugs" on *Ten*? No. *Vs.* was an in-between release, trying to keep the bands staying power as well as moving towards their real sound. *Vitalogy* has been panned by critics and fans alike, but I enjoy it immensely for its original sound. I respect a band that changes over time; I don't want to spend my money on the same album as before. I would like to think that most people would think the same way, but alas, few do. I'll admit that fame has changed the band, but take a look at the "Alive" video. The band looks remarkably like Bon Jovi; for instance, Stone Gossard cuts across the stage looking as if he just placed first at the "Richie Sambora Look-A-Like Contest."

The music industry is in a rut. Labels are rushing to sign new indie talent. Only to see it fizzle before their eyes. Consumer tastes are just too fickle. Review the charts. Two years from now only a few of the bands currently in the Billboard Top 20 will still be there. One possible solution to this nagging problem would be for you to support a band's follow-up album. Don't worry about being on the "cutting edge"; just try to keep an open mind. I realize that the reason people like Bush is that they are a Nirvana/Pearl Jam hybrid. That's OK, but if you keep scarfing up bands like this you're sending a message to the record companies to keep signing and marketing bad imitation bands. Until America gets over it's "I heard it first," "No I'm weirder," "Dude, I was doing that so many years ago, now it ain't cool," phase then the general public will still get hammered by crappy music that sounds vaguely familiar. The ball is in your court.

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Hit <http://www.loci.com> on these dates to speak with these artists:

February 1 and 27	Quincy Jones
February 7	Seal

Other famous performers appearing throughout the month include Chaka Khan, Joshua Redman, Aaron Neville, Barry White, TLC, and LL Cool J.

BODY IMAGE PREOCCUPATION GROUP

**Continuing from last semester -
New students welcome**

The Personal Counseling Service is offering a skills-building group for students who are food preoccupied. Some of the topics that will be discussed are: why students eat for emotions; stress management, especially around midterms, finals, and holidays; competition and difficulties in relationships; assertiveness training; improving college eating patterns; and learning better coping skills to deal with eating, self-esteem, and body image issues.

**To register or get
more information contact:**

**Claire Rodrigues Slavin 210
Personal Counseling Service
Ext. 2343**

The time and date of the first meeting will be announced.

Summer Intern Program Wants Sophomores

by Mrs. Clarkin
Director, Career Planning and
Internship Service

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

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

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

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

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

Students recruited for the program come from a variety of academic backgrounds. A math major might work on projects requiring strong analytic, quantitative and computer skills whereas an English major might work on benefits communication publications

or desk top publishing projects. The types of skills required vary depending on the needs of the internship sponsor, but students with both strong communication and quantitative skills are encouraged to apply!

Interested? Then plan to attend an informational session to find out more and hear from current PC interns. Sessions will be held in Feinstein 210 on Tuesday, February 6th at 4:30 p.m., and in Slavin 203 on Wednesday, February 14th at 3:00 p.m. and Thursday, February 15th at 2:30 p.m. If you cannot make one of these information meetings, stop by the Career Planning and Internship Service in the Career Development Office, Slavin 105, ASAP!

The deadline for submitting an application (including a transcript and reference) is Monday, February 26th. Selected candidates will be interviewed on campus on March 7th. So, don't wait. Get started now on developing a successful summer internship!

1996 Dance for Hope at Providence College

24-Hour Dance Marathon to Benefit
American Cancer Society Summer Camp

Providence College announces its annual "Dance for Hope," a twenty-four hour dance marathon to be held at '64 Hall, Slavin Center on the PC campus, 7:00 p.m., Friday, February 2nd.

PC students are currently raising pledges for their participation to benefit Camp Hope. Anyone interested in sponsoring a dancer can call Mike Janicki at Providence College (865-2235), or the

American Cancer Society at 1-800-ACS-2345. Pledges and donations may also be mailed c/o: Mike Janicki/Office of Residence Life/Providence College/Providence, RI 02918.

Camp Hope is the American Cancer Society's annual summer camp for children with cancer and their siblings. Camp Hope is held each August at Camp Adlersgate in North Scituate.

The American Cancer Society is the nationwide community-based voluntary health organization dedicated to eliminating cancer, saving lives and diminishing suffering from cancer through research, education, advocacy and service. For more information on American Cancer Society events and programs, call 1-800-ACS-2345.

You Can Make a Difference in the Life of a Child With Cancer!

Dance for Hope

Participants should bring your sponsor sheets and donations on February 2nd-3rd.

If you have not registered yet please call **Mike Janicki 865-2235**.

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

A Personal Choice?

Rate the following situations 1 (highest) to 7 (lowest). Which situations are most likely to influence you to get drunk?

- Special Events (campus event)
- Social Behavior (it's Friday night)
- Peer Pressure (everybody's drinking)
- Stress (you've had a rough week)
- Boredom (there was nothing else to do)

Your use of Alcohol should be your own choice. How well are you with decision making?

-A Message from STEP I

Important: Advertising Info for the COWL

"The Cowl welcomes any and all announcements from all administration, faculty, and staff. However, the student newspaper is asking that you take note of the deadline for these notices. All materials to be printed in the upcoming Thursday issue **MUST** be in The Cowl office, Slavin 104, no later than the Monday before, at 5 p.m. This is to avoid any confusion as to what will be included in each issue. If you have questions concerning publication dates or other concerns please call x2214. Thank you."

Congratulations to the following teams: INTRAMURAL MEN'S FLAG FOOTBALL CHAMPIONS

TEAM NAME: PRE-SEASON

CAPTAIN: Stephen Maresca

TEAM: Mike Zilm, Dan Murray, Mike Sully, Karl Phillipps, John Hicinbotham, Joe Vance, Jon MacDonald, Brian Thayer, Jim O'Brien, Tony Bibick, Niel Slattety, Brian Tamul, Eric Collard

INTRAMURAL FRESHMEN FLAG FOOTBALL CHAMPIONS

TEAM NAME: WOLVERINES

CAPTAIN: Derek Collomati

TEAM: Ray Catlaw, Sean Larkin, Dennis Cleary, Don Natalicchio, Mike Parrillo, Matt Pymm, Dan Horigan, Tim Ford, Paul Massicotte, Jon Schultz, Bob Salisbury, Tom O'Keefe

INTRAMURAL WOMEN'S FLAG FOOTBALL CHAMPIONS

TEAM NAME: INDIANS

CAPTAIN: Jen Toto

TEAM: Heather Herman, Emily Cea, Jennifer Malone, Julie Wheeler, Cara Zdanis, Carey Capone, Lynn McGuire, Kristen Loftis, Deb Burba, Julie Kennedy, Catie Leahy, Jessica Lee, Amy Clark, Noleen Pledak, Amy Samela, Janean Smith, Christy Warish, Mindy Santaniello, Bridget Munley

INTRAMURAL CO-ED TENNIS CHAMPIONS

Chris Novak and Shameem Awan

SENIOR PORTRAITS
LAST CHANCE
Feb. 5th - 16th
Sign up at the Slavin
Information Desk

From the Chaplain's Office...

The church and the world have a great need of Eucharistic worship. Jesus waits for us in this sacrament of love. Let us be generous in our time and go to meet Him in adoration and contemplation that is full of faith and ready to make reparation for the great faults and crimes of the world. Come and meet Christ yourself with friends and the PC community this Saturday, Feb. 3rd from 12:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. in Guzman Chapel. Take advantage of this opportunity to pray to the Lord even for a few minutes.

Drop by and give thanks!

Starting this Saturday, adoration will be offered by PC Campus Ministry every first Saturday of the month.

PC Encounter With Christ

February 23rd - 25th

Get excited about your faith today!

Call x2216

Twilight Winter Retreat

"Spirit in the Life"

Monday, Feb. 5th from 9:00 p.m. to Midnight
at Antoninus House

(The big yellow house on Eaton St.)

Call x2216 for reservations - Today!

Come Hear About Volunteer Opportunities!

Pastoral Service Organizations/ Campus Ministries

Tuesday, Feb. 6th at 6:30 p.m. in '64 Hall

You can make a difference!

COME PRAY THE ROSARY. WEEKDAYS
AFTER THE 9:00 P.M. MASS, FRIDAYS
AFTER THE 11:30 A.M. MASS, AND
WEEKENDS AT 3:00 P.M.
ALL AT AQUINAS CHAPEL.

Buffalo Wing Eating Contest!

Eat wings and help send kids
with AIDS to Summer Camp.

Sponsor sheets/ sign-ups in
Slavin 211 or Stuarts. Eating
begins Thursday, Feb. 8th at
8:00 p.m. in Stuarts!

The Office of Campus Ministry would like to thank all who generously gave of their time and resources to the Giving Tree project and the collection of canned goods and clothing for the poor during the Christmas season. Your Participation in these important projects gave much joy to countless numbers of people.

*****Urban Action Presents*****

MIDNIGHT BREAKFAST

WHERE: Stuarts

WHEN: Sat., Feb. 3, 1996

WHAT TIME: 11:00 p.m. - 2 a.m.

WHY: For a late night snack!

Hope to see you there!

A COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT

SUN., FEB. 4TH, 1996

INFO MEETING FEB. 1ST
IN MOORE HALL II AT 6:30 P.M.

*****ALL ARE WELCOME TO PARTICIPATE*****

ATTENTION ALL SOPHOMORES

*A Valentine
Semi-Formal Stag*

FRI., FEB. 16th, 1996

9:00 p.m. - 1:00 a.m.

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WDOM 91.3 GOLDEN AGE OF RADIO

WDOM is pleased to announce that they will be airing a Sunday radio program that includes classic programs from the **Golden Age of Radio**. Programs begin at 12 noon and are hosted by PC's own Dr. Richard Testa.

Feb. 4th	The Green Hornet
	Gangbusters
Feb. 11th	Amos 'n' Andy
	Fibber McGee and Molly
Feb. 18th	Dracula (1 hour tape)
Feb. 25th	The Lone Ranger
	Mr. District Attorney
Mar. 3rd	Dimension X
	A Date with Judy
Mar. 10th	SPRING BREAK
Mar. 17th	SPRING BREAK
Mar. 24th	Dimension X
	Duffy's Tavern
Mar. 31st	The Lone Ranger
	The Green Hornet
Apr. 7th	EASTER BREAK
Apr. 14th	Amos 'n' Andy
	Fibber McGee and Molly
Apr. 21st	TBA
Apr. 28th	Jack Benny

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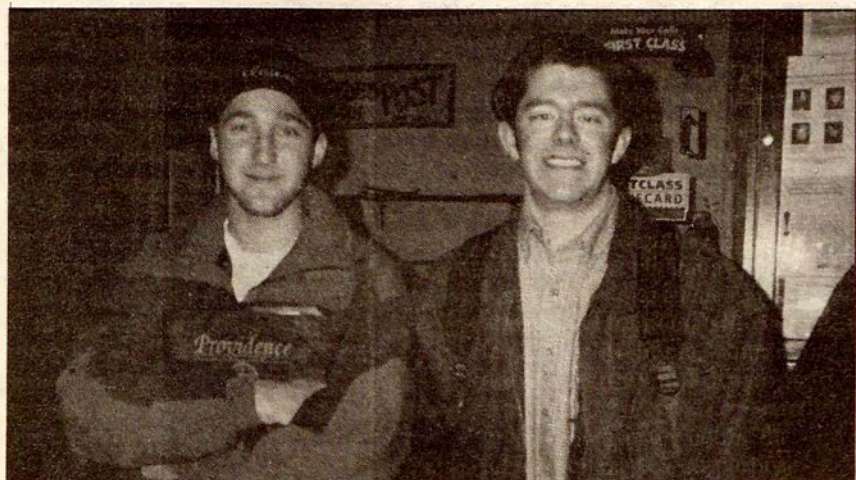
Buy any sub at regular price and get another
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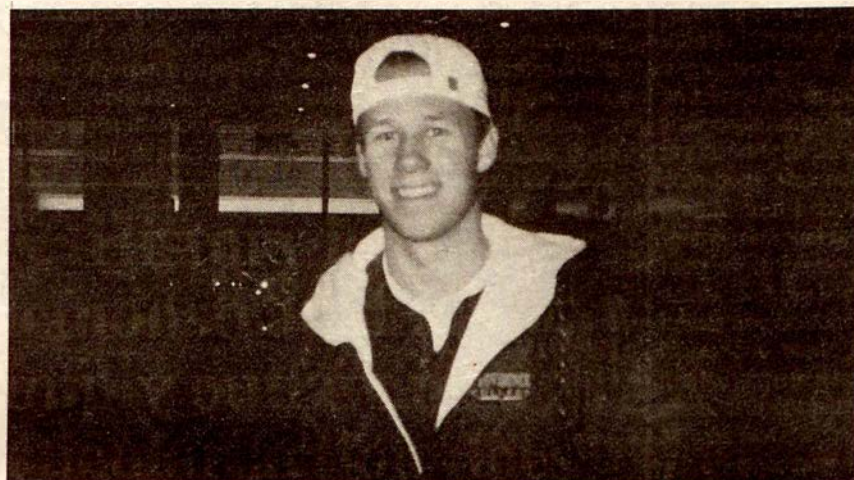
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What do you do on Sundays?



Dan Sarantos '98, Jay Tobin '98:
"Pull Cale Keable's head out of the toilet!"



Bill Funke '96:
"Uhh...Nothing."



Mike Chapin '96, Pedro Fonseca '97, Alan Shaw '97:
"Play Pitch."



Kerry Duxbury '98, Lucy Wallace '98:
"We piece together Saturday night!"



Ryan Mullin '99, Leah Goldman '99, Jill Brannelly '99, Jacqueline Lamarre '99, Shannon Barber '99:
"Sleep and recover!"



Sue Montuori '99, Cathy Olender '97:
"Go to Church and pray for forgiveness."



Kavita Avula '96, Shannon Coleman '97, Carrie Rand '96, Lauren Varian '96:
"We work the Legs-n-Eggs shift at the Foxy!"



Sean Walker '99, Jay Valle '97, Sean McHugh '99, Don Mahoney '96:
"We catch *our girls* in the Legs-n-Eggs show at the Foxy."

The Struggle to Love

by Lori McCrevan '99
Features Writer

The red dots blinked, and my feet had to move much faster in order to keep up. Sometimes I really despise whoever invented the Stairmaster. The sweat poured down my face, but I actually felt good. Well, that is until the blond walked into the room. Her hair was pulled into a ponytail on top of her head that bounced when she walked, and she was wearing a pair of spandex shorts that were too big for her thin legs. I looked at my own attire and started to pity myself. My T-shirt about two sizes too big, but I liked it that way because it concealed all the excess fat that I was so paranoid about. I wished that my legs would fit into spandex, but I knew that they were better suited for the soccer shorts that I wore.

She jumped on the Stairmaster and punched in some obscenely high level. I resented her because I knew that she did not need to exercise. She was already beautiful, yet she had to strive for perfection. I started to think that she was trying to make me jealous. It was not fair for me to hate her; I did not even know her. I convinced myself that it was fair to envy her.

My walkman began to sing a slow song that whined endlessly about some lost love that was never coming back. I started to listen to it, but I got annoyed. I turned off the radio and started to listen to a mixed tape instead. I

thought about the irony of the song. All love songs are always about the loss of one's only true love and the pain that they feel when they realize that the person is never coming back. I think that there is no real point to having someone love you when it is impossible to look in the mirror ev-

the perfect slender form or were they there because they actually enjoyed it? The machine stopped and I was relieved to be done, but for some reason I actually contemplated the idea of doing some more. However, I abandoned that idea when I realized that my legs felt more like jello than muscle.

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cryday. I spend too much of my time trying to get rid of the extra weight that I perceive by eating a little less and exercising a little more. I try to weigh myself as little as possible because I know that it is not healthy for a person. There is no need for an obsession. In the back of my mind I know that I am obsessed, but I never really do anything about it. I just push the thought aside as a part of life and move on. I glanced again at the blond girl. My ponytail did not even bounce like hers did.

I surveyed the room as I waited for the machine to shut off. I wondered if the other people in the room were envious of her, too. I wondered if they thought as little of themselves as I did. Were they trying to tone their bodies to meet

I was relieved when my dorm was in sight. I was glad to be away from the insecurity of the weight room. I had an overwhelming feeling of loneliness. I just needed to sit in my room for a while and watch my favorite soap. I needed to have some time just for me. I tried to ignore the stares that I was getting. I told myself that people are not accustomed to seeing people in shorts during the winter. They were not judging me, they were not thinking that I was too fat to be wearing shorts. Their eyes followed everyone that passed. Unfortunately, thinking and believing are two different things.

I groaned at the note that was left on my message board: Kevin called. It's kind of funny. I claim to love him, yet I cannot even love myself.

Habitat Update

Workers Can't Get Enough

Recently, a group of regular Habitat volunteers decided to use their building skills to help out even more people. At the request of the Roger Williams Zoo, the group helped build a ramp and platform for the polar bear exhibit so that children would have a better view of the Arctic inhabitants. While working on the project, they wore their Habitat T-shirts and helped spread their volunteer enthusiasm.

Although this project was completed separate from Habitat, without any of the funds or material coming from the organization, their efforts are applauded. It is nice to see that the Habitat Volunteers are giving their time and effort at the Habitat work sites, as well as in other ways too!

Help Your Heart Recipes

Baked Chicken and Rice with Herbs

2 whole medium chicken breasts, halved lengthwise, skinned, all visible fat removed
1 5 oz package brown and wild rice or long grain and wild rice
1 1/2 cups water
1 9-10 oz package frozen no-salt added peas
1/4 cup dry white wine or water
3/4 teaspoon dried Italian seasoning

Preheat oven to 350 degrees
Rinse chicken breast, pat dry and set aside.
In a 2 quart glass baking dish, combine rice and water. Discard seasoning packet that came with rice. Stir in remaining ingredients and arrange chicken on top. Cover dish and bake about 1 hour or until chicken and rice are tender.
Preparation time: 5 minutes. Cooking time: 1 hour

- Taken from the American Heart Association Cookbook

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Dinner, Bonding, and Family

by Bridget Hughes '96
Features Editor

Many people are surprised when I tell them that my roommates and I all eat dinner together. I have often received comments such as, "How cute," and "How nice that the four of you all eat together." The guys who live above us often venture down to our first floor apartment when we are cooking dinner and comment on how "funny" it is that we eat together - like a family.

Strange - I think to myself. It is like a family meal. Come to think of it, over the past six

with new recipes, sharing the cubicle that we call a kitchen, and setting off smoke alarms?

I think of cooking dinner as an adventure. The four of us talk about our day, eat a well balanced meal (or so we try to make), and we bond. Our dinner hour has sometimes turned into 2 or 3 hours of just sitting around the table and laughing about something stupid.

According to a poll taken in June, 1995, fewer families find time to eat together on a nightly basis than they did a generation ago. On weeknights, only slightly more than half of American families find time to eat together five



months, I have come to really look forward to our nightly meals. We set the table, cook decent meals, and actually sit at a table as opposed to in front of a television set. We converse amongst ourselves. After our meal, we do the dishes. Doesn't it sound so normal?

Well, I guess it is normal. After all that is how I was raised. My parents and I sit down every night and eat together. So why shouldn't my roommates and I do the same thing? When I listen to all the people who eat at different times because of schedule differences, or different tastes in food, I feel a little sad for those people. After all, those who choose to eat alone miss out on enticing conversation and top-notch roommate bonding. And who could resist experimenting

or more days a week. This is an 18% decline since 1976 when 72% of families said that they ate together on a regular basis. The experts stress the importance of eating together on a routine basis. Eating a healthy meal, surrounded by good company and conversation can nourish the body and feed the soul.

Although this poll was referring to family meals, I definitely relate it to myself and my roommates. When I am at school, my roommates are my family. If I walked in the door after class, and they weren't there, I would feel as if I was missing something. It would feel wrong eating without them. I wouldn't trade our nightly meals for anything.

Benefits of Walking

A regular walking program can:

- Increase energy
- Improve self image
- Relieve tension
- Tone muscles
- Increase stamina
- Reduce risk for heart attack and stroke



Valentine's Day Personals

Valentine's Day is on its way!

Don't forget to buy your Cowl

Personal, on sale for only \$1.00 in Slavin next Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday. It's your chance to tell someone how you really feel.

What the Interviewer Doesn't Know Won't Hurt Him

by Pamela Merchant '96
Features Writer

Sure, the suit is on, and you're good to go, but is this the real you? Do these interviewers really learn anything at all about you? The following is a list of questions that are commonly asked, the common answers that are given, and then what you might really say to these questions, if ever given the chance.

Question: What qualities can you bring to XYZ Company?

Actual Answer: I am responsible, punctual, and reliable. I work well with a team and I love dealing with people.

The Truth: I'm usually around five to ten minutes late. I cry a lot due to stress, but those pills the doctor gave me should help with that. Generally, I can't stand people, especially those who give me attitude.

Question: What are your best qualities?

Actual Answer: I'd say my best quality is my ability to see things through. Once I have started a project, I don't stop until it is done.

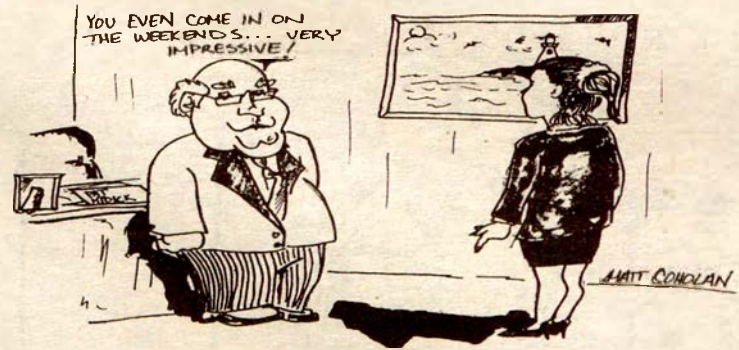
The Truth: My best qualities include being able to look like I'm doing work when I'm actually reading *Soap Opera Digest*, taking two hour lunches, and getting my way.

Question: What would you do in a situation where a customer is difficult to handle?

Actual Answer: Of course, these situations arise sometimes. The best way I know to deal with

it is to let the customer say what's on his mind, then calmly explain the situation to him. Usually, if you are calm, the customer will be, too.

The Truth: If a customer got to be a pain, I'd just walk away. Really. What's the worst thing that could happen to me? The customer would probably yell at me some more, then everyone would feel bad for me. Honestly, I don't care if the customer comes back



or not, and I definitely don't believe that the customer is always right.

Question: In what ways have you proven yourself to be a leader?

Actual Answer: Well, my work with ABC Club at Providence College has provided me with the opportunity to guide a group of my peers. I run meetings every week, and I am the contact for many outside organizations, providing me with good communications experience.

The Truth: Every weekend, I lead my group of friends to the bars. I am the one who decides if we will go to Gravity or Clubbies.

Question: Why do you want to work for us at XYZ?

Actual Answer: Well, I've done some research on your company, and I see that it is a growing field with many opportunities for advancement. I am particularly impressed with the upper management of XYZ, and I feel I have a lot to offer this company. I think I can really make an impact.

The Truth: \$\$\$\$\$\$. I owe \$30,000 to a bank, who in six short

months will start sending me death threats if I don't pay them. I also want to buy a car, take a cruise, and get an apartment. I also need to eat. My father's medical insurance doesn't cover me once I'm out of college and I'd still like to go to the dentist every once in a while. Your HMO plan is right up my alley. I can handle \$3 a visit.

The Truth: I guess it would have to be Brad Pitt or Antonio Sabato, Jr. (Jagger on *General Hospital*) I mean, a date with either of those guys would be a dream come true!

Question: Where do you see yourself in five years?

Actual Answer: Well, I'd like to settle down soon, so I think in five years, I'll be married and maybe even have a child! I'd like to own my own house, and, with luck, have a position with your company.

The Truth: Five years? Are you kidding? I can't see past tomorrow!

Question: Now, do you have any questions for me?

Actual Answer: Yes. I was wondering what type of retirement plan you offer. It's never too soon to plan for the future!

The Truth: Is that a toupee?

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

Oh, the worst of all tragedies is not to die young, but to live until I am seventy-five and yet not ever truly have lived.

- Martin Luther King Jr.

Learning to Love Yourself

Oliver Wendell Holmes once attended a meeting in which he was the shortest man present.

"Dr. Holmes," quipped a friend, "I should think you'd feel rather small among us big fellows."

"I do," retorted Holmes. "I feel like a dime among a lot of pennies."

I Live for the Tube...

by Tom Belason '98
Features Writer

They say that college is the place where the youth of America discover their true identities. If there is one thing I have learned about myself since I have been at PC, it is that television rules my life.



end. I'll also watch anything and everything on any channel whatsoever. The NASA Channel is my current favorite. They are such a sorry organization; they often show shots of a Space Shuttle on its launching pad for 15-16 hours at a time. I eat it up. There is nothing better than sitting for long stretches just watching the shuttle and basking in all its glory. The Russian Channel is another favorite, and I am endlessly amused by the "music videos" they sometimes play. I cannot help but remember the scene in *Clerks* where Silent Bob's cousin is an industrial

heavy metal star from Russia, whose crowning achievement is the song "Berserker."

Have you ever noticed that when Oprah lost all that weight, Ricki Lake gained about the same amount that Oprah lost? When you spend 22 hours a day in front of the television, you tend to notice these things. I even have a theory as to why this happened. It's known as **The Fat Talk Show Transfer Theory**. It states, in layman's terms, that in order to have a popular talk show, one must be fat. There is an unwritten agreement amongst talk-show hosts that

if one of them is fat and gets good ratings, as soon as someone new comes on the scene, veteran hosts donate fat to the newcomer, thus guaranteeing good ratings. Carnie Phillips and Gordon Elliot are two prime examples of this miracle of modern science. In fact, it appears as if Carnie has received donations from hosts around the world, let alone in the U.S.

These are but a few examples of my frightening propensity towards watching television. I'd write some more but there's a guided tour of Mission Control on channel 14. Later!

LET'S TALK ABOUT IT.....

How to make peace with your parents.

Parents can be your best friends and worst enemies. Learn to cope with hassles, defuse conflicts, and enjoy their company.

Monday, Feb. 5th, 3:30 p.m., Slavin 210
Just in time for Parent's Weekend!

How to deal with family alcohol problems.

Alcoholism and substance abuse wreaks havoc in the lives of not only the chemically dependent but also the family. Learn how families maintain sanity and work on personal growth.

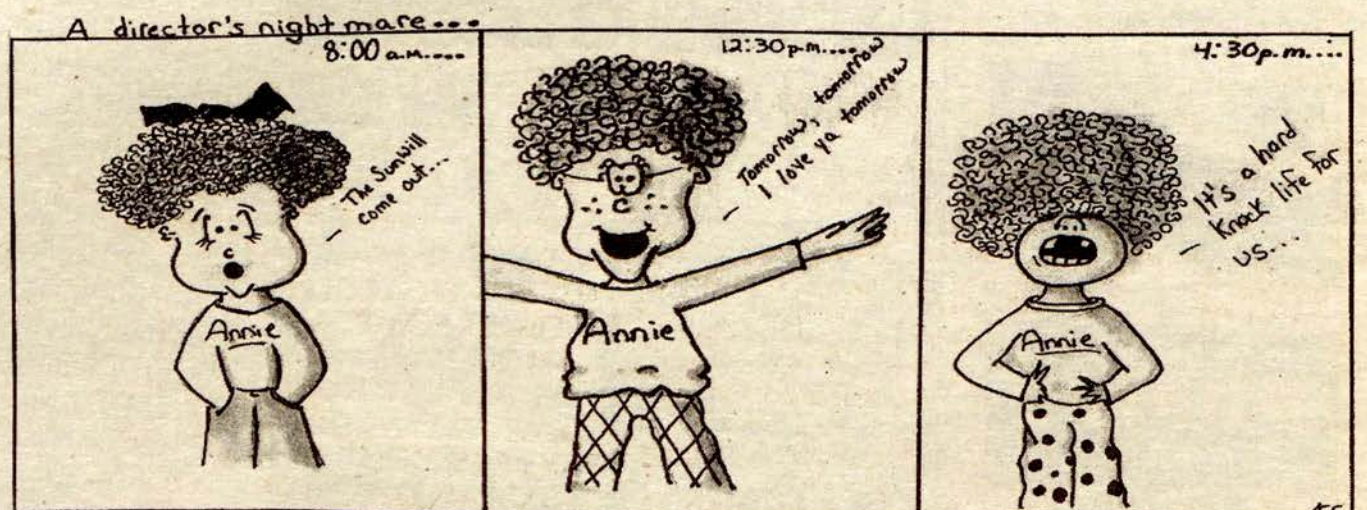
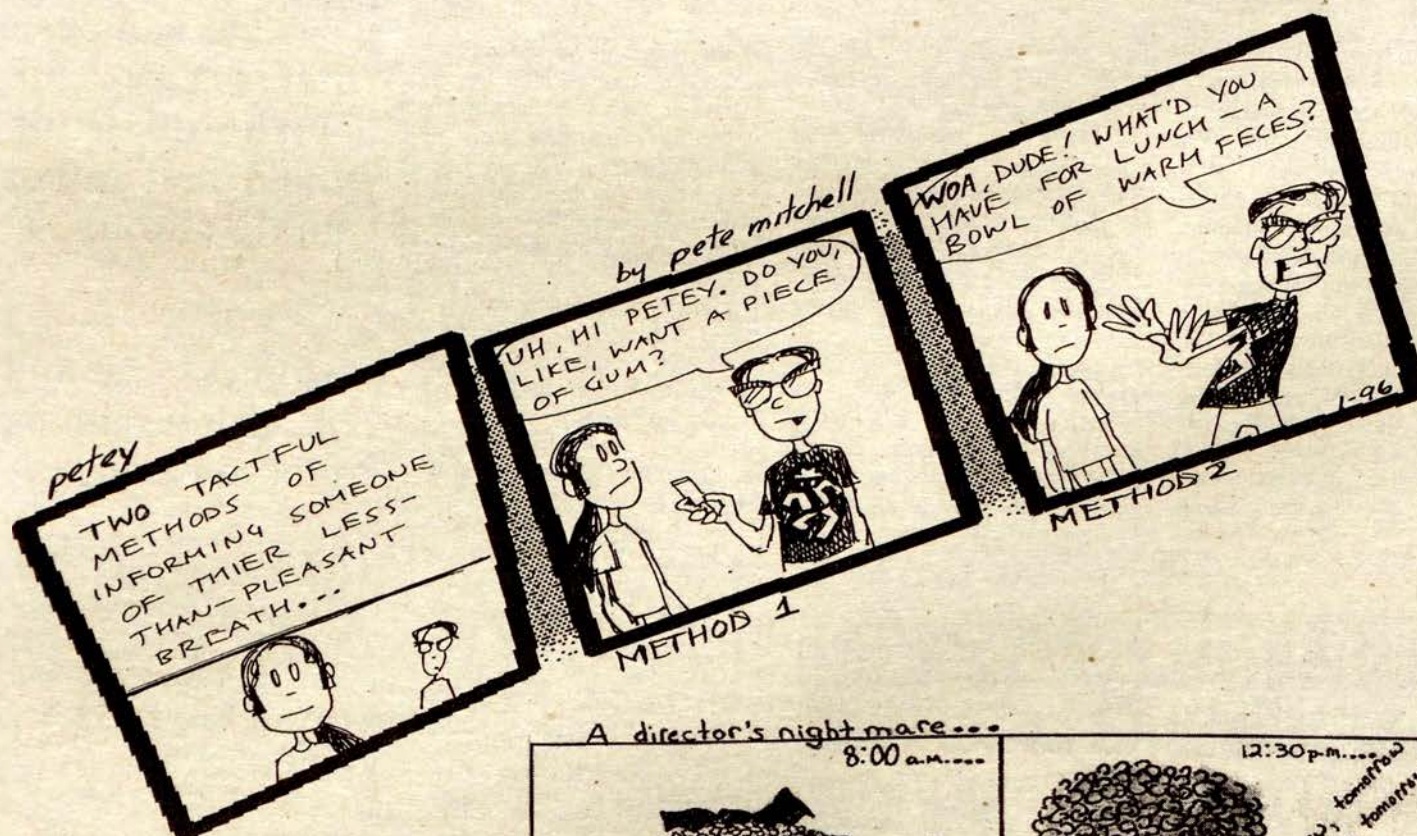
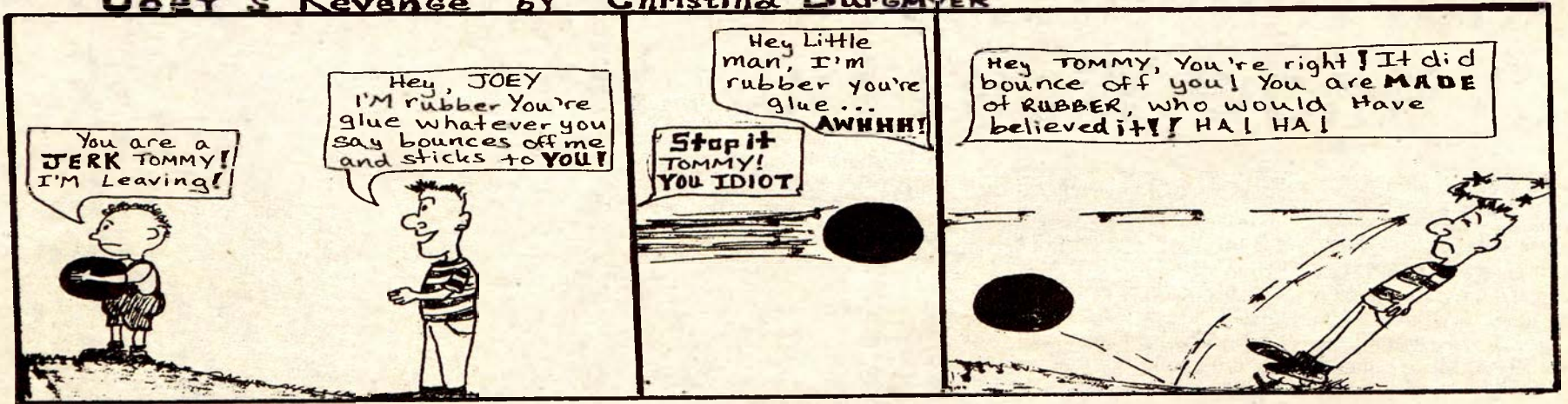
Wednesday, Feb 7th, 3:30 p.m., Slavin 210

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Joey's Revenge by Christina BURGMYER



Super Bore No More?

by Mike Friess '97
Sports Writer

This past Sunday, more Americans tuned into the NFL's Championship Game than ever before. Super Bowl XXX between the Dallas Cowboys and the Pittsburgh Steelers was the highest rated Super Bowl of all time with almost two-thirds of all American television sets locked on NBC. Perhaps it was the network's stellar introduction or superb coverage by Super Bowl journalistic veteran Dick Enberg. Perhaps it was the fact that this Super Bowl featured the greatest Super Bowl rivalry of all times, with the Cowboys and Steelers locking up for a record third time. Perhaps it was Deion Sanders or Kordell Stewart. Or maybe, just maybe, it was because for the first time since 1991, the actual game was better than the commercials, Bud Bowl, or the half-time show.

It was on January 27, 1991 that Scott Norwood's missed 42 yard field goal insured a 20-19 victory for the New York Giants over the Buffalo Bills in the closest, and perhaps greatest Super Bowl of all time. The four Super Bowls to follow have been blowouts with average margin of victory being an obscene 22 points. Actually, the margin has been 22 since 1982, despite two great and close games in 1989 and 1991.

Long gone are the days of Joe Namath, Roger Staubach, Lynn Swann, Larry Csonka, Ken Stabler, Joe Greene, Drew Pearson, and Johnny Unitas, Hall-of-Famers who played in some of the most spectacular Super Bowls of all time, or are they? These are the days of Barry Sanders, Dan Marino, Drew Bledsoe, Bryce Paup, Kevin Green, and Kris Carter. Maybe some of these players will play in memorable Super Bowls, with this last one being the first. The Cowboys beat the Steelers 27-17 on Sunday, but most fans and media will agree that the Steelers missed their many opportunities to win the game and pull off one of the greatest upsets in Super Bowl history. Only the miracle Jets of 1969 faced a higher point spread than the 13 1/2 points the Steelers got. The story of the game was Super Bowl MVP Larry Brown's two interceptions of ugly, Neil O'Donnell passes. The two picks sealed the victory for the Cowboys despite their being shut down by the Pittsburgh "Steel Curtain" defense in the second half.

Maybe this great game is a sign of things to come. Maybe the AFC is finally back after 12 years of NFC dominance. Maybe next year's Super Bowl will be even better than this year's. Maybe the Steelers, or the Dolphins under new head coach Jimmy Johnson, or the young and gutsy Colts, led by tough-guy quarterback Jim Harbaugh, will break the jinx and dethrone the Cowboys and Forty-Niners as masters of the NFL, winning six of the last eight Super Bowls.

Finally, parity has reached the NFL. The playing field has been leveled and going into the 1996-97 season, every team, except maybe the Jets, has a chance of getting to or even winning the big game. The Cowboys will be favored to repeat as champions, but WATCH OUT!!! This may be one of the best and most competitive seasons of all time. All signs are pointing toward this. Free agency and the salary cap will do their part, but there is also the matter of history.

Between 1969 and 1981, the AFC won 11 of 13 Super Bowls before the tide turned and the NFC took over winning 14 of the last 15, including 12 in a row. Around the time of this shift, there was a remarkable season. Widely regarded by long-time fans and followers of the NFL as the greatest season of all time, 1978-79 featured such amazing plays as the "Holy Roller" and "Big Ben" as well as the beginnings of great careers for future Hall-of-Famers like Earl Campbell, Steve Largent, and Joe Montana. Fran Tarkenton and Walter Payton each had record breaking years and that season featured some of the closest games in history. It was commissioner Pete Rozelle's greatest moment; 1996-97 will be Paul Tagliabue's. The season ironically ended with the Cowboys and the Steelers meeting in Super Bowl XXX. The usually sure-handed Cowboys tight end Jackie Smith dropped an easy touchdown pass late in the game, sealing his team's fate and giving the Steelers a four point victory and their third Super Bowl in five years.

The Super Bowls since then have been relatively boring, as I said before, with NFC blowouts of weak AFC teams the norm. Perhaps this era that was ushered in by the Cowboys and Steelers will be ushered out by them as well, and replaced by a game that is a true contest between two great teams for the Lombardi Trophy.

Men's Hockey Continued

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Friday night, UNH jumped out to a 3-0 cushion. The Friars retaliated with two tallies in the third period by Stefan Brannare and Burke, but could not score the equalizer. The Wildcats added an empty-net goal in the waning moments for a 4-2 final.

Even bigger news last weekend was UMass Lowell's two-game sweep of defending national champion and Hockey East front-runner Boston University. Lowell moved just two points behind the Terriers in the standings.

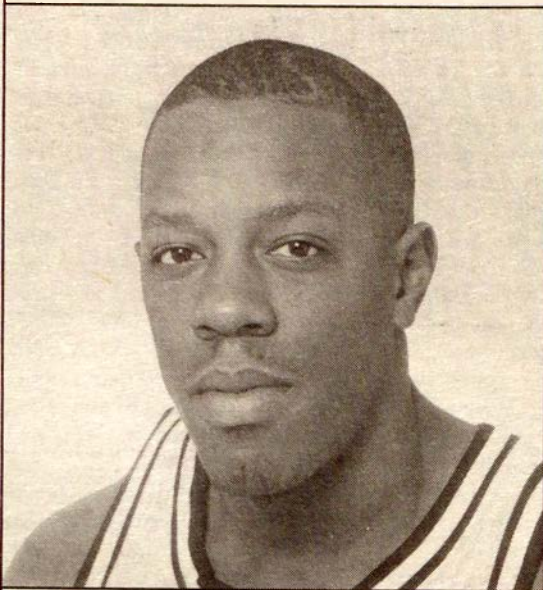
This weekend, fourth-place Providence throws itself into the heat of the race, traveling to BU Friday, and hosting UML Sunday.

Providence has the opportunity to bury any talk of slumps and propel itself towards the top of the conference with just eleven games remaining.

"BU is going to be very ornery after losing two," said Pooley, whose club has yet to face the Terriers this season. "(BU) is going to be fired up. I think the big thing for us is to come out and establish what we want to do, weather the storm because there are going to be a few storms in that game, get good goaltending, capitalize on our chances and play good defensive hockey.

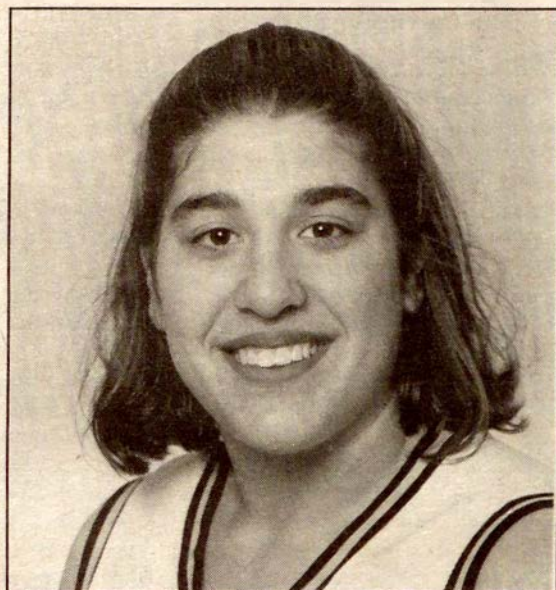
"They will make mistakes, we just have to make sure we capitalize on them, and we have to minimize our mistakes."

PC ATHLETES OF THE WEEK



Derrick Brown '97
(Brooklyn, NY)
Men's Basketball

Derrick scored a career high 29 points and added nine rebounds in the Friars' 69-65 loss at Villanova (1/24/96). He followed with 18 points and seven rebounds in PC's 85-70 win at Pitt. For the week, Brown averaged 23.5 points and seven rebounds per game.



Dana Simonelli '99
(Toms River, NJ)
Women's Basketball

Dana tallied 12 points and grabbed seven boards in PC's 63-56 Big East victory last week over Boston College. In her last seven games, Simonelli has averaged 8.1 points and 4.9 boards for the Lady Friars.

Men's Basketball Continued

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with Providence and Pitt essentially trading baskets and the Friars commanding a 43-36 lead.

After a half-time full of discussion on how the Steelers would do later on in the evening, the Friars did the same thing that they did at the beginning of the game: come out strong. Once again, "Flight" Brown was the catalyst, as he took the rock baseline for two. Center Ruben Garces, the rebounding machine, continued his excellent first half play with a dunk and a trip to the free throw line. However, Garces couldn't convert and Pitt went on a run of its own, led by gutsy floor leader McCullough.

It was McCullough who drained a three to put the Panthers up 52-51, giving them their first lead of the night. Instead of folding, the Friars found leadership,

new and old. Thomas drained a trey to give PC the lead again, and co-captain Austin Croshere opened up the lead with a trey and a lay-in.

Pitt refused to play dead. Andre Aldrich buried a three to knot the score at 66. Again, the Friars took the lead, behind a clutch three pointer by Croshere. The Panthers' Varga struck again with a lay-in after two freebies from Flight Brown. It wasn't enough, however, as Jamel Thomas got fouled on the put back for a three point play that put the game away for the Friars.

Although Croshere scored 15 and hit some huge shots for the Friars, the story for Providence was the outstanding play of Derrick Brown and Jamel Thomas. Thought to be the perfect tandem at the small forward spot, with

Flight starting and Jamel coming off the bench, they play remarkably well when they are on the court together. Each had 18 points, while Jamel was a rebound away from a double-double. Michael Brown chipped in with 15 on 6 of 10 shooting, 3 for 4 from three point land. However, probably the most overlooked player had to be Shammgod, who quietly handed out 12 assists to go with his nine points. His six turnovers were truly remarkable, considering he was up against the toughest defense in the league and, because of the injury to sophomore guard Borja Larragan, had to play all 40 minutes.

PC finishes up its three game road stretch with a game at Boston College on Thursday. The next home game is Saturday against Rutgers, at 2:00 PM.

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Seafood Survivors

by John Carchedi '98
Sports Writer

It's easy to fall victim to hostile environments. Saturday, the Providence mens hockey team visited UNH's new, sparkling yet packed and unfriendly Whittemore Center. Opposing goalies are publicly ridiculed, sirens scream, seafood flies on the ice after scores. These people even do the wave. Fortunately, the locals were unimpressed, shutting up the crowd with a 5-4 victory over the Wildcats.

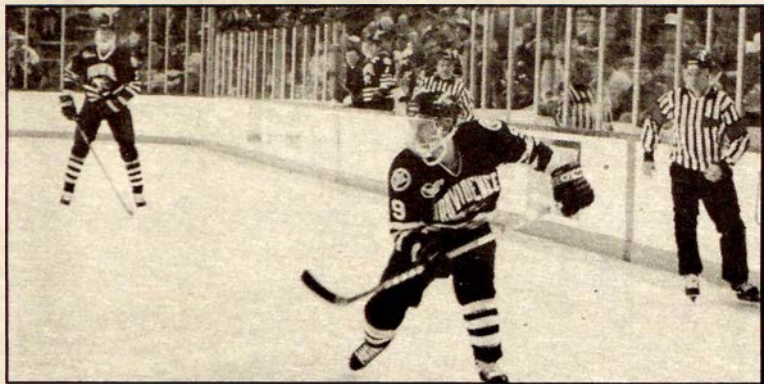
The Friars combined superb goaltending by Dan Dennis and unexpected offense from role players to break a recent slump. Before Saturday's contest, Providence had lost five of its last six games. But now, Coach Paul Pooley feels the team is returning to top form.

"I think we're getting back to where we were earlier," noted

time until his teammates erupted.

At 8:41 of the first, Tom Sheehan moved behind the net, reversed his direction, wheeled in front, and sent a wrist shot through the wickets, momentarily quieting the crowd. Four minutes later, Friar defenseman Hall Gill shut the crowd up completely. With the face off to Cavicchi's right, Sheehan won the draw back to Gill at the point. Gill then sent a harmless wrister through everyone's legs and under the apparently screened goalie for a 2-0 lead.

Then Dennis caught fire. With five minutes remaining in the first, the junior from Saskatchewan laughed off screens by stuffing three straight shots in traffic. Ten seconds later and again surrounded by Wildcats, Dennis deflected a wrist shot from the point with his stick. The puck went straight up, and before anyone could react the goalie batted the puck with his stick into his glove.



Tom Sheehan '97 had a goal and two assists Saturday night. by Michael Sablone

Pooley, whose club raised its mark to 13-9-2 (9-4-2 in Hockey East). "I think early on, the thing that really got us through was our work ethic, and I think we had more confidence scoring goals. I think our work ethic dropped off a little bit after Christmas. We weren't as confident scoring goals when we needed too. But I see us getting back to where we have confidence in what we're doing, work ethic for 60 minutes. I saw that on Saturday night."

The story of Saturday's game was Dan Dennis. New Hampshire had numerous quality opportunities in the first period, and if Dennis hadn't been stellar, would have blown this game wide open. Dennis was phenomenal, and bought

"Danny played very well, stopped some close shots in tight, tricky rebounds, he played a very good game," lauded Pooley. "That's what you need on the road, good goaltending."

"I was pleased with the way I played," admitted Dennis. "I was able to get in position, see the puck well. That's what I'm here for."

UNH broke through 4:20 into the second when Tim Murray beat Dennis on a 3-on-2 break. But before all the seafood could be cleaned off the ice, Friar forward Mike Gambino poked in a rebound just :51 later, the second of his career. A senior from Duxbury, Mass., Gambino walked on a freshman and has stuck it out for the past four years. Twenty-seven

seconds after Gambino's tally, teammate Dennis Burke pounced on a loose puck in front and backhanded it home for a 4-1 Providence advantage.

At 7:26 of the second, UNH cut the deficit to 4-2. Again, the Black and White answered when Troy Lake capitalized on a 2-on-1 break and a nice feed from Mike Mader to give PC a 5-2 lead and drive Cavicchi from the game.

The third period was all UNH, as the Friars seemed hard pressed to keep the puck out of their zone. Finally, Wildcat winger Rob Gagnon cut the deficit to 5-3 at 6:23. The crowd lived considerably, and finally erupted less than a minute later when 'Cat Eric Nickulas made it a one-goal contest. Every member of the 4,700 Whittemore Center mob was standing, the noise grew louder, and UNH gained a seventh-man advantage the Friars seldom, if ever, have at Schneider Arena. What PC did have was a time-out, which Pooley used after Nicklus' tally to stop the bleeding.

"I told the guys that our intensity dropped," recalled Pooley. "Our motto and our theme is to check, check, check, because we have to check people and be smart. Our checking intensity, instead of being aggressive, was more passive. Instead of getting up on the guy, we were staying back, and there was a big difference. We said let's get more aggressive on these guys and get into it. And that's when we got the game back. Instead of staying on our heels, we were moving forward."

The increased checking and stellar defense allowed the Friars to survive two power plays and several near-misses in the final 10 minutes. The play of the game came from co-captain Joe Hulbig. With 2:18 left in the game, PC's Travis Dillabough was called for slashing. With less than a minute to play, UNH pulled its goalie, giving the 'Cats a 6-on-4 advantage. Hulbig heroically fought off three UNH forwards in the corner to kill 10-15 seconds off the clock. By that time, a face-off was called, Dillabough was out, only :11 remained on the clock, and Providence had survived.

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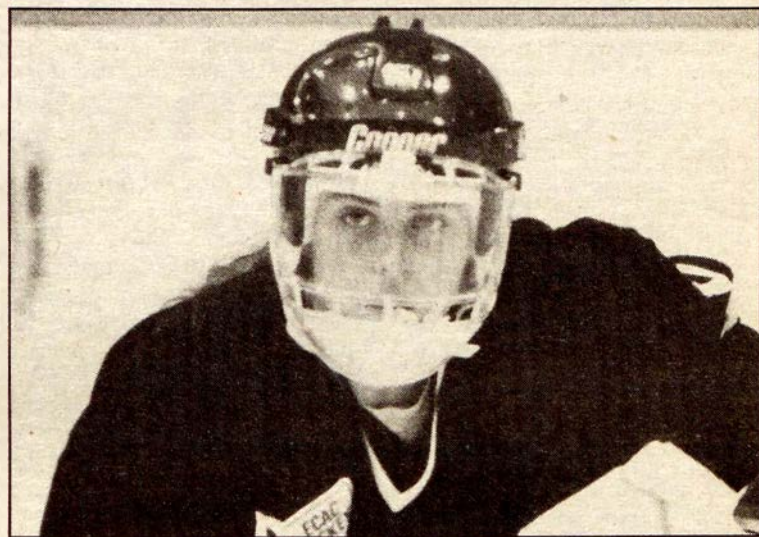
By Rebecca Joyce '96
Sports Writer

PC played in a double match against Concordia last weekend, and the Lady Friars were sent home with two losses, dropping their overall record to 7-12-0. Providence hasn't recorded a victory over the Stingers since the 91-92 season, when current Stinger stars Cammi Granato and Michelle Johansson were still skating for PC. Saturday's 6-2 loss was not as much a spectacle as the 6-4 loss on Sunday, when the Lady Friars showed that they have hammered out the kinks in their problematic

game. Megan Smith held up the goalie's position, denying thirty of the Stingers shots.

Sunday's game offered Natasha Fine a turn in goal, and she supported her team by turning away 31 of Concordia's bullets. When Fine wasn't in action, the other Lady Friars took over. Baker clinched two first period goals, the first assisted by Tina Schairer and the second by Myia Yates and McCabe in a power play.

The Lady Friars worked the Canadian ice together. A combination by Alana Blahoski and Baker resulted in a goal by Jen Wagner. Baker and Yates assisted



Sheila Killion '96

first period slump of games past.

When PC played a strong sixty minute game against Northeastern two weeks ago, Coach Barto said, "I hope Northeastern wasn't a fluke." Apparently it wasn't. The women scored an uncharacteristic four goals in the first period Sunday.

Laurie Baker played an integral part in the team's solidity over the weekend. She caught an assist from Karen McCabe in the first period of Saturday's game and tagged the first goal. She then returned in the second haul to assist a plug by Myia Yates, who scored the second and final tally for PC's

Sheila Killion, who advanced the first period lead to 4-2.

McCabe explained that due to penalties against PC, the Stingers were able to regain a 5-4 lead; their last goal was scored on an open net. Even though they lost, McCabe emphasized, "We played really well."

PC will be wearing their colorful practice jerseys until Saturday, when they're back in black and white playing on home ice against sixth ranked Princeton and twelfth ranked Yale on Sunday. PC, which is presently ranked eighth, has already beaten both teams this season.

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Reflecting Pool No More Magic

Swimmers optimistic despite losses

by Ken Martin '99
Sports Writer

Vince Lombardi once said, "Winning isn't everything—but making the effort to win is." Coming into last weekend's tri-meet in Syracuse, New York against Cornell and Syracuse, the Providence Swim Team would probably agree with this statement.

"We knew what we were up against with Syracuse and Cornell. They are really tough teams so we wanted to try our best and just have fun," commented senior co-captain Michelle McWeeney.

Despite the effort and positive attitude, Providence lost a decidedly one-sided meet by a combined score of 361-111 and 329-128 in the men's and women's events.

"Our times weren't as good as usual. Our practices have been the toughest of the season over the past couple of weeks and I think we were a little dead," said McWeeney.

The effects of PC's rigorous practice schedule showed in the women's meets. The Lady Friars lost to Cornell by a score of 182-52 and could place no higher than second in all of the thirteen events. The results were similar against Syracuse as Providence lost 179-59 and managed to win only one of thirteen heats. The only win came from junior Stacy Sweetser in the 50 meter freestyle with a time of 25.15. The losses pushed the Lady Friar's overall record to 6-5.

The PC men found similar results as they dove in against Syracuse. The Friars lost by a score of 190-48 and could not capture a victory in any of the thirteen races. The only second place finishes for PC came in the 100 meter freestyle and 400 meter freestyle relay events (48.49 and 3:14.78).

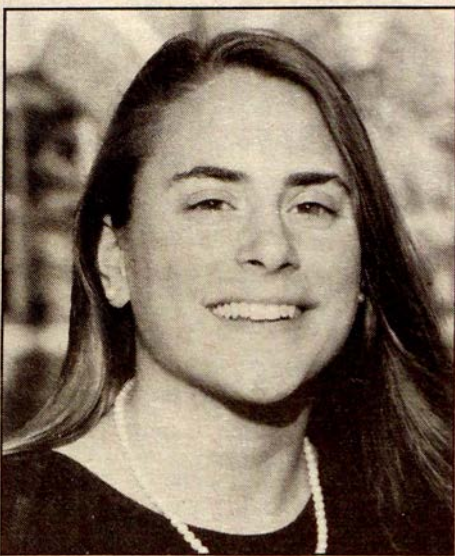
Cornell also defeated PC by winning seven of thirteen events and outscoring the Friars 139-80. Despite the loss, Providence did win six events, including the 1000 and 500 meter freestyle won by freshman Jed Michnowicz in 9:48.64 and 4:46.25, respectively. Also, senior Paul Nathe won the 100 and 200 meter freestyle with times of 48.49 and 1:46.20, respectively. The only relay win for PC came in the 400 meter freestyle relay swam by seniors Nathe and Mark Tartaglione, junior Michael Ahearn, and freshman Sean Walker with a time of 3:14.78. The losses put the men's record at 5-5 overall.

In spite of the turbulent weekend, PC hopes to move into the last part of their season with a positive outlook. "We want to be fast at the end of February, not right now. At this point in the season slow times are

normal, but we are looking forward to the Big East Championships in Pittsburgh," exclaimed McWeeney. "That's our main goal and we feel like we are right on track."

PC must first take on Brown University on the sixth and seventh of February before finishing out the regular season with the Big East Championships in Pittsburgh on the 23rd. This year, three new teams -- Rutgers, Notre Dame, and West Virginia — will participate in the tournament. "It will be a more competitive tournament than in years past because of the new teams," remarked McWeeney. "Even though we are a little tired we can't stop chasing our goals. When the season is over then we can be tired, but not now."

Vince Lombardi probably couldn't have said it any better.



Michelle McWeeney '96

by Gladys Ganiel '99
Sports Writer

I have a confession to make. Yes, I consider myself a big-time basketball fan, but I haven't really followed the NBA in ages. Not coincidentally, my interest in the league declined when the classic Celtic/Lakers rivalry sputtered to a halt. Now when I watch the game, I find myself yearning for the good 'ole days when Bird and Parish would run a textbook pick-and-roll, and Magic would dump it in the post for Kareem and his skyhook. But even though I know that Larry Bird is gone forever, I have received a brief glimmer of hope: Magic Johnson is going to be a Laker again, and maybe, just maybe, he can bring style, teamwork, and court savvy back to the league.

Magic retired in 1991 after he had tested positive for the HIV virus. I remember how devastated I was when I heard the news. If you will forgive another confession—I'll tell you that I was then, and am still, a Lakers fan. So you can imagine the ridicule I faced at school from all of my loyal New England/Celtic fan friends. And of course, I was devastated not just because I wouldn't be able to watch Magic play for the Lakers anymore. Magic had a deadly virus, and I was concerned about his health. So now, with Magic's comeback imminent, I'm not quite sure what to think. As much as I love his baby skyhook, his pinpoint passes, and his irresistible grin—I just wish that, like Bird, he would let go of the game forever.

All of us have heard the prudent arguments against his return: Magic could destroy his own health by pushing his body night after night and, perhaps more significantly, he could infect other players with HIV. But, when I look beyond these prudent arguments, I find other, more selfish reasons to halt his comeback. Magic Johnson was one of the greatest players of

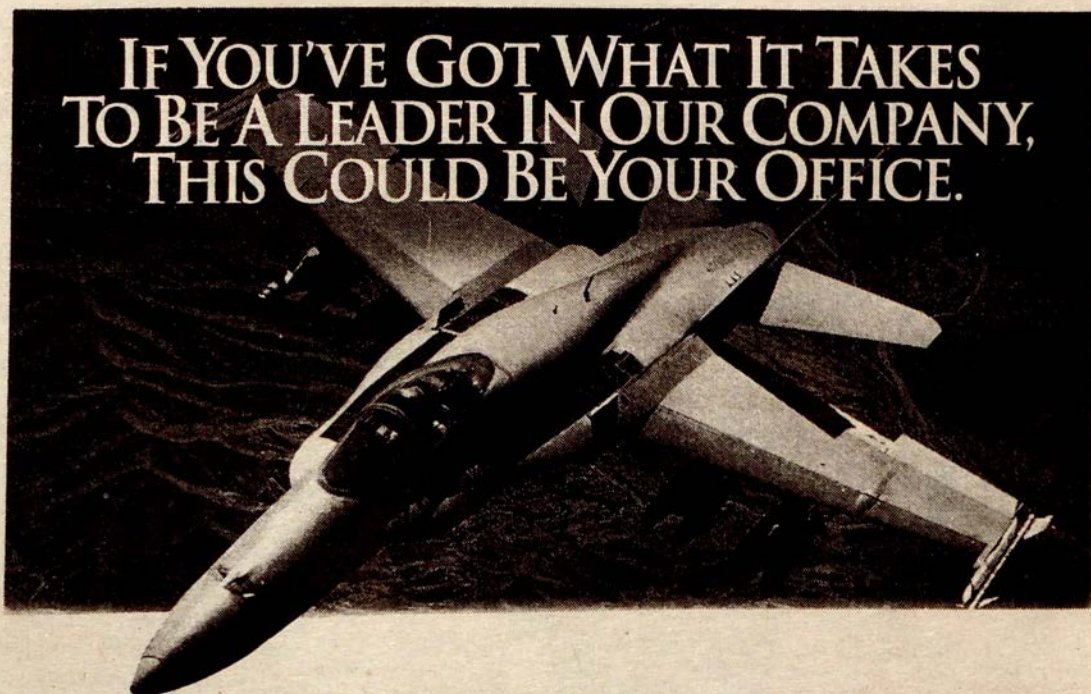
all time, but he doesn't belong to this new NBA, the NBA I no longer love to watch. And I don't want him to play again simply because I'm afraid that he won't be the Magic Johnson I remember.

For one thing, in recent workouts with the Lakers, Magic has been playing power forward. And although he did jump center for Kareem after he was injured in the 1980 NBA Finals, Magic has been and always will be a pointguard. Seeing Magic in the purple and gold, positioned under the hoop and not running the offense, is almost unholy. We wouldn't expect Bird to come back and start playing pointguard, would we?

And frankly, I'm afraid that Magic's skills have deteriorated. Even Michael Jordan was rusty when he came back after his hiatus from basketball. Magic is 36 years old, he has been away from the NBA longer than Jordan was, and he isn't as athletic as Jordan. Granted, Magic has played some exhibition hoops, but that competition just isn't as intense as the NBA. What is more painful than watching an athlete, past his prime, trying to keep up with his young competition? I don't know about you, but it hurts me to watch guys like George Foreman. I don't want to see Magic become another George, a former hero grasping for his lost glory.

So maybe I don't have enough trust in Magic. Maybe I can't deal with a Lakers squad, a Lakers squad with Magic Johnson on the roster, that won't contend for the NBA title. But I think I know what I can't deal with: Magic might come back, but he won't bring the old NBA with him. Bird is gone, the old rivalry is gone, and the league Magic and Bird once ruled is dominated by young guys that would rather have trendy shoes and throw down nasty dunks than throw the perfect pass or set the perfect pick. It just seems to me that Magic, and the pure and beautiful way that he plays the game, no longer belongs in the NBA.

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Lady Friars Flounder in Florida

by Pieter J. Ketelaar '97
Sports Writer

Miami's Octavia Blue took the ball to the hoop with 6.8 seconds left, got fouled in the process, and hit a free-throw to give the Hurricanes a come-from-behind win, 74-73, to send Providence packing Wednesday night.

PC led by as much as 13 points in the second half and 9 points with 6:20 left in the game but failed to capture the win, breaking a two-game win streak. Nadine Malcolm shook and baked for 34 points, including 2 out of 3 three-pointers and 10 rebounds. Kerri Chatten dumped in 16 points and ten rebounds as well. The Lady Friars shot a robust 43% from the floor and led 42-34 after one half, but Miami outdid them, shooting 47%. With the loss, PC fell to 7-12 overall, 4-7 in the Big East.

Jennifer Jordan was the high-scorer for the 'Canes with 17 and Blue, who was in foul trouble late, had 16 points.

In other action this week, the Lady Friars outlasted rival Boston College at Alumni Hall Saturday 63-56. The win marked Providence College Head Coach Bob Foley's 200th Career victory.

"This one's been a long time coming," remarked an elated Foley, "My 100th win came against BC also. I'm just really glad we got a win after the lashing that UConn gave us."

The game was a see-saw affair for much of the first half. Freshman Dana Simonelli came off the bench to provide the spark that the Friar offense needed, tossing in eight points in the half. Sarah Miller was a vital part of the inner defense, holding BC's dominant paint-player and top-scorer, Holly Porter, to just three points in the first half, a far cry from her 20+ points per game average. Going to the locker room the Lady Friars held a slim, one point advantage, 26-25.

There was decidedly more offense in the

second half as Malcolm dropped in 12 of her 16 points for the game. Chatten got into the act for a workman-like 13 points, including some clutch free-throws down the stretch. PC pulled away in the final five minutes of the game as they won their sixth contest of the season.

"We had our best week of practice since October this week," said Foley, "We played a strong defensive game and grabbed the boards we needed to. Sarah Miller was the key to this game guarding Holly Porter and holding her to just nine points. Lori [Penrod] made several big plays and helped us pick up the slack when Nadine [Malcolm] was in foul trouble."

On Monday, PC won their second straight game with a 86-80 'gut check' win over Holy Cross. Julie Wheeler had a double-double and popped the three-ball six times en route to 18 points for the game. The 1994 West Virginia Player of the Year also had 10 assists and is averaging 10.9 points per game on the season.

The Lady Friars fell behind in the early going until Wheeler threw up a bomb from behind the arc. There were six ties and five lead changes in the first frame before the Lady Friars opened up a 47-37 advantage. Chatten hit on a tough bank shot and a couple of smooth lay-ups to push PC ahead. Holy Cross came back with a vengeance in the second half to tie it at 60 apiece with 12:26 remaining. The game was afoot as the Lady Crusaders swarmed on the ball, hitting key shots until Chatten steadied the potentially sinking ship with her scoring presence. The Friars finished strong in the final minutes, putting the icing on a 86-80 win. Malcolm had 24 points and an incredible 21 rebounds on the strength of 8-20 shooting. Chatten had 21 tallies and 15 boards as the Friars cruised to their third win in their last four games.

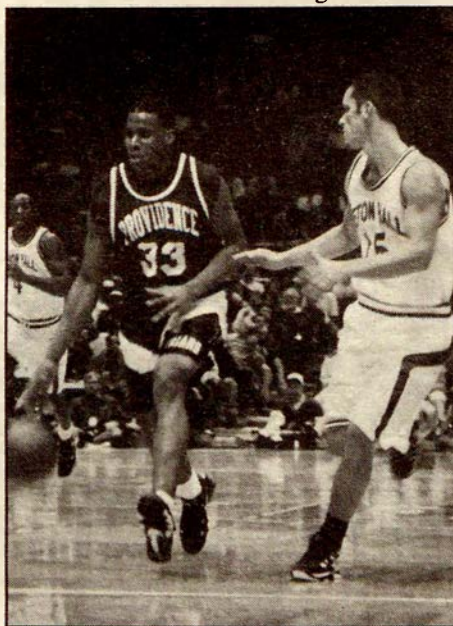
PC will next take on the Villanova Lady 'Cats on Saturday at Alumni Hall. Game time is 7 PM.

Friars Down Pitt Jamel Thomas Named Rookie of the Week

by Cory McGann '98
Asst. Sports Editor

There is no arguing the fact that the Providence College men's basketball team is struggling; that is to say not doing as well as they hoped. Head Coach Pete Gillen has been quoted recently as saying he isn't having any "fun." I doubt Pete is the only one. Yet, can you blame this squad for playing rather erratically when you think about how much adversity it has overcome. High expectations, a struggling star, injuries, and a freshman leading the Big East Conference in "Bad Press Received" have all added up to a season of disaster. However, the Friars have shown their resilience, always bouncing back to show the fans that they haven't thrown in the towel quite yet.

This is a good sign for Providence, and a bad one for the rest of the Big East beasts.



Jamel Thomas '99

by Pete Keenan

The Friars, although out of the race for the conference crown, can be very dangerous spoilers, as they showed #7 Villanova last Wednesday. Although the Black and White were unable to steal a road win from the Wildcats, the game was tight enough to make Connecticut and Georgetown sit up and take notice. Providence stated its case again by downing Pittsburgh 85-70 at the Fitzgerald Fieldhouse. Pitt, like the Friars, has also made its living by downing highly touted opponents like the Hoyas, handing them their second loss of the season. The Friars, though, got off to a quick start, thanks to a hot pair of Browns: Michael and Derick.

PC jumped out to a stunning 20-9 lead behind four Mike Brown jumpers, two of them for three. "D-Flight" chipped in with a pretty reverse to open the game, a lay-up, and a three pointer of his own. Freshman point guard God Shammgod capped it all off with a three, putting the Friars up eleven.

The only thing keeping the Panthers in the game was the outstanding play of Chad Varga, who had seven of Pitt's first nine. Varga ended the game with 19, a Panther high. Unfortunately for Head Coach Ralph Willard, the Pitt offense became stagnant when he was on the bench.

Pittsburgh fought back behind the gutsy play of point guard Jerry McCullough, a former all-Big East selection who has been overlooked this year due to Pitt's struggling start. Not to be outdone, Gillen reached into his bag of tricks and found freshman forward Jamel Thomas to get the Friars out of their funk. Thomas has been red hot lately (list former stats here) and was named this week's Big East Rookie of the Week. Jamel had an immediate impact on the game as he dropped in ten of the Friars' next twelve points to put PC up 32-25. The half ended

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Good Times

by Scott Palmieri '97
Sports Writer

In their most important meet to date, the harriers of Providence competed in the Terrier Classic at Boston University this past weekend. The Friars continued their year long consistency with another solid effort, as the squad piled up more qualifying times for the more important challenges ahead.

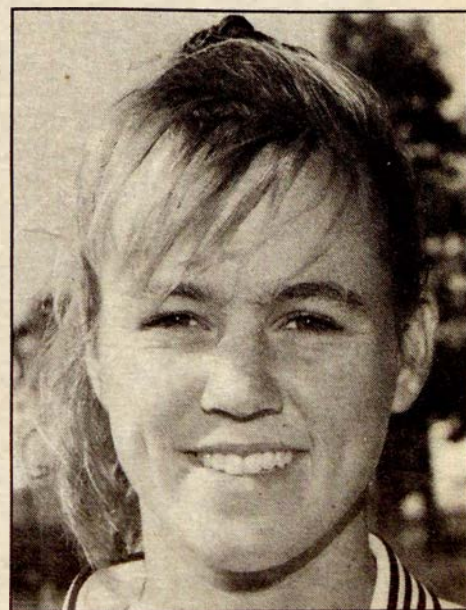
"All in all it was a good weekend," said Coach Treacy who called the team's five NCAA qualifying times "encouraging" for the team's overall success. The performances that Treacy mentioned were accomplishments of the lady harriers. They were led by graduate Moira Harrington's second place finish in the 3,000 meters. Her coach pointed out that her time(9:26.40) moves Harrington to number three in the country.

"I'm completely pumped," said Harrington, whose second athletic career has seemingly come full circle. The former standout PC soccer player has now earned her first individual NCAA qualifying time. Joining Harrington in the 3,000 meter this weekend was junior Krissy Haacke whose tenth place time was good enough for the NCAA's as well. Qualifying for the mile, junior Susan Murnane finished fifth(4:47.88) and sophomore Maria McCambridge finished sixth(4:49.34). Rounding off the five elite of the day was Marie McMahon who placed third in the 5,000 meter. McMahon is now eligible for that competition along with the 3,000 meter that she qualified for last weekend. The lady Friars also won a few ECAC spots at the Terrier. Freshman Sarah Dupree in the mile and Heather Couture, Gladys Ganiel, and Meghan McCarthy in the 3,000 meter qualified for PC. The team can now look to the immediate future. "The Big East is a big deal for us as a team." The Big East Cham-

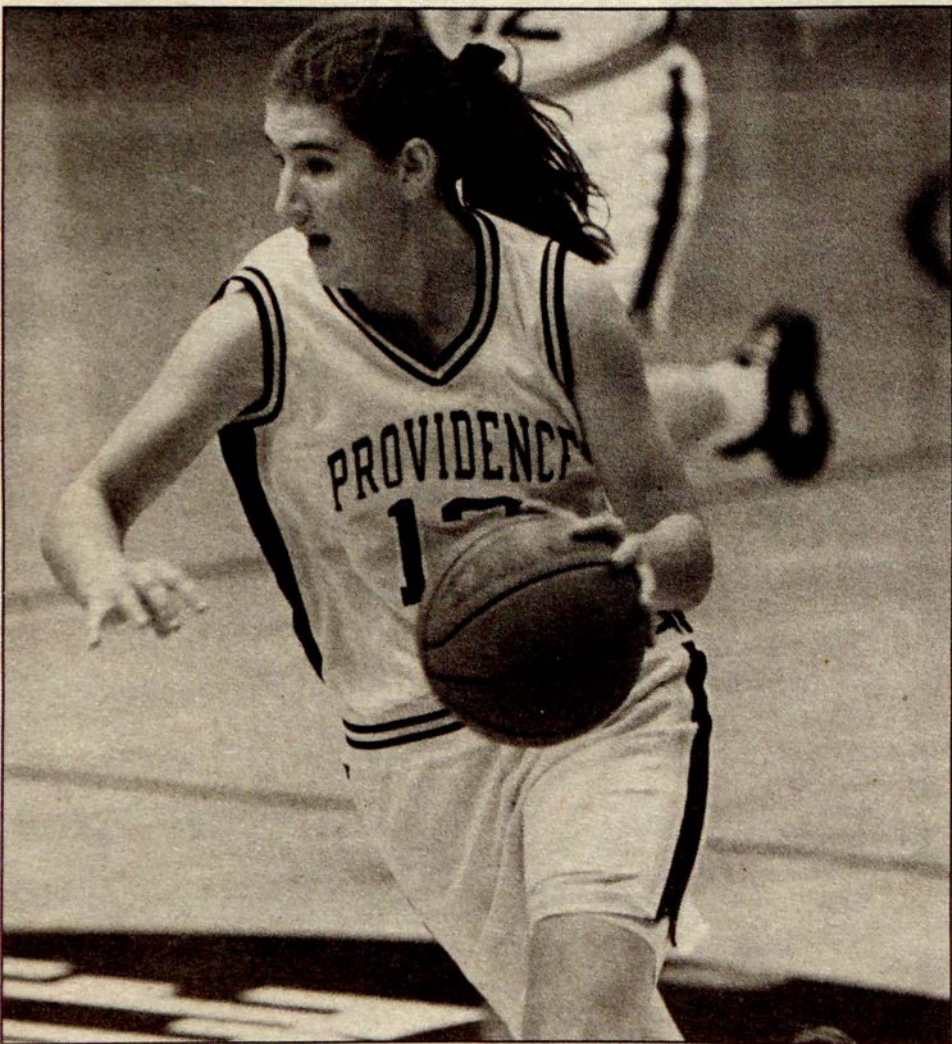
pionships take place in mid February while the NCAA's are in early March.

The men had a strong showing at the Terrier as well. Seven runners qualified for the prestigious IC4A Championships that will begin March 2nd. Senior Jose Libano finished 2nd in the 1000 meter(2:27.22). Junior Steve Myers and freshman Carl Mauro earned IC4A admission for the mile. In the 3,000 meter, senior Andy Wedlake finished third(8:09.83) and junior Dave Healy placed ninth(8:14.91). Junior Nick Kent and freshman Ben Noad rounded off the qualifiers for the 3,000 meter.

The PC harriers now stand on the doorstep of their most important challenges. The next competition for both squads will be the Valentine Invitational on February 10th. "It will be a good indicator of where we are," commented Coach Treacy. "We're where we want to be right now and hopefully we can keep that going."



Maura Harrington '95



Kerri Chatten '98 has helped propel the Lady Friars to victory in three of their last four games. She recorded a double-double in Monday's win over Holy Cross, and has successfully avoided 'the sophomore slump.'