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Upset victory over #8 G’town has Friars tied for fifth

by Keith Christensen ’96
Sports Editor

If you're going to talk about an NCAA Tournament bid, you had better be able to talk about a big win or two. Like, say, an 84-77 win over the eighth ranked team in the country. The Friars have their fans talking tourney, even if Pete Gillen won’t, especially after Tuesday night’s impressive win over visiting Georgetown pushed PC into a dead heat with Boston College for fifth in the Big East with a 9-8 league record (16-9 overall).

"If we win 18, we can talk tournament," commented co-captain Austin Crohore, who paced the Friars with 18 points and seven boards. "Two more and we're in." Tuesday's win was a "big step," as Gillen put it, in the right direction. After near-misses against Syracuse and Villanova earlier in the season, and a gut-wrenching loss to BC February 17th at the Civic Center, Providence needed to show that it could beat, not just compete with, the nation's best.

Appropriately, it was Michael Brown who fueled PC on Senior Night. Playing in his final game at the Civic Center, the North Syracuse native put together a solid performance, complete with clutch plays and senior leadership, on a night when the Hoyas' Allen Iverson, the Big East's leading scorer, hit for 34 points. Brown, who had 15 points, 5 rebounds and 4 assists on the night, tallied six straight to help PC stave off a late Hoyas surge. With 5:38 remaining and the Friars clinging to a 60-56 lead, Brown hit a jumper, then answered Joseph Toumou’s three with one of his own from the top of the key. One of two free throws took the Black and White to a 66-61 lead at the 4:23 mark.

It was in the huddle, though, where Brown might have made the biggest difference. PC faltered early in the second half, and let G’town close to within two, 42-40, before going on a 14-6 run, aided by John Thompson's second technical.

"We had a little lapse in the beginning of the second half," confessed Brown. "I told the guys, 'It's a forty minute game and you have to come ready to play. I don't want to bring up any bad memories, but we don't want a repeat of Notre Dame,'" where the Friars blew a 20 point first half lead before holding on for a 73-72 win.

PC stormed out of the gate, blazing to an 11-1 lead behind Crohore, whose thunderous dunk electrified the crowd, and a stifling defense that held Georgetown without a field goal for the first 5:24.

"Our kids played hard, they played with emotion," appraised Gillen. "One of my assistants said, 'If you can't get ready for Georgetown, you don't have blood in your veins.'"

"I think Providence obviously came out, was aggressive, and did a good job," lauded Thompson, who called his reaction to the second technical "unacceptable to me."

The Hoyas closed the gap with a 7-0 burst, but Jamel Thomas came off the bench and provided instant offense, forcing three tries to stretch the lead to 12. Fellow freshman God Shammgod was

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Allen Iverson's 34 point performance couldn't overshadow Mike Brown's Senior Night excellence.

Weekend Forecast: Possible snow on Saturday. Temps in the 30's both Saturday and Sunday!

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PC Students Take Part in Decision '96

by Mary M. Shaffrey '97
News Editor

The Yankee Primary is next Tuesday. In this election Rhode Island, along with several other New England and Mid-Atlantic states will be choosing their candidate for the Republican nomination for President. About twenty students on President's Day weekend survived the cold weather and high winds to get a taste for what the election process will be like here by volunteering for several candidates before the New Hampshire Primary.

'96 Presidential Primaries is a class offered every four years and students in this class were asked to select a candidate and then help them in New Hampshire on the weekend preceding the election.

While there were over twenty names on the ballot, both Democrat and Republican, only three received support from PC students. They were President Bill Clinton who is receiving little token opposition in his bid for the Democratic nomination, former Tennessee Governor Lamar Alexander, and Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole.

Most of the students worked for Alexander out of his Manchester headquarters. Volunteers worked by holding signs on street corners in bitterly cold weather, going on literature and video drops to Hookset and Concord, as well as listening to Alexander speak at several rallies. Students were even able to meet the candidate at a "Wrap-Up Rally" on Saturday night held in a volunteer's home.

about a half hour away from Manchester.

"It was a great experience! I really enjoyed meeting him as well as seeing how a campaign works," commented Sheila Flanagan ’97.

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Lamar Alexander took a moment to talk with Janice Wright ’98, Lisa Tilden ’98 and Paul Redman ’97 during the "Wrap-Up" rally Saturday.

Faux Permits Found, Students Lose Privileges

by Colleen Pappas ’99
Asst. News Editor

With the overcrowding of campus parking lots still a problem, the Security Department was faced with another dilemma this past Thursday as a handful of student cars were found to have fraudulent parking stickers.

On Thursday, February 22, Security Officers performing a routine

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**Faux Permits Cause Problems**

Continued from page 1 check of Let RD, the parking area near Davis and Dow Hall, discovered seven cars marked with false parking assignment permits.

The cars were towed to the impound lot of their owners, all on-campus residents, were notified. For the violation of falsifying a parking permit the students were charged a parking fine of $20 as well as a towing fee of $45.

"The vehicles were escorted off campus," explained Director of Security Philip Reilly, "and all parking privileges have been suspended for the year, but they can be reconsidered individually after the semester breaks. Most of the cars weren't even allowed to come back on campus to begin with, they never had a legal parking sticker," continued Reilly, "but as far as I know there weren't too many that had previous parking violations." According to Reilly, some of the students had already received parking permits for other lots on campus, but "felt they were entitled to park near their own residences." The parking area that students are assigned to depend on how soon their application is received by the Security Department. While the department tries to ensure that students will be able to park as close to their residences, space in the parking lots is not always available. The students who had already been issued a permit for another lot, lost privileges for these areas as well.

"Of course the problem with losing parking privileges," added Reilly, "is that now they're susceptible to parking on the streets of Providence, for which there are more restrictions, such as no parking at night." Though only seven cars in the lot were found to have fraudulent stickers, there is obvious speculation that there could have been many more cars displaying falsified permits.

While the towing was being done, there were a lot of students looking out their windows from different buildings and during the towing there seemed to be a lot of cars, moved from the lower campus lot," noted Reilly. "Now, I can't state that some other students have the same violations and got out of there before they were towed, but it seemed like an exodus of a lot of vehicles while the towing was being done," concluded Reilly, "so it could be that some got away.

Many of the violations, charges were paid that afternoon, some before 3:00 PM, while others could not be released until Monday, February 26.

The layout of the black and white student permit stickers is created on a computer and many of the false permits were attempts at imitating the computer design. While Reilly admits that, "some of them did look pretty good," he noted that there were obvious distinctions between the legitimate permits and the fake ones. For the most part the falsified permits were smaller in size than the legitimate permits. Another indicator was the difference in the colors and fonts that were used in fact, some of the fraudulent permits were made with just construction paper.

"But unfortunately for one student, stated Reilly, "somebody else used his number, and his vehicle was towed.

"But in that case he was a victim of circumstances, and the permit actually took his name and for the towing charge for that student," in marked Reilly. While overcrowding continues to be a problem in campus lots, students can still apply for parking permits for the next semester. Reilly stresses the importance of turning in applications early and remembers that just showing everyone who has asked for a sticker for legitimate reasons has been granted a sticker.

"We've tried to accommodate everyone," remembers Reilly, "but we have to assure that all of their requests are legitimate, but we don't have time to get out and check who is really at a job or really does have a medical excuse."

When asked whether the Security Department will now be on the lookout for more fraudulent parking permits, Reilly commented, "The Security Office will continue to do their jobs well, especially in checking the campus lots."  

**Living Healthier to Survive Longer**

by Erin R. King '98

Ann. News Editor

"Living Healthier to Survive Longer" was the focus of the Balfour Centennial Multicultural Fair's Eighth Annual History Month Banquet, held Saturday evening, February 26, 1994 in Raymond Dining Hall. Parents, alumni, and students as well as local community and civic community members were represented at the event. Various speakers addressed the approximately 200 guests, including key speaker Dr. Vanessa Britto, M.D. After an invocation by Rev. Joseph R. Barranger, O.F., Chaplain of the college, dinner was served. Following the meal, Maureen Peiter '99 sang "You'll Never Walk Alone," and Khalil Walters '99 read the haunting poem "The Colored Mother," written by unknown. Some of Ceremonies was LaGina Means '96, majoring in keeping with the health and wellness theme, Susan Pires '97 introduced Dr. Vanessa Britto, M.D., a personal friend as well as a doctor in private practice in Providence. Dr. Britto is a member of several medical associations, including the American Heart Association, American Medical Association, and the American Women's Medical Association.

Dr. Britto began her speech by relating_t each person has "the continued on page 4"
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Student Congress Passes Reforms

by David M. Canell '98

News Writer

Last Monday, members of Student Congress passed a bill that will likely make a mark on student elections. The new law will allow greater freedom for candidates running for offices within Student Congress.

Under the new bill, students will be entitled to 15 minutes of personal campaign to communicate to candidates. Candidates will now have the opportunity to send out a marketing packet of mailbox stuffings, postcards, video tapes or any other method deemed appropriate by Student Congress. Candidate budgets have also been increased from $25 to $50 to further allow creativity in the campaign process. Congress has also approved a debate scheduled for the week prior to the election. The debate will be sponsored by The Cowl and WDOM. and will take place on Slavin Commons.

Also included in the bill, is a provision that allows students to begin campaigning up to two weeks before the election. Although candidates may not campaign on the day of the election, they will be able to keep their signs up during this time. Furthermore, candidates will be guaranteed space funded by various clubs and organizations.

Mary W. '98, Election Committee Chairperson, believes these changes are a step in the right direction. "I think that we have made elections less of a popu- larity contest and more of a fair game for anyone who runs, whether they are an incumbent or not." The recent elections for the Election Committee of Student Congress have been in the making since the start of the school year.

Off-campus Robberies Decreasing

by Erin Plorek '96

News Writer

Since August, only three break-ins have been reported to the Off-campus Housing Office at PC.

Carolyn Ryan, Director of Off-campus Housing, is pleased that the trend of the break-ins and robberies has dropped so significantly from the '94-'95 school year. Ryan received no reports of break-ins over Christmas Break, when a significant amount of people were gone. "Students seem to be taking more protective precautions," Ryan said. "Students are now shutting and keeping exterior doors locked at all times." Ryan suggests that tenants demand that their landlords replace glass doors with solid wooden doors to ensure safety.

The Office of Ryan's job is to corre- spond with the community police to keep them informed of off-cam- pus break-ins. The police depart- ment can then send extra patrol cars to the areas where the break- ins are occurring. This year, two of the break-ins occurred on Radcliffe Ave. and one on Spade Ave. In both cases, the pre- servator was caught by the police.

According to Ryan, it is pos- sible, and likely, that there have been more than three off-campus robberies so far this year. Students often report a robbery of belongings to the police and never inform Off-Campus Housing of the occurrence. A bone marrow transplant is now available at Montgommery, who has been diagnosed with Myeloid Leukemia. His family has all gone on strike and no match has been found.

For any possible donor, the Rhode Island Blood Center on Providence Road on Slaverington is weighing free to test on charge of certain days of the month. Possible dates they can call the 1-800 number 438-8360 for details and an ap- pointment to schedule a blood test. Norwood, a third-year Providence College in the Priory kitchen and his family would be grateful if you could continue to test to help Norwood as his sur- vivor depends on it.

Walsh '97, Election Committee member, is relieved that all of their work has paid off. "We have been working on this bill for a long time and it is great to see it finally go through. " Although small changes that had to be made to insure greater competition which in turn, will equate to a Congress that gets things done.

Walsh is not satisfied with just the one reform. "We have accomplished a lot with the passing of this bill, but we will still be on plan. We still plan on making more changes to improve the stu- dent experience." Walsh hopes that all these changes will be the result of the assassination of President John F. Kennedy on Novembere.

The theme of the lecture, ac- cording to Walsh, was "How to vote and they're all tied to these of and now.

For over four hours, Tatro pre- sented the audience with his opin- ions and theories about the assas- sination and maintained throughout the lecture that "Texas killed Kennedy, Texas and Washington."

The Residence Hall Association, with assistance from Student Congress, brought Tatro to Providence as a result of a request from Ted Miller '97, who had taken a course with Tatro and was inspired.

Like Tatro, Miller felt it was an issue that many students would like to hear about. "Tatro states, 'The very fact that 250 stu- dents stayed for the full three and one half hours, that alone tells me that even still remains an enigma thirty years later."

Tatro began the lecture by showing the Zapruder film, one of the few existing live tapes of the assassination. Pointing to the Zapruder film, Tatro presented the audience with over four carousels of slides showing examples of physical evidence, documents, and pictures to his argument.

"They've hidden things from us for years and years, and time is on their side because people involved are dying and everyone stops car- ing," proclaimed Tatro.

Tatro added that the inconsistencies and unanswered questions in the Warren Report as a major in- dication of the assassination of President Kennedy. The Warren Report maintains the gen- eral assumption that Lee Harvey Oswald was the sole assassin in the murder and that there was no conspiracy outside or within the government.

Within this presentation, Tatro elaborated on the single bullet theory and how he felt that the Warren Report was the destruction of original autopsy notes by one of the following doctors.

Tatro also discussed the inconsis- tencies of the testimonies of sev- eral witnesses and the Warren assas- sination itself. Within his discussion of this, Tatro talked at length about the "single bullet theory." This is the assertion that only one shot was fired. Lee Har- rison Kennedy came from the same gun and therefore, no other weapon was involved which would have led to the impossibility of another assassin. He went on to discuss more physical evidence from the Warren Report to allege that the "single bullet theory" is false and that there was definitely more than one person involved. Aside from which, Tatro continued, "You cannot kill a president, king, or premier without the security people being involved and letting the assassin escape."

With this remark, Tatro began to directly implicate members of the government at being either a part of a conspiracy that resulted in the assas- sination. Tatro alleged that among the people involved in the cover up were President Lyndon B. Johnson, who succeeded Kennedy, and Edgar Hoover, former director of the F.B.I. Hoover was replaced as director by J. Edgar Hoover, at that time director of the F.B.I.

Also mentioned as contributors to the conspiracy were Mafia con- nected figures such as Carlos Marcello and Oswald assassin Jack Ruby.

While he produced much evi- dence, he made no direct connec- tions to prove his point, Tatro was quick to add, "In a court of law, a lot of this wouldn't add up to any- thing, but out here, it makes a lot of common sense.

The Massachusetts teachers af- forms, however, that, "most of them do not discuss the assassination conspiracy and that LBJ was in- volved somehow."

Tatro has been researching the assassination, Tatro has met many of the people connected to the Warren assas- sination. For example, he has be- en interviewed by Jack Ruby, Lee Oswald, widow of alleged assass- in Lee Harvey Oswald and bus co- worker to Tatro, and was involved with Madeline Brown, who, claimed to be a mistress of President Johnson.

Near the end of the lecture, Tatro made various connections to government leaders, implying pos- sible involvement or knowledge of Dallas. Tatro has included former Presi- dents Nixon, Reagan, and Bush in some of his research and assassi- nators, perhaps linked to Dallas as well.

Tatro has said that students who at- tended found the lecture extremely interesting.

The most important thing that he emphasized," remarked Miller, "was the necessity to always ana- lyze things from a critical perspec- tive." Tatro feels that this is always should be the pur- pose of liberal arts institution. Although many of [Tatro] theo- ries are still in doubt, he presented an objective analysis of the murder," continued Miller.

Joy Roma '98 stated, "It was really good, but a lot of it was hard to believe at first. I guess you just don't think about it until you hear what he says and how he makes it all fit into those connections," Roma added.

Stephanie Belanger '96 rem- arked, "I found out things I didn't know about the assassination and I guess he just opened his mind to what I had never considered before."

"He makes me want to take a new look at it and ask questions," explained Chepiga, "He really is a real eye-opener."

"The only thing that was was a real interest on the part of the stu- dents," concluded Miller, "is also the tone, and this is in fact an institution that fosters intellec- tual stimulation.

Women's Ministry Open to Everyone

by Jessica Cotrone '97

News Writer

Women Will is a club designed as a forum for people of any gen- der to discuss women's issues. The group is dealing with major issues around the world and is the Providence Women's History Month, Women Will is sponsoring two events. The first, which will be taking place March 19-20, is Women's Comedy Night. Entrance is held in Slaverington Center. Presenting such acts as art from female student and the history of women at PC, the celebration is designed to educate and celebrate women of the community.

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Island of Weakness

Women Will is not a club just for women, it is a club for every- one. (Women Will discusses) "We're a club that promotes awareness. Everyone is welcome to join. It is not an exclusive club," Lara Chepiga, Women Will President, explained.

The club meets in the Library Reading Room, 2nd floor, PC's Studies Office and Resource Room. People are welcome to attend meetings throughout the week during office hours, Monday- Tuesday 8:30-4, and Friday 10:30-4. New members ideas are always welcome.

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Capstone Project are being planned for the future. The Freshman Experience, an interdisciplinary seminar course, would be a way to foster a better sense of community for freshmen and "help them move beyond passive learning to [being part of] active learning community," according to Stankiewicz. The Senior Capstone experience would ideally bring a student's major together with DWC and the core studies. It would be used mainly as a way of

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responsibility to do the very best with this thing called life, with a big "L." She went on to say that by investing in your future and well-being, you can make not only yourself, but also your community at large and the world, better.

As part of the African-American community, Dr. Britto is primarily concerned with changing some of the present statistics. She revealed that 40% of deaths each year in the African-American community are people younger than age 45, and the average life expectancy for African-Americans is 5.6 years less than that of the majority of the United States.

"As college students, you are all residents of the floor. The cost of damages is really high," said Joe Lanham '98. "I'm annoyed that I have to pay for things that I didn't break.

"Every weekend the damages seem to get worse." It gets really frustrating to see new things broken almost every time you walk into the dorm," said Lanham.

Reilly explained that if a student is caught damaging property other than in the dorms, he will be billed for damages. Many instances the person responsible cannot be caught. "In the long run, money is going to bring the tides of succession." he said.

We incidents recently have had this classification. One of the sliding glass doors in Alumni Center was broken. "That wasn't cheap," said Reilly.

Last Sunday, the gate arm at Hussey Gate was broken. "That is a constant nuisance," said Reilly. "I don't know if it is employees, students, or guests. They just drive right through the gate arm. We have to replace it with a stronger arm, but the college is leery. We are in a Catch 22. We are secure, but we can't use the best security items.

Lamar! Go Pat Go!

Clinton's campaign

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Troy Miller '99, agreed. "I had a lot of fun working over the weekend. It is amazing all the different details that go into running a campaign. It was also very exciting meeting Mr. Alexander. Alexander was a real Kennedy man, a real "rock-star" about him."

Lamar Alexander was Secretary of Education under President Bush and has focused much of his campaign on education. At the "Wrap-Up" rally he reiterated his desire to abolish the Department of Education and give more choice to parents with regard to where they can send their children. Central to Mr. Alexander's plan is his desire to return much of the power, now focused in Washington, back to the states.

He feels that, rather than the Washington bureaucrats, know what is better for their own communities.

Perhaps the only dark spot of the campaign was the accident. In the past when students have volunteered, the campaign put them in place in the halls and around the campus office on the floor. This year, the only accommodation, "Do you have any YMAA on wrestling mats. As an alternative to this, students rented two hotel rooms at the Manchester

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"Security looked for her, but nothing happened."
The result was that Greenan was forced to throw away some articles near her desk, including a rug and a sweater. The women can laugh about the incident now, but they warn others that the same thing could happen to them.

"I feel violated. Our place was violated," said Rappaport. "I just am in disbelief that someone could be that disrespectful."

The sad part is she probably doesn't remember doing it," said Wood.

"If she does remember, I hope she's embarrassed by this. She should be put on probation.

In Meagher Hall, in addition to the elevators being out of service, last week the door window was broken as well as a glass display case inside. Ceiling tiles are torn down each week, replaced, and then torn down again.

Reports that each floor were told that each student will be held responsible when the actual vandal is not caught. The total cost of damages will be divided among

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Be sure to take part in the Mock-Election on Tuesday! Vote in Lower Slavin from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Exercise your right to express your thoughts and feelings regarding this year's elections.

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Campaign Review: 1996

The Worst Year in Politics

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that the candidates out there now coming are focusing on the nomination is like pulling a horse from a field and putting him in a new harness that has already started," Alexander said.

This weekend Young Demo- crats in taking part in a rally at Kennedy Plaza in support for Clinton.

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Knowledge is Power...Learn To Use It!

by Vera Schomer '79

Editorials Editor

I hope to see the day when PC students get so fed up with negative stereotyping and harassment that they prove the world wrong. While I was browsing through my electronics, I found a book on the source of anti-PC propaganda, only this time, it seemed to be coming from within the student body. I read two messages from the so-called "Students for Empowerment in Education," which insulted my intelligence as well as many of my peers. Their content was reminiscent of time-honored propaganda efforts that attempted to deflect attention away from the real issues that were victims of conspiracies.

What once was the witches, the Gypsies, the Japs, and the Commies, is now our professors and our administrators. Appar- ently, the way to become helpless, ignorant victims of this tyranny is...

The first message, entitled "Can't you S.E.E.?" read: You are at our mercy and we can ruin you. You've been taught to answer questions, never to question. You've been taught to be passive responders, not active listeners. You've been taught to conform, not to create. You've been taught to memorize, not to analyze. You've been taught a lot. But who taught you to know that Knowledge is power... Learn.

This message fails to tell us who has taught us to be passive, or that we have the option to be an active part of the class, or that we can question, or that we can analyze, or that we can take control of our educations and our destinies.

The second message, entitled "When will you S.E.E.?" read: Students at PC are powerless. Let's examine the student-administration relationship. They think they know everything, they think they have the right to decide for you. They have all the power. The rules. You comply. They decide what is best for you, they think you are too irresponsible to decide for yourself. Students at PC are powerless. Let's examine the student-teacher relationship. They talk, you listen passively. They choose your college, you attend. You are powerless not because of what you are taught, but HOW you have been taught. You are powerless... Learn.

The administration may consider itself patient, but the mere fact that many of us prove it time and time again, but they also recognize that we have the power to demand the right to vote on changes to the student body. We can see that the student body of the school can organize behind a common cause, the administration will respond. We have co-ed residence halls, the internet, voice mail, cable TV, internet. Protests, and B.B. guns, are only a small fraction of the ways we can analyze, but we choose to listen, and take notes. We have been taught a lot, but our minds decide what we retain. If we become ignore-students of PC, then it is nobody's fault but our own for not taking control of our educations and our destinies.

The true statement, entitled "Why?" read: When will you S.E.E.? Students at PC are powerless. Let's examine the student-administration relationship. They think they know everything, they think they have the right to decide for you. They have all the power. The rules. You comply. They decide what is best for you, they think you are too irresponsible to decide for yourself. Students at PC are powerless. Let's examine the student-teacher relationship. They talk, you listen passively. They choose your college, you attend. You are powerless not because of what you are taught, but how you have been taught. You are powerless... Learn.

Knowledge is power... Learn.

Tolerance Begins at Home

by Beth Danasco '96

Editorial Staff

With the exception of its NFL stadium, the elements composing the small suburb of Foxborough, Massachusetts are pretty typical to western New England. There are local offices for every business from the day-to-day mailboxes of the local residents to the dozens of high school football teams, a multitude of churches, and an abundance of local publications which constitute the public recreation field. Unfortunately, this is in stark contrast to the predominantly Christian Foxborough has recently come to acknowledge and to deal with its problems with many other suburbs: a disturbing streak of anti-Semitism and a general lack of understanding.

The reality has manifested itself this year in a variety of cliché yet desperate attempts to make people more tolerant of one another. None is more belittling than the flight of the stork.

None but the sickest or craziest would argue that the terror of the Holocaust or WWII. None but these same fringe luna-tics would say that without knowledge of someone’s lawn, a beat a person senseless out of intolerance, orValentine’s Day.

No, the problem is because of a difference in race or religion. Those of us, then do, who do agree should say "we are not racist, we are not bigots." Our consciences may be clean, but our minds and hearts, in too many cases, are far from being free of prejudices.

How many of us go to our mailboxes everyday knowing swastikas; still, we are doing many important people a great injustice and there are times we are committing crimes, by accepting and perpetuating these obvious stereotypes. We wear the pin of the children of the USA,
families are defended against crimes. But we also and with equal enthusiasm and pitifully and potentially dangerous ideas. Our failure to look within to confront the source of intolerances is there in the first place. Have we let prejudices grow? When we arrive at the source of intolerance we end up facing...learn people how to COORDINATE against prejudice with out endeavoring to open our own minds. And we can make sure that in all situations that involve bigots instead of working to turn them around? We can truthfully say that we understand the questions far too often. For that reason, we see hate crimes far too often, not just in foreign countries or big cities, but on our college campuses and, sometimes, in our own home-town for the existence of a hierarchical world which rewards "game playing" and perpetuates devils within out. It seems that this student has limited his or her education to a collection of class syllabuses, and that is unfortunate. I have never known a professor to define an "ideal stu- dent." I'm sure that they do not want a bunch of "ideal stu- dents" sitting in the back of the classrooms. Diversity of personali- ties expressing themselves in class is what makes our liberal arts educations special. Many students claim to learn more outside of the classroom, in social lives, and experiences related to their interests. It is true that one can graduate from PC by simply "going through the motions" and never learning anything. However, "ideal students" should educate themselves by seeking out knowledge and questioning the "syst- em," rather than passively taking what is handed to them through a textbook or a professor.

I dare the Students for Empower- ment in Education to express their opinions publicly in The Cowl, and to provide some support or justifi- cation for their inflammatory remarks. I'll be waiting for this letter, but until then, S.E.E.'s E-mail newsletter is a pretty innocuous place, nothing more than bickering from a disgruntled, cowardly, powerless group of students.

Our consciences are clear, but our minds and hearts are far from being free of prejudices. Then we are not talking about the same thing, and there are none from being free of prejudices.

Hate crimes are an old story. We blame economics for much of our country’s hatred, our political leaders for our economic and financial aid, or dead end exist- ences lead people to find and at- tachment, and we are no exception. The solution to this problem is to leave staches of these pieces of mail in bins or other mailboxes throughout the campus. The solution is to re- alize the importance of the deliv- erer of mail. Third, the staff should continue with the new system that we are no longer tolerant of prejudices.

The last mailbox was opened by a student from the mailroom. There is no excuse for any of these actions, but we can no longer imagine that we cannot do any better. The last mailbox was opened on the first day of March. It was a coincidental event that the first box, the one in the shape of a mailbox, was opened on the first day of the month. It was a coincidental event that these boxes sat in front of the box for the proper sec- ond, the staff should receive ex- ceptional training in how to re- alize the importance of the deliv- erer of mail. Third, the staff should continue with the new system that we are no longer tolerant of prejudices.

This would en- able an organized system of mail- post that was estab- lished, so mail from previous stu- dents could be forwarded and not fill up the "misdirected" mailbox. Finally, mailboxes hours will need to be extended, so students can receive their mail on Saturdays. There is no excuse for any of these actions, but we can no longer imagine that we cannot do any better. The last mailbox was opened on the first day of March. It was a coincidental event that the first box, the one in the shape of a mailbox, was opened on the first day of the month. It was a coincidental event that these boxes sat in front of the box for the proper section.
Kids, Crime, and Violence by Mike Sullivan '97

Editorial

"This secret organization, whose membership is unknown, which shows up just before the police should teach their children gun safety and keep it out of reach. However, every day cops and robbers on television show our children how to tell them to know the difference at four or five years old. I am strongly against gun playing for children. There is nothing about a gun that suggests
to kill as a way of resistance against British oppression'. It claims that the IRA is simply a paramilitary organization, and it is not an equivalent to the Irish Republican Army. The IRA portrays themselves as just fighting for freedom, the last remaining cause of the IRA to be able to (if) keep the Irish people from the danger of an unjust war. We are certain that the future of America is threatened by violence. Adults who find violence entertaining at least can disguise what is really going on. Not children do not know the difference. What they see on television is what they perceive directly. Unfortunately, this can prove to be harmless, even deadly.

It is not necessarily the case that the IRA is not in existence. We do think very much of it except that it was en
tertainment to the characters jump off cliffs - and survive! Or to watch Roadrunner get squashed like a potato and then return to normal in the next scene. Now it seems that we are being deceived. This nonsense is simply not possible. However to little children who do not know the difference between reality and fiction, this can have a profound negative impact. We read in the newspapers about a little boy who went into his father's drawer and took out a gun and "accidentally" shot his friend. We blame parents for allowing guns to be in accessible places. Naturally if parents are going to show their children guns they should teach their children gun safety and keep it out of reach. However, every
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Library: You Paid For It!

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fits this system has to offer us.

There are, however, other ob-
stacles that the library itself deals with when trying to bring updated, online information to the minds of PC students. However, being the prime source of an abun-
dance of facts, our library deserves to have the best, up-to-date material and equipment to be used for our education. Therefore, the library frustrates you, write a suggestion or two, drop it in the box near the entrance, and give good service. After all, we paid for it.

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GDP: Sending a Message to the American People?

By Jay Spinola ’96
Editorial Writer

The 1996 presidential primary season is now in full swing with the completion of the much-anti-
ipated New Hampshire primary. This initial primary normally de-
finesthat the issues will be debated during the primary season usually limits the field of can-
didates to two, or possibly three viable candidates. However, this year’s primary did nothing of the sort. In a stunning upset, Patrick J. Buchanan and Pat Buchanan Jr. of to the Cowl

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An Important Response From the Dean of the Balfour Center for Multicultural Affairs

To the Editor,

In an address that appeared in the February 8, 1996, issue of the Cowl, Vera Schomer addressed two significant areas of concern here at Provi-

In response to my February 8th article, "The Power of the People," Dr. Schomer has written an important response to the concerns raised in my article. Dr. Schomer's response is a clarifying statement of her views on the power of the people, and I believe it is important for our readers to understand her perspective.

As we move forward into the coming months and years, I encourage all of us to continue to work together to address these important issues and to seek solutions that are grounded in the values of democracy and social justice.

Sincerely,

[Dean's Signature]

From the Dean of the Balfour Center for Multicultural Affairs
In "The Forest"... the speaker is often replaying messages in her head, confusing the details just as memory so often does. The poem, "The Arbor 1937", with its unconventional form, serves as two poems in one, combining details of a memory both lived and dreamed in a type of stream of conscious thought. Although many of the poems in the collection are very personal, all with great attention to detail, such as "The Forest", "The Spell", and "The Meacons", the most memorable poem of the collection is "Slaughtering." The poem begins, as many of them do, in the form of a remembrance or a flashback. There are Biblical references, and images that bring to mind a primitive society. Like her other poems, this poem is not just a song; if you have some grasp on time or context, she pulls the rug out from under you. But the theme of the poem is clear, "If that latter" graphically describes the skinning, cutting, and preparation of some large animal. A common trait in the collection is a startling lack of emotion, which is no different in "Slaughtering," in which the language begins to sound instructional. The speaker describes the carcass' stomach, with "its inner surface webbed with white" and the "glossy violet liver." It is this methodical language and sense of control that is most frightening, when starkly contrasted to the grotesque "crucifex" performed in the poem.

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**The Best of What's Around**

by Vanessa Anderson '99
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s college students we have unfortunately been exposed to too much violence. Violence is seen in almost every form of entertainment that we incorporate in our lives. It is in the television we watch, the parties that we go to, the liquor that we drink and the movies we go to see. It is in the music we listen to, and it is especially in the concerts we experience.

The concert experience has turned into an invitation to jump all over the place. Most pits are not an abnormal occurrence anymore: they have stayed from their origins in hardcore to sometimes even the mellow music. Concerts have turned into a showcase for fights, broken bones, black eyes, groping hands, and impy fans looking for trouble. In this violent world of arrogant artists concerned with flaunting their alternative, Generation X-like lifestyles, the Grammy nominated Dave Matthews is a refreshing character. Dressed in a classic plaid shirt, khaki pants, and a short hair cut, Dave Matthews per-

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formed a very unusual concert on February 17th at UConn's Jorgensen Center. Unlike most of his contemporaries, Matthews performed an acoustic concert with only one

partner, the incredible Tim Reynolds. The two men captivated their audience for three hours using their two guitars and one voice. Matthews opened performing with his fellow "bandmates," Matthews picked Reynolds to college tour with his acoustical guitar. Curiously enough, Reynolds is not a steady member of Dave's Band. Under the Table and Dreaming, Reynolds made only a special guest appearance on the track, "What Would You Say" off the 1994 album. Although, it was hinted that he helped Dave's Band with the just recently finished album, The Dead Is Done.

What prevailed through out Matthews' concert was the mel-

lowness in environment and the appreciation of music. It was ex-

plained to the audience, consisting of mostly college students, and the occasional appreciative parent, at the beginning of the concert that Matthews wanted to have a low-

key evening. He wanted everyone to have a good time, listening to good music. The audience as a whole could not contain themselves while "What Would You Say" was played.

Despite the fact that moshing, or dancing for that matter, was strongly discouraged, the audience still seemed to have an incredible

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even if they were not his own. Ap-

parently, one audience member was hung up on hearing some Skynyrd, and Matthews was gra-

cious enough to humor him.

Dave Matthews' mighty side-

kick, the incomparable Tim Reynolds, added an essential ele-

ment to the concert. The quietness and humbleness of Reynolds' demeanor was perfect foil for Matthews' disposition. He added the agility of his guitar technique with his dry humor to counterbal-

ance Matthews' more or less mien-

dox guitar technique and absurd humor. In the middle of the show, you could tell that Matthews was growing a little tired. His hand had been hurting him all night, and af-

ter every few songs, he had to shake it out. Before Matthews would take a break though, he felt the need to get up and dance with Reynolds. While Matthews was in the front of the stage, acting like a flying bird, Reynolds went to the back of the stage and found a light where he posed like an Egyptian and made shadow characters. Before the audience knew what was happening, they stopped and were full into another song.

Matthews finally had to take a break at one point. This gave Reynolds the perfect opportunity. He played a classical-ish piece that showcased his unbelievable talent. At one point, you literally could not see his hand as he played. The couple behind me said out loud, "Can he play any faster?" But it was not only Tim Reynolds' speed gave him authority with the audi-

ence. It was his technique in gen-

eral. He played the guitar like an instrument, not like a chord ma-

chine like many other so-called musicians. It was his dynamics, it was his tone, it was his personal-

ity that came through the instru-

ment. You could tell that since Reynolds was a quiet character, that he was using his guitar to com-

municate this heart to heart audience.

As for the songs in general, Matthews played from all three of his albums. The skeleton of his show, however, was based on Under the Table and Dreaming. The first third of his performance re-

lied on his more popular songs like, "Anis Maching." and "Sat-

ellite." Once he was more confident with the audience he moved into a few songs from his old al-

bum, the most memorable being, "The Christmas Song." When he came back to the encore, he began with a new song from his not-yet-

released album. It was a song with an unpronounceable name about a man's trip down a road, and a beautiful, but unattainable woman. The tune is unreal, and will prob-

ably be one of the hits on that new album.

Not many people can explain why Dave Matthews took this short sabbatical from the rest of his successful band. Perhaps he was tired of all the hype that was in-

volved with performing. Perhaps he wanted to demonstrate that violence doesn't necessarily have to be a synonym for the word con-

cert. Perhaps he wanted to prove that he was a talented individual, and could succeed with out the crutch of background sound. Or perhaps Dave Matthews just wanted to have a good time and he wanted to share that with his audience. Regardless of his rea-

sons, it seems his song, "The Best of What's Around" is an appropri-

ate description of his perfor-

mance... "Hey my friend It seems your eyes are troubled / close up your time with me / Would you say you're feeling low and so / A good idea would be to get it off your mind / See, you and me / Have a better time than most can Dream."
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Scott Tretton '96, Sue Monez '96, Maribeth Page '96: "Dole pineapples in 96!"

Mike Rush '96: "I was supposed to, but now that I've lost New Hampshire, I'm with Buchanan."

Dr. Testa '84: "Bullwinkle J. Moose and Rocket J. Squirrel because they've got the Frostbite Falls vote - either them or Hugh Lena and Suzanne Fournier."

Kelli Cataldi '96, Melanie Fallows '96: "No Republicans!"

Ryan Casey '99, Adam Sicard '99, Brian Bielawiec '99: "Adam - because he's a hell of a nice guy."

Monique MacGillivray '97, June Skoropowski '97: "Lamar Alexander because red flannel shirts are the trend of the future."

Top(L-R) Carl Corrow '98, Mike Mchugh '98, Bottom(L-R) Andrea Barone '98, Kent Holloway '98, Alex Hyman '98: "We're indifferent. Unfortunately, American politicians aren't interested in the American people. They make promises and don't fulfill them. They're only out for their own personal gain."

K & K: "Fr. McGonigle...we heard he's out of a job!"
FEATURES

by Kate Fournier '99 Features Writer

Walking along Arwells Avenue can feel like you are in a dream. People pass, spouting fluent Italian and Spanish. The smell of bread and spaghetti sauce permeate the air, mixing with the exhaust of the passing traffic. Seen through the screens are the names of prominent Italians tattooed upon the sidewalk. Not only are there many bakeries, but there is a florist and a poultry shop. Squeezed into the huddle of buildings is a shop which might be easily overlooked. The owner's name is Simonelli’s, in white lettering. Behind the glass windowpanes are cubes of Fernet-Branca, frappe and teas, statues and paintings. The dim light brightens a brass vase and ash doctor, while missing other objects casting them into shadow.

The door to the shop said "Open," but when I tried the door, I found it to be locked. A stooped-elderly man opened the door when he saw prospective customers peering in. He explained that the door had a "holy inch" of the open and letting the chilly in, which was why it had been locked. He beckoned us to come in and I wondered if this man was Mr. Simonelli. Upon entering, a smell of sausages and fresh bread assailed me with mustiness and memories. It reminded me of my grandmother’s basement. I looked around and adjusted my eyes to the dimness. Every inch of the counters was in use, home to everything from Virgin Mary collector plates to marble Grecian statues. The owner paused to light another cigarette before warning me not to touch anything. He followed me to the back of the store and talked quietly to his dog, which was tied up somewhere in the shop. His grave voice pointed out ancient comic books and a painting which depicted the Last Supper. In an adjoining room, a wrought-iron dog stood sentinel for thousands of perfume bottles lined up along the shelves.

I found myself to get out of the shop and breathe fresh air, and I looked further into the darkness of the store. There were so many odds and ends. The man must have been saving such things for years. It was like a flea market. I had the distinct feeling that Simonelli’s had not had a customer in a long time. I also thought that the old man was very, very lonely. So, I stayed in that musty shop for a little bit longer.

Finally, after having examined every possible object within reach (there was a great amount hanging on the walls too), I moved to the door. I said goodbye to the man, who responded with a timid smile and the flicker of a lighter flame. Outside once again, I gulfed in the fresh air and blinked in the bright sunlight. I was glad to be out of Simonelli’s, but I felt a bit sad for some reason.

I arrived just until a afternoon that I hit upon the reason for my depression. The smell of that place still hung in my nostril, and I could not get the whole incident out of my head. I was pitting the man. I had named Mr. Simonelli, and I did not know if that was a good thing or no. Maybe he liked being alone with his dog and his cigarettes. I had no idea if he was old. Maybe he just seemed like an extraordinarily lonely old man. I wish that I knew his story. Visit Mr. Simonelli if you get a chance. You will come away with a memory that will not go away. Simonelli’s is a little bit richer for having experienced it.

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Tales of an Eighth Grade Nothing

by Pam Marchant '96 Features Writer

When I was in the eighth grade, I had my first “real” boyfriend (that is, we actually went out on dates). To protect the innocent, we’ll call him Adam, since that is the name of history’s first man.

Our relationship began on the phone, like so many junior high relationships. I was baby-sitting and all my friends were at a party I could not attend. Luckily, I had a busboy for a best friend who knew about my crush on Adam, and she had been working to get any signals from him that he “liked” me. At the party, she was able to pry out of Adam that his feelings for me did go beyond friendship, and that he planned to “ask me out.”

“Going out” was a term in many schools that meant you were officially “seeing someone.” “Going steady,” or that you had a “boyfriend/girlfriend.” That night, Adam got on the phone and finally spotted the right words out. Suddenly, life was good. I had a boyfriend.

We didn’t actually go out on a date until a week and a half later, on that popular holiday for lovers, Martin Luther King Day. We went to the movies, and saw the now-famous romantic hit Throw Momma From The Train. We met at the movie theater, and Adam was fifteen minutes late. I guess I should have known then that we were doomed. All things considered, the date went well, except for a minor hitch: he didn’t kiss me. Good-bye. I mean, what was his problem? We had been going out for a whole month; why hadn’t he kissed me yet?

Our next date was another month later, on Valentine’s Day. This date can be considered “The Big One.” It included a movie and dinner at a Chinese restaurant. We ordered a Pu-Pu Platter for Two with ease and the date seemed to be going fine until Adam started eating a spare rib (bone and all) with a fork and knife. I suppose he was very nervous and didn’t want to eat with his fingers, but Chinese food isn’t exactly elegant dining, is it?

While at dinner, Adam presented me with the most beautiful silver claddagh ring I had ever seen. However surprised I might have seemed at the time, I had known for weeks about this gift. (Again, my best friend can confirm this; she had foolishly asked her advice about what I might like.) I gave Adam his present, a very hip Swatch watch, and we moved on to the next stage of our date: the taxi ride to the movies.

The cab driver thought we were a very cute 13-year-old couple, and laughed at us while we rode up the street. What prevented me from crawling into the crease between the vinyl seat and hiding forever was my ultimate plan for the rest of the date: the big kiss. I mean, this was Valentine’s Day, and what better day to express true devotion? This date seemed to last for ever, because throughout the whole movie, I was suffering in expectation while Adam chomped on Bon Bons. The good-bye came and went without so much as a handshake.

Our third and final date was, you guessed it – to the movies. This time, my parents dropped me off at Adam’s house and his parents drove us to the theater. Lucky for me, Adam’s two older brothers and several of their friends were all there when I arrived. I was completely thrilled by their warm greeting, “AAAAdam!! Your girlfriend’s here!!”

Basically, our relationship consisted of three dates, an occasional phone call, and a lot of writing “I Love Adam” on my book covers.

To make matters even worse, we never kissed.

I knew the relationship was about to end when Adam stopped calling me and stopped hanging out with me at recess. He called me one afternoon (April 28, 1988) and said exactly and told me that we shouldn’t “go out” anymore since we had “drifted apart.” I choked out words of agreement and managed to hang up the phone before I cried. Ah, yes, four months and two weeks of bliss ended - just like that. I wouldn’t go back to that time for anything. I got birds (not butterflies) in my stomach every time we talked, I dreaded our dates, and I was always self-conscious around him. I wore his jacket proudly, even though I looked ridiculous in it. We never knew what to say to each other, and I’ve come to realize that we had nothing at all in common. Ah, well. Like most eighth grade romances, that relationship can rest in peace.

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A Message from STEP I
To See Tomorrow

by Lori McCruvan '99

I awoke, but there was no one around me. I stirred around in my bed hoping that someone would notice me, but no one came to my rescue. I closed my eyes hoping that this was a dream. However, I knew that this was the nightmare that I called my life.

"How are you feeling honey," a cheerful nurse with gray hair asked me. "I feel kind of gross," was all that I could form into a sentence. I was trying to resist the urge to cry. I didn't really know why I needed to cry, but I did.

"It's okay to cry, dear. That's a normal reaction after the anesthesia," she explained. I cursed myself for letting her see the tears welling in my eyes. I wanted to tell her that my name was not honey or dear, and that I felt worse than before I had gone into the surgery. I wanted to tell her how much I needed my mother at this moment, but all I could do was nod. The tears were running down my cheeks. I was embarrassed and humiliated. A person my age should not be crying because they were left alone in the recovery room of a really terrible hospital.

The nurse gave me some toast and water to make my stomach feel better. I ate it hoping that she would stop watching me. Instead, she stayed until I was done with the small meal and tried to find something interesting to say to me. I knew that she was trying to cheer me up, but it was a lost cause.

"Okay, honey, I think we can take you back to your room now," the nurse told me as if it was a much better option than the one that I had right now.

As she started to wheel the bed away, I decided to look at my foot for the first time. The cast was huge. It made me want to cry all over again. In elementary school, I used to envy all of the kids that got to hobble around school on crutches. They got all of the attention. I once told my parents that my ankle hurt so bad I would see if someone would give me a pair of crutches. It didn't happen. My parents told me that I probably just pulled a muscle and that the best cure was simply to walk around on it. I really wished that a pulled muscle was all that I had to worry about right now. Unfortunately, I got older and my life got more complicated.

"My room, well, actually the room that they told me was mine this morning is still as dreary as I left it. I longed for my bed at home instead of a bed with rails on the side that prevented me from falling out. I wanted to see the comforting walls of my room, even if at times they felt as though they were closing in on me. I wanted to be able to yell at my mother for being on the phone too long. I wanted to walk my dog. However, for the next 10 days I could do was imagine all of the things that I would rather be doing.

Another doctor came in and wanted to talk to me before they let me out. He told me all of the things that I had heard before. By now I think I could tell them what I could and could not do. I had to use crutches. The cast could not get wet. I had to be careful. My favorite was when they tried to reassure me that it was only six weeks and that things would be back to normal in no time. Apparently, the doctors didn't know just how long six weeks really is. They didn't know how many times I was going to miss or how I already felt the need to run. They did not care that they took away a part of me.

Some people say that they need a cup of coffee to get through the day. I need to run. It may not be possible for most people to comprehend that. Some people do not even consider running a sport.

They did not care that they took away a part of me...

But I do. I regretted the fact that I was here in the first place. There was a chance the fracture would not heal right. I was willing to take that chance. My mother was convinced that the surgery was imperative. My father said that he would take me to another doctor. My mother won.

"Do you understand?" the doctor asked in a condescending voice.

"Yes, I do," I responded.

"Do you have any questions?" he asked.

I wanted to ask him if there was any chance that the cast would come off early. I needed to know if I would be able to run like I had before. I wanted to know if there was any chance that I would feel better in the next couple of weeks. I wanted to finish this season. I wanted to run now.

"No, I think that I am all set," I told him. I knew that if I did not know the answers, then there was no way that he would either.

He handed me a prescription for pain killers and left. I watched him leave and I was filled with a strange feeling of joy. Maybe I would get to go home now.

There was a knock on the door, but it opened before I could tell the person to come in. My mother walked in. I don't think that I have ever been so happy to see her. The tears came back, along with the frustration, the confusion, and the desire to have my life back.
FEATURES

Looking For A Little Diversity

by Patrick Canole '97
Features Writer

Good title, eh?
Now that I'm all better from my illness, I'm finding it difficult to think of something to write about. The whole story of my illness made me rather not chock-full of ideas like I thought it would. So I was just sitting there thinking about what happened over the past two weeks. That made me think of Valentine's Day. I started thinking about the past Valentine's Days. Flashback to third grade...

In the days leading up to our annual celebration of love, we made mailbox out of little brown lunch bags and decorated them with hearts. We would hang them on the side of our desks, with the same amount of care that Christmas stockings had been hung just two months before. As the holidays approached, our bags began to fill. Oh, the excitement! I couldn't wait to see who had sent me Valentine's Day greetings.

Finally, on February 14th, it was time to eat the cupcakes peoples' mothers had lovingly made and frosted the night before, and open the cards on our desks. Between picking off the little red candy hearts that I can remember not caring for, I came across one strange Valentine. It was from a girl and read "You're nice, but I hate you." I was really hurt. It turned out that almost everybody else in the class received the same message from this girl. The lone exception was the "cute boy" of the class whose card read "You're nice, and I love you." The girl who wrote these unkind Valentines was noticeably absent that day. Although it hurt at the time, in the long run, after seeing how the girl turned out, I think we who got the cruel messages were in fact the lucky ones and the boy whom she liked was the one who had to live with the years of mental anguish and torture. I like that story.

That's the end of the nice stuff, from here on it's just me being bit- ter. The first thing I'd like to address is the problem of people driving too fast on campus. Sure, it's not as compelling as the abortion issue, which people apparently think will be solved in the pages of a small college newspaper in Rhode Island, but I can't think of any other place to get this off my chest. Security- please take note. I was run over the other day by the Toyota from hell, as if I had no right be hearing on a college campus. People, please don't drive so fast.

Another thing I'd like to bitch and moan about is all the people who don't dress warmly enough on this campus. This is especially timely because it will be cold again by the end of this week. I'm not trying to sound like anyone's mother, but really it is O.K. to wear a coat. Wearing shorts all over campus in the middle of February may sound like a cool idea but it really isn't. Nobody wants to look at your calves. For the girls who don't want everyone to be able to see how cold they are, if you wear a jacket you don't have to walk around with your arms crossed all the time.

Finally, I just cut my finger nails too short, and it really hurts. That's all I have to say about that.

Quote of the Week

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Thompson loses cool, Hoyas lose contest

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through the fierce Georgetown press (he had just three turnovers on the night). A couple of Iverson threes pulled G’town within eight, 35-27, heading into the break, but PC had the answers in the second. Finally.

"This was a victory of courage and heart, not just X’s and O’s or strategy," gushed Gillen. "It was more about wills, desires, than a game of strategy."

Those remarks were a far cry from Gillen’s tone last Wednesday, when the Hoyas narrowly avoided a disastrous loss against the Irish.

An obviously unhappy Gillen said his team “did everything we could to throw it [the game] away, while they [ND] did everything to win the game.”

“We stepped playing [in the second half],” continued Gillen. "We’re an inexperienced team, we lose concentration, we get selfish. They’re great kids, but they’re not mature.”

There was no sign of impending doom in the rough and tumble first half. Michael Brown was a perfect 4 for 4, three of four from downtown, and had 16 points as PC opened up a 20-point lead. Five other Hoyas scored at least four, while Ryan Hoover’s six points paced ND, and the Black and White carried a 17 point bulge into the half.

Alas, the second half was decidedly unlike the first. Croshere and Derrick Brown stepped up their offense, contributing 11 and 12, respectively, to finish with 19 each, but the Irish came back behind Hoover and Pat Garrity. Hoover drilled four threes while Garrity, a non-factor in the first half with 4 points and one rebound, had 11 points and six boards. PC still led by 12, 66-54, with 7:00 to go after a Croshere three and a Derrick Brown dunk, but the Irish scored the next nine. After a Gillen time-out, Croshere swished another huge three, and a Brown lay in made the lead eight. Baskets by Garrity and Phil Hickey and a free throw shrink the lead to three, but Croshere answered, as he has so many times this season, knocking down two free throws. Hoover came right back with a three, then hit one of two freebies to pull ND within one. After PC missed a shot, Hoover dished to Derek Manner, whose desperation baseline jumper fell short at the buzzer.

"There were two games,” explained Gillies. “We won the first, they won the second, and we were lucky our half counted more. We were very fortunate to escape.”

In another tale of two halves, the Hoyas were so fortunate, dropping an 70-68 overtime decision to BC at the Civic Center way back on February 17. The Eagles owned the first half, using a balanced attack to blaze to a 41-28 lead. Scesonie Penn put the exclamation point on the half, driving around Shammond for two just before the horn.

On a night when leading scorers Croshere and Derrick Brown, as well as Shammond struggled mightily — they shot a combined 11 of 44 from the floor, 2 of 14 from three-point range — Thomas and Michael Brown picked up the offense. Brown had ten after the break, while Thomas had a team-high 15 for the game.

Brown’s eight points powered the Hoyas’ half-opening 24-11 run that tied the game at 52. Derrick Brown hit three straight shots, including a lay-up off a pretty Thomas feed, to put PC ahead, 57-55. The Eagles regrouped to claim a point advantage, but Shammond’s drive and bucket tied the game with 38.1 left and sent the game into overtime.

God Shammond ’99 was a blur as he parted a sea of Hoya defenders. by Michael Carrine

Crosphere put back a Shammond miss to open the extra session, but it was the last time the Friars would lead. BC held a 70-68 advantage when Michael Brown missed the first of two free throws with 6.2 seconds left, then intentionally missed the second. Derrick Brown grabbed the board and was fouled, but he, too, missed the first and then intentionally missed the second.

Michael Brown tracked down the loose ball, but his last second prayer from half court went unanswered, bouncing off the front rim.

“I saw Brown’s shot go in from half court,” a relieved Jim O’Brien, the Eagles’ coach, related afterwards. "This is a victory, it was significant for us, because we’re battling it out with Providence [for the Big East’s fifth seed and possibly an NCAA bid]."

The Hoyas now need to beat Miami on the road Saturday and capture a first-round win Wednesday in the Big East Tournament. If they win both, an NCAA bid is pretty much guaranteed. At least one person thinks the Hoyas are worth it.

“I think Providence has got a damned good team. Those kids played today,” praised no less an authority than John Thompson. "They played very well. They got up for a challenge. They’re trying to get into the tourney, and they deserve to get in based on how they played today.”
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made 25 big saves against the UNH offense. McCabe’s comment that to play UNH “we need a little more adrenaline” proved prophetic. Though senior Sheila Killion wasn’t mentioned by Sunday’s box scores, she played the kind of game that has helped to make PC’s program the best in the country. Killion dug in the corners, poke checked, and did all the other little things that coaches need for a winning team. The adrenaline kicked in during the second period, when the Lady Friars struck three times. Senior Alana Blahowski knocked in her last regular season collegiate goal to start the scoring, and junior Jen Wagner lit the lamp twice. Despite their efforts, PC found itself heading into the third stanza trailing Baker each tailed and UNH in the third period home stretch. McCabe’s slapshot midway through the third found the back of the net and sent the Lady Friars dancing off the ice with an eighth straight win. Baker added an insurance goal late in the period to secure the victory. The UNH upset will be the kind of game that, ten years from now, these Lady Friars will be playing on their tapes recalling their glory days here at PC.

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feature a lot of punch. This year the defense will be led by junior left fielder Pete Tucci. Over the summer, Tucci led the prestigious Cape Cod League in home runs and looks to build on last season’s impressive numbers. He had a .314 batting average as well as 12 home runs and 49 RBIs in just 229 at bats. His home run and RBI totals finished just behind O’Toole’s numbers. Tucci will be joined by the best middle infield in the league. Shortstop John McDonald hit .347 and second baseman Scott Palmieri hit .303, while committing only 23 errors combined in 228 attempts. Third baseman Ryan Kinski and centerfielder Pete Vafiades will add some offense with their .318 and .302 batting averages respectively.

Look for the Friars to be a tough, gritty, smart team that goes as far as their pitching, defense and speed take them. Their goal: Big East champs and an impressive showing at the NCAA’s.

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by John Carchedi '98
Ass. Sports Editor

Even though the regular season is ending and the world is looking ahead to the Fleet Center, the Providence College men's hockey team had something to tie up before the conference tournament.

With a 6-2 win over UNH Friday and a 2-2 tie against Boston College Wednesday, the Friars secured fourth place in the standings, home-ice advantage for the first round of the tournament, and a break from two losses to BU a week earlier.

Perhaps the most important item on the agenda was giving the members of the class of '96 a memorable senior night in their final regular season home game. PC came through with a four-goal, third period barrage to break a 2-2 tie and clinch UNH.

“We're starting to shoot the puck a little bit,” said Friar Head Coach Paul Pooley after Friday's victory. "It's just important to start playing well. I'm excited, because I don't think we're firing on all cylinders yet. We're playing well, but I think we can still play better."

Saturday night, the Minutemen jumped out to a 1-0 lead when forward Sal Manganaro beat Friar goalie Dan Dennie midway through the first. Massachusetts' winger Tom Perry gave the hosts a 2-0 cushion to open the third period, a seemingly concrete advantage as Providence had skated the first two periods with few quality scoring chances.

Finally, the third period momentum from the previous night emerged. Junior center Stefan Brannare finally solved UMass netminder Brian Regan (27 saves) at 10:33 of the third, and just 33 later teammate Erik Sundquist faked a shot and knocked in his third goal of the season. Providence provided more opportunities but ran out of regulation, then mustered just one shot on net in overtime. The shot-out was all Amherst, who outscored the Friars 4-2 to earn the extra point.

“We were pretty happy in the locker room after the game,” said PC co-captain Justin Gould, who sat out the weekend with a separated shoulder suffered a week earlier and is listed as day-to-day. "We didn't get that many opportunities in the first two periods. The team came back nicely."

Gould injured the shoulder in the gutchwrenching, 5-4 OT loss to BU on February 16. The Friars equalized and often out-skated the #2 ranked Terriers for 60 minutes before Jay Pandolfo's score with time winding down in the extra session. The next night, the Terriers dominated, winning 8-1. The losses made Friday's match against Brugneciek's slaphit from the face-off circle deflected off PC defenseman Dan Dennis for a 1-1 tie. Less than a minute later, Friar Joe Halbg's shot at the net was bagged home by teammate Stefan Brannare.

UNH knotted the game 2-2 to start the third. That's the last time the Wildcats' en-joyed themselves, as they were then beaten, banished, and called bad names, victims of a Halbg led, four goal onslaught.

Moments after UNH tallied the equaliz-er, Brannare picked up a puck dropped off by Halbg behind the net, whirled out of the scrum and made Larcherolle look foolish, giving PC a 3-2. Two minutes later, Halbg fired home a nice feed from Kenney. Freestyle Mike Omiocini and junior David Green rounded out the scoring, with assists going to Halbg and junior Russ Gouzov for both.

"After last weekend (against BU), no one knew where we stood confidence-wise," admitted Friar co-captain Joe Halbg, who turned a measly four assists and one goal to lead the victory over UNH. "I think it was a big confidence builder for me and the team."

"At the begin-nning of the year, we had no problem putting the puck in the net," added Halbg. "Now we're working just as hard, but it's taking everything we have to score. But the coaching, the hard work, the discipline, those three things are there. When they score against you, you just want to come right back at them even harder."

Providence closes out the season at Maine Saturday, and then squares off with Boston College for the Hockey East quarterfinals on Thursday, March 7th at Schneider Arena.

Swimming

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6:57.28 and 1:24.98 in the 800 and 200 meter freestyle relays which was good enough for ninth and sixth place. Individually, for the men, Michowicz also swam well in the 200 meter freestyle with a time of 1:41.21.

The Lady Friars also showed flashes of fast swimming in events such as the 400 and 200 freestyle relays. Senior Nancy Harkins, junior Colleen Doyle, sophomore Kerin Newell, and freshmen Gurian Anglim combined for times of 3:33.89 and 1:37.40. Newell also placed seventh in the 50 meter freestyle with a time of 24.30. The event was the highest individual finish for the Lady Friars.

Swimming was dominated by the likes of Villanovan, Miami, Syracuse, and Pittsburgh. Villanovan, who won the Mens side of the tournament, scored a total of 551 points which was only three more than second place Miami. On the women's side, Syracuse captured first place by tallying 629 points which was 48 more than second place Pittsburgh.

At the conclusion of the tournament Miami's Chris Mantilla and Kristel Tellenage were named Big East Outstanding Swimmer's of the Year. Also from Miami, Sid Cassidy was named Big East Women's Coach of the Year while Syracuse's Lou Walker was given the Men's honor.

Providence finishes the 1996 season with a combined dual meet record of 13 and 12 and remained for the 500th year in a row at the end of the school year.

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Tough, Gutty, and Smart

by Mike Fries '97
Sports Writer

"It's getting warm out. The snow is almost all melted and people are starting to wear shorts. You know what that means, it's almost baseball season! While the Red Sox, Dodgers, Cubs, and other major league teams are spring training up in Florida or Arizona, our own Providence College Friars are working out their winter knots and getting ready to defend their first Big East regular season championship.

Last year, Head Coach Paul Kostacopoulos led the Friars to an incredible 44-15 record, 16-5 in the Big East. They lost in the final game of the Big East championship to the hot red hot Pitt Panthers, but still received an at-large invitation to the NCAA's. At the Big dance, they lost a heartbreakingly 6-2 game to the 7th ranked Wichita State Shockers to end the year. The Friars were ranked number one in New England from the beginning to the end of their season.

This year, the Friars return a large portion of that championship team. Coach K. has high expectations.

"This is a new team," said Kostacopoulos. "We are going to have to be ourselves and not try to top what we did last year. However, we are a fast team with good defense and good pitching and should return as the newly competitive Big East."

On the mound, the Friars will be led by a pair of south-paw. Last year, the Big East Pitcher of the Year was junior Mike Macone. He had a 7-4 record with a 3.75 ERA and set PC records for innings pitched (87.1) and strikeouts (79) and hopes to repeat, or build on those numbers in his senior year. Also look- ing for another strong year is sophomore lefty Todd Incantalupo, who won Big East Rookie of the Year honors and was named First Team Freshman All-American.

He was PC's leader in 1995 with over 10 game appearances, posting a 10-1 record and a 2.74 ERA. Incantalupo has thoughts on the new Big East.

The new teams "will make the Big East much more competitive and our schedule much tougher."

Despite losing Big East Player of the Year Bob O'Toole and co-captain J.T. Delvecchio, the Friar's offense will still continue on page 17

Bigger East Challenges PC Swimming

by Ken Martin '99
Sports Writer

As usual, the end of February marks the beginning of the Big East Championship and Division One Championships. This year, however, the Big East got a little bigger with the addition of Notre Dame, Rutgers, and West Virginia to the league. The newly added teams raised the number of tournament participants from ten to thirteen and made the already competitive conference even more opposing.

The Providence College Swimming Team, who travelled to the University of Pittsburgh last Thursday to compete in the Big East Championships, were one of the thirteen teams to be effected by the expanded tournament roster. PC placed ninth and tenth overall compared to last year's sixth and seventh place finishes. PC also finished the four day tour-

nament with a combined point total of 288 which left them 165 behind the number one-

In the men's bracket all three of the new teams, West Virginia, Notre Dame, and Rutgers, placed no lower than eighth and as high as fifth, in their first year of the tournament. Likewise, in the women's standings Notre Dame and West Virginia placed third and seventh respectively. The high finishes for the new schools reflected lower scores by veteran members of the Big East — including Providence — than in previous years.

Despite the big addition to and tough finish, Providence did swim strong against such perennial powers as Miami and Syracuse. In relay events PC's Mark Tartaglione, Paul Nade, Sean Walker, and Jed Michnowicz notched times of

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by Gladys Daniel '99
Sports Writer

After the 1996 NBA season, the Washington Bullets will
be no more. Instead, our nation's capital will support a
team called the Washington "Wizards." And although the
Bullets aren't the first team to change their nickname
(the Cincinnati Royals are now the Sacramento Kings, for
instance), they are probably the first team to do so to try, as
they say, to discourage violence. Indeed, team owner Abe
Pollin decided to go ahead with the change, solely, he says,
because guns and shootings have become so common in D.C..

While Pollin's initiative seems admirable, we cannot
pretend that it will be anything but useless in the fight against
crime, since many drive-by shootings do we think are mo-
tivated by the Bullets' nickname? Do we really believe that a
game will make one year's, pause with his
finger on the trigger just because his home city's NBA team
is now called the Wizards? Give me a break. Baseball fans
in Atlanta, for instance, cheer for the Braves, and even do
the "Tomahawk Chop." But as we well know, the homicide
rate by (tomahawk in Atlanta is zero. Pollin must know, as
the rest of us know, that the nickname change is a smoke
and mirrors tactic that may make him look good, but will
do nothing for violence in the city.

Indeed, the chief person to benefit from this little initia-

tive will be Pollin. In this age of marketing cute mascots,
the Bullets have been left behind. Their current emblems
are two strange, long blue arms with two strange, long blue
hands with a basketball poised between them. Not a sym-
bol that will sell a lot of hats or t-shirts. But it's easy to
imagine cleverly-designed Wizard merchandise that will
appeal to a lot more consumers. If marketing is what Pollin
really has in mind, he shouldn't try to hide it behind be-

nevolence for the city.

But even if Pollin is sincere about the crime problem,
changing the Bullets' nickname, as we said, isn't going to help matters. Pollin should instead try different
tactics, like sending Bullet players to inner-city schools to talk to stu-
dents about violence. Or maybe donating a share of his team's rev-
enues (gasp!) to anti-crime organi-
rations. Only if he follows up this rather useless act with some useful ones will Pollin realize his stated goal. Right now, celebrating the nickname change is like celebrating a halfcourt shot made after the final buzzer. It doesn't count for anything at all.

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The Lady Friars have climbed into February with a 2-0 record and are in the hunt for a share of the ECAC title. The Lady Friars are currently ranked 10th in the nation and are one of the few teams that can still qualify for the NCAA tournament.

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