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## Campus Mourns Double Tragedy

### Murphy Remains in Critical Condition

### Pomerleau's Death NOT the Result of Alcohol

by Mary M. Shaffrey '97  
News Editor

Only about an hour after the college was coming to terms with the fact that one of its own had mysteriously died in Guzman Hall, another student, in a completely unrelated incident, tragically fell over a railing from a third floor balcony of an off-campus apartment, landing 30 feet below, and flat on his head.

Christopher M. Murphy '96 of Greenville, Delaware was attempting to throw trash from one balcony to another, when he lost his balance and his momentum took him over the edge. Murphy, an American Studies Major, was rushed to The Rhode Island Hospital Trauma Unit, and was diagnosed with a fractured skull. He is, as of press time, in critical condition, and is attached to a ventilator. For a while last night he had a high fever, however, it has since gone down four degrees and stabilized.

Rumors that his condition has improved are false, as he has remained the same since Saturday morning.

Students have been partaking in round the clock vigils at the hospital in hopes of seeing some sign of improvement. Murphy's entire family also is here as they travelled overnight on Saturday to reach the hospital as soon as possible.

According to Dr. Richard Testa, Director of the American Studies Program, "Murphy was a good student, who, although



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Christopher M. Murphy '96

he did not speak up in class often, spoke well and contributed a lot to the environment - he did not just go through the motions."

Testa went on to say that he enjoyed having Murphy in his classes and that he often spoke of the future.

A group of off campus residents privately launched a campaign to distribute yellow and black ribbons in support of both young men.

## Counseling Services Aid Those In Need

by Erin Piorek '96  
News Writer

Students on and off campus came together this past weekend to generate hope for two fellow classmates and to provide support for one another.

Groups of students gathered for Mass in Guzman Chapel and '64 Hall on Saturday in memory of freshman Chris Pomerleau and in support of senior Chris Murphy. Others slept on the floor of Rhode Island Hospital, unable to leave each other or the side of their suffering friend.

"The fact that 650 students gathered in '64 Hall, mostly by word of mouth, on Saturday afternoon shows the strength of the community. This was a tremendous response to the grief and suffering that everyone was feeling. Also, at least 30 Dominicans were there to be with the students," Fr. Barranger stated.

After this tragic Friday night at Providence College, the Office of Student Development opened its doors to students and remained open for the rest of the weekend. The Chaplain's Office in Slavin Center has also been counseling students back to back since Saturday.

According to Dr. Hogan, Director and Assistant Dean of Student Development, most of the counselors were in the office all weekend and have maintained contact with students who came to them over that time period. They have also met with students

in the Residence Halls and off campus. "We are working closely with the Chaplain's Office and Residence Life," Hogan said. "This has been a huge team effort."

Student Development is also reaching out to teachers, many of whom are unsure whether they should acknowledge the tragedies in class. Several professors have asked that there be a moment of prayer before class, especially in small classes, to acknowledge the absence of the students.

There are five counselors in Student Services, including Jackie McKay, Dean of Student Development, and Father Guido, a part-time counselor at the Center. According to Dr. Hogan, most students prefer to meet one-on-one with a counselor right now, but several students have already acknowledged the need for group meetings in the future.

Many students have been staying together in groups, avoiding isolation, and seeking help through one another. Father Barranger, Chaplain of Providence College, believes that "the primary care-givers have been the students themselves." He credits students for their strength and feels that this less formal means of student support is very positive.

Father Barranger has found that it is important to be available to students at night, when they might be studying alone in their rooms, and has seen as many students at night as he has during the day.

The Chaplain's Office wants students to

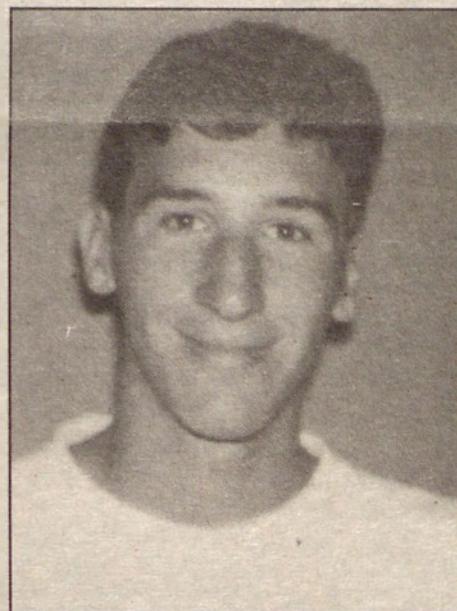
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by Mary M. Shaffrey '97  
News Editor

What should have been a typical weekend at PC suddenly turned into one of the most tragic in recent memory. By sunrise on Saturday, freshman Christopher Pomerleau had died, and many were left to ask, "why?"

After having been out with friends earlier in the evening, Pomerleau returned to Guzman and complained of chest pains. He decided to go to bed and fell unconscious shortly thereafter, with many friends around him waiting for the EMTs and the rescue team to arrive.

"His friends did everything they could and were with him in his time of need," commented Rev. Joseph Barranger, O.P., Chaplain of the College.



courtesy of Student Services

Christopher R. Pomerleau '99

Fr. Barranger rode in the ambulance with Pomerleau to Roger Williams Hospital and administered Last Rites while the rescue teams briefly revived him. Once at Roger Williams, doctors worked for about a half an hour, but to no avail. Pomerleau was pronounced dead at 1:30 a.m. on Saturday morning.

In a press release from the State Medical Examiners' Office on Monday, it was stated that Pomerleau died of "natural causes" and that "toxicology testing revealed no evidence of alcohol or drugs of abuse that could cause death."

Yesterday, the Rhode Island House stood at the close of session for a moment of silence, in remembrance of Pomerleau. RI State Rep. Thomas Palangio (D-8th District) brought forth the motion due to the untimely death.

Palangio commented on why he took this action, and his remorse for the campus by saying, "PC is in my district, and I personally think they (PC) are a wonderful neighbor. I wanted to do this for the family, as well as the school community and young people. I truly feel this is a great tragedy. For many of the students, they must be thinking, 'Oh but for the grace of God go me,' because it could have been them. This was an accident that never should have taken place, and my heart goes out to the family

and the entire PC community."

Pomerleau, a native of Billerica, MA, graduated from Billerica Memorial High School this past spring. He was a member of the soccer and track teams, as well as The National Honor Society. He was also a certified soccer referee and worked with the Billerica Youth Soccer Association. A very active member of St. Theresa's Parish, he served as senior altar server, lector, and worked part-time in the rectory.

Dr. Arthur Jackson, Pomerleau's CIV seminar teacher, expressed his thoughts by saying, "He was a good, solid student. However, he was also your average college student, and that is what makes this whole thing so tragic because so many people can identify with him."

Julie Gibson '98, a friend of the family, described Pomerleau as a great guy who would not hurt a fly. "He was genuinely a nice person, someone who is hard to find. He did a lot at home in his church, and was very close with his family."

Along with his parents, Richard and Kathleen Pomerleau, he is survived by two younger brothers, his paternal grandparents, and several aunts and uncles.

On Saturday, shortly after Pomerleau passed away, there was a spontaneous Mass in Guzman Chapel, primarily for the residents of Guzman as well as his friends. Later that afternoon, approximately 650 people crammed into '64 Hall and the surrounding areas of Slavin, including the Pit, for a Memorial Mass for Pomerleau, as well as a Vigil Mass for Christopher M. Murphy '96. Murphy, in a completely unrelated incident, fell from a third floor balcony of an off-campus apartment on Eaton St. about an hour after Pomerleau's death. He is listed in critical condition at the Rhode Island Hospital Trauma Unit.

Many students are wondering if there will be another memorial service on campus. According to Fr. Barranger, there will most likely be an all-campus Memorial Mass sometime after break. He went on to explain that all of the Masses said this weekend were for the intentions of both students, and that, "they were mobbed." Furthermore, he stated, "All the donations from the Masses this weekend will go to a scholarship fund for the Altar Servers of St. Theresa's Parish. Chris' parents requested, that in lieu of flowers, contributions should be directed there, and so we are honoring that."

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## NEXT ISSUE

Results from  
yesterday's mock  
student election.  
Why did(n't)  
people vote?



# Will There Ever Be Peace in Northern Ireland? Student Reflects on 'Peaceful' Trip to N. Ireland

by Michelle L. Anderson '98  
Contributing Writer

This past summer my friend and I visited Belfast, Northern Ireland. Due to the existing cease-fire between the Irish Republican Army and the British government, I was presented with a unique opportunity to see the section of Belfast which has been plagued with violence since 1969, in a battle to determine whether or not Northern Ireland should be ruled by the British or allowed to be united with the Republic of Ireland.

If we had journeyed to Ireland before the cease-fire, which began seventeen months earlier, we would have been very hesitant to visit the North at all. After the cease-fire began, a substantial amount of British troops were removed from the streets and the tense feelings which had hung over the city diminished.

We took a public bus from our youth hostel into West Belfast. West Belfast is divided into two main sections. The Falls Road and the Shankill Road separate the Catholic and Protestant neighborhoods. Our bus traveled along the Falls Road, in the Catholic section.

Our bus driver came back to speak with us while waiting to start his route. He was extremely friendly and quite open with us. He discussed how the cease-fire was the best thing that could have happened to the country. He related stories of how he worked every day driving a very dangerous route through West Belfast, never knowing if someone would stick another gun to the back of his

head. He said that he now feels much safer. I remarked that the city seemed very peaceful and was awed by the lack of military presence on the streets. I will never forget the relieved look on his tired and aging face as he simply said, "Thank God."

That man was the first person that I thought of while watching the evening news on Friday, February 10th. A bomb exploded in London, killing two people and causing an estimated \$230 million in damage. The IRA declared the cease-fire over and what lies ahead is unclear.

Apparently the peace talks between the British government and Sinn Fein, the IRA's political wing, had come to a stalemate. Neither side was willing to compromise their own agenda in order to bring permanent peace to Northern Ireland. The British government had demanded that the IRA would have to turn in their hidden arsenal before Sinn Fein would be allowed to participate in all-party talks. The IRA was vehemently opposed to this action because it would be tantamount to a surrender, and the Unionists, the pro-British forces in northern Ireland who also have a violent past, were not given the same stipulation.

It remains unclear whether or not the IRA plans to return to violence. Most hoped that the bombing was an isolated incident, but on Thursday, February 13th, another warning was telephoned in using IRA code words. A bomb was found and destroyed in the West End of London. Three weeks ago, another IRA bomb exploded on a public bus in London.

An Phoblacht, Sinn Fein's weekly newspaper, printed an interview in which an IRA official stated that they "will continue to assert Irish national rights in the face of British denial for as long as necessary."

Unfortunately, the streets of Belfast did not remain as peaceful as I had remembered them for very long. Only a few hours after the bombing, "the trappings of pretence Belfast returned for the first time in more than a year. Police donned bullet-proof vests, security checkpoints sprung up and British soldiers, long confined to barracks, were on the street again, their berets replaced by combat helmets." The British government had ordered 500 troops be sent back into Belfast.

I was very disappointed with the ending of the cease-fire and extremely worried about what was to come. I was also extremely frustrated with the lack of awareness displayed by the Providence College community in regards to this volatile situation. I was extremely curious to know how people our age in Ireland and England would be affected by the ending of the cease-fire and I wanted to hear their personal opinions and hopes for the future of the peace talks.

PC students Paul McNamara '98, Gary Blair '98, and Ben Noad '99 spoke candidly about their reactions to the ending of the cease-fire, and what they think went wrong. They also gave their predictions for what the future might hold.

McNamara, a native of Galway, Ireland, said: "Personally, I was quite upset about it, because I was delighted when the cease-fire took place. I think the IRA was rapidly losing support while it was still bombing seventeen months ago. Everyone was jubilant when they called the cease-fire. At home people were in their cars, beeping their horns; it was a festival. Everyone thought this was peace so the fact that they've come back and started the violence, they're really going to lose any of the support that they had."

The same disappointment is shared by Blair '98, from Dublin, Ireland. "It was a terrible thing. It shouldn't have happened. I think it's evident that no one gained anything by it. It's a bit of a disgrace really. I think that there was a bit of dissatisfaction in the IRA concerning Gerry Adams, the Sinn Fein leader. They originally saw him as their man that would speak for them and almost do what they wanted. The problem was that with all the delays and very tedious talking, some of their members got very impatient with Gerry Adams. I think that was what really happened."

From Bath, England, Noad '99 believes that the bombing "just sets everything back now. They were making progress. It will be inter-

esting to see what happens now." Noad feels that most English people are extremely disappointed in the ending of the cease-fire because they thought that this was an end to the violence.

McNamara disagreed with the idea that the talks were making progress. He said that "the main problem with the cease-fire all along was that both the IRA and the British government would not allow the IRA to participate in the peace talks until they surrendered their arms. There was no practical value other than just politics and it all came down to votes. That's what set back the peace talks and that's what set it back in action. I don't think anyone expected the fighting to start again, not the way it did."

"There is nothing really happening [in the southern part of Ireland], so it is very easy to forget the level of violence up there," said Blair. "The main experience we would have would be problems going up North and going through the checkpoints. When you [would] go up North, in and around Belfast, there [were] guns everywhere."

McNamara said that "before the cease-fire you were definitely intimidated going through the border, there was always a military presence. Since the cease-fire, all the road blocks have been taken down. There was a much more pleasant atmosphere."

All three hold an uncertain and skeptical view of what the future holds. "I'm not sure if it will start up again, but the talks stopped straight away. They'll have to wait for it to all settle down before they start again. It will be months before they start talking again," said Noad.

Blair feels that "it's very difficult to think what is going to happen. The IRA is looking for something they can't get. I don't see a solution to the violence."

McNamara said, "I don't know if the violence will continue, for instance if the loyalists are going to start bombing again in retaliation. No one has any right to start the violence again. Someone with a diplomatic edge has got to step in and mediate."

Last November, while watching CNN, I witnessed something that I thought I would never see. A little Catholic girl and a Protestant boy from West Belfast held each other's hands and welcomed President Clinton to their city. Thinking back, I remember the tears coming to my eyes and now I pray to have the chance to see that again.

President Clinton reacted to the recent turn of events by saying, "The people of Northern Ireland have chosen peace. They do not deserve to have a small group choose bloodshed and violence and wreck the peaceful lives they long for."

## Commentary

# all the nameless faces

by Emily Benfer '99  
Contributing Writer

there are countless times in our lives when we allow the preciousness of life to slip from our minds. sometimes we would rather live to the fullest and satisfy our own urges and needs than look around us and into the lives of others: there isn't anything wrong with becoming absorbed in our own personal circle of friends but if we keep building and fortifying the walls around the circle we just might not be able to break it down. as the day is lived and discarded into the past, we each see countless numbers of people but how many of those people were friends and how many were nameless faces that do not concern us? behind each one of those faces is and individual. every individual knows something you don't, learn from them. every individual has a quality within that is worth discovering and capable of having an impact on us.

*from every new soul you encounter,  
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soul and as the light grows, it will  
warm your heart*

looking into those discarded days, i recognize one in particular. on that day i gave a person, with what was to me a nameless face, a penny for his thoughts. he said, in exchange, "personality." in his life he has learned of all the different souls and has found that within each is a remarkable personality. it is, in my belief, our responsibility to replace the nameless faces with friends. think of all those people who have already reached the end of this life, think of all the qualities they possessed as individuals. it is too late to learn from them, to love them.

from every new soul you encounter, a piece of light is placed in your soul, and as the light grows, it will warm your heart.

having said all that, i have one question. if you were on your death bed and could tell only one person that you loved them, who would it be? what are you waiting for?

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## \*CORRECTION\*

A news article that appeared in last week's issue of *The Cowl* (2/29) contained an erroneous quote. At no time did Carolyn Ryan, Director of Off-Campus Housing, advise students that "protective precautions (are) having windows nailed shut." Actually, Ms. Ryan advised off-campus residents to make sure they have working locks on all doors and windows. In fact, Ms. Ryan strongly advises against the practice of nailing windows shut, as it is a danger and a fire hazard.



# The Perspective of Faith

by Rev. Joseph Barranger, O.P.  
Chaplain of the College

A husband and wife whose six-month old baby had died were grief-stricken. The death occurred in Pakistan where the couple was living at the time. A kind and wise old man who heard of their grief came to comfort them. "A tragedy like this," he said, "is just like being plunged into boiling water. If you are an egg, your affliction will make you hard-boiled and unresponsive. If you are a potato, you will emerge soft and pliable, resilient, and adaptable." The mother took these words to her heart and carried them with her over the years. She now says, "It may sound funny to God, but there have been many times when I have prayed, 'O Lord, please let me be a potato'."

When we think about how we feel about the tragedy of last weekend, we may wish that we could be an egg. It would certainly be easier if we were "hard-boiled and unresponsive." We could simply numb ourselves to feeling shock, grief, pain, or fear. We could move on with our lives without missing a beat. But this isn't the way it is for most of us. We have to put up with being a potato. Together we suffer, grieve, pray, and hope. Even students, faculty, and staff who didn't know Chris Pomerleau or Chris Murphy are affected by

them. We ask ourselves, "How could this have happened?" "Why?" There aren't any easy answers, and it's hard to make sense out of two tragedies that seem to be senseless. I know that so many students on this campus are saying to themselves, "It could have been me." But it wasn't. It was someone else. We are the ones who are left to pick up the pieces, and to try and cope with the sense of confusion, pain, and loss.

At times like this, we need the perspective of faith to get us through the mess. Our faith in God, and in the resurrection from the dead, will help us to find some meaning in all of the tragedy. Faith won't take away the grief, but it gives us the assurance that the wound will eventually heal. I am convinced that if we look hard enough, we will see signs of new life springing up around campus already. This kind of new life can only happen in a community of faith. It's been amazing to see students supporting one another, or spending all night in Guzman chapel to celebrate Mass and be together. Others slept on an emergency room floor because they refuse to give up on a friend. Tuesday night a busload of freshmen arrived at Chris Pomerleau's wake and embraced his family to support them in their grief. Chris's parents told me that they were overwhelmed by the love they felt

from PC students. So many people have forgotten about themselves and have reached out to someone else. This is the real story about our community that never makes the local papers.

But what happens after this week is over? The Mass in '64 Hall is behind us, the initial shock will wear off, and students will leave for Spring Break. But does that mean that the grief will simply disappear? It won't be that easy for any of us. The sorrow and the grief will stay with a great many people, and we'll have to allow them to express it. If someone you know is having a hard time, be patient and take the time to listen. If you see someone withdrawing into a sad isolation, try to let them know that they are not alone. The classmates and friends of Chris Murphy will continue to pray and hope for their friend, but they will have to begin to live their own lives again, too. And nobody should feel guilty about that. As people of faith, we honor the lives of our friends by living our own lives the best way that we can. A life that's lived better, a life that's lived more selflessly, a life that makes a difference, is proof that our friend has affected us in a lasting way.

After the break there will be an opportunity to come together again

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## Student's Death Touches All

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The last time a student died on campus was during the Aquinas fire of 1977. In this tragic event, ten female residents of Aquinas perished. Six years ago today, two roommates died while flying an airplane. Scott Lyons '91 had just received his pilot's license. He, and his roommate Greg Aucoin '91 went up for a small ride near Smithfield, RI, and did not return. A memorial to them is located between DiTraglia and Mal Brown.

The possibility of the Men's Basketball Team wearing black armbands as a sign of mourning during the upcoming Big East Tournament was discussed briefly on Monday afternoon. According to John Marinato, Athletic Director, the team is not planning on doing this, however "this could be change if Fr. Smith requested it."

The mood of students on campus is very somber. Many feel as though they are in the middle of a

terrible nightmare and are waiting desperately to wake up. Others are walking around quietly, with little to laugh or joke about.

"It is so sad, and like a zone - very difficult to describe. While people are trying to go about their business, you can clearly see that both incidents are weighing heavily on their minds," commented Jacqueline Lamarre '99.

The funeral Mass is scheduled for tomorrow morning at 10 a.m. Student Congress will be providing buses (see sidebar for schedule). According to Rev. J. Stuart McPhail, Vice President of Student Services, while classes will still be held, any student who wants to attend the Mass should speak with his or her individual professors regarding make-ups. He stated, "I cannot imagine professor having a problem with students wishing to attend the Mass, and if there are any problems, students can come see me and we will work something out."

## Wake and Funeral Schedule

**Wake:** Tonight 7-9 p.m. at St Theresa's Church  
**Funeral:** Tomorrow at 10 a.m. at St. Theresa's Church

Buses will be provided to the funeral. Sign up sheets are available in the Chaplain's Office, Slavin 211. Directions will also be provided for those who either wish to attend the Wake tonight, or want to drive separately tomorrow.

## Diversity? At PC?

by Erin R. King '98  
Asst. News Editor

After a successful Black History Month in February, The Balfour Center for Multicultural Affairs is preparing several more observances to "honor one another's importance and significance." This month is Womens' History Month, and April brings Asian and Pacific Heritage Month as well as Holocaust Memorial Day on April 16.

Dr. Wilesse Comissiong, Dean of the Balfour Center, remarked that these holidays and observations allow us all to focus on groups that had previously been underrepresented, gaining greater awareness and sensitivity.

A lot of people at PC have been saying "We need more diversity on this campus." However, what most students do not know

is that by participating in the numerous cultural events held on this campus, they can get to know their classmates from other backgrounds and gain a new understanding of other cultures.

As Dr. Comissiong remarked in regards to February's Black and Hispanic Health Fair, "It's for anyone who has a blood pressure." The fair, which focused primarily on diseases and maladies that challenge the health of these two specific groups, would be especially relevant to Education, Sociology, Social Work, and Health Policy majors—to educate those who will work with people in their chosen careers.

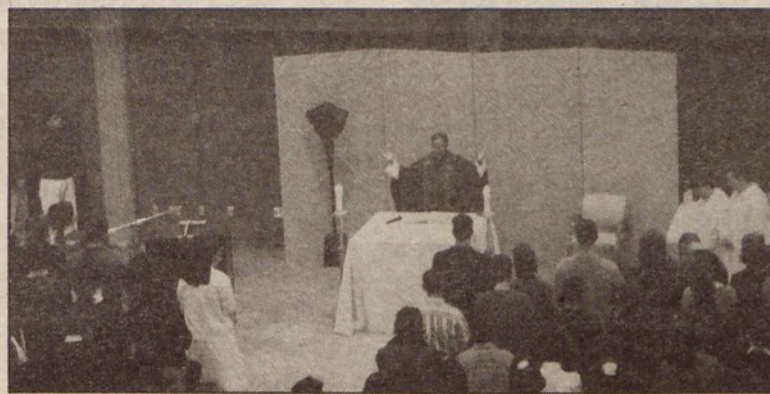
The question at the heart of the diversity issue is, who will not be working with people from different backgrounds in the future? "Soon the United States will look like the world," Dr. Comissiong noted.

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know that it is never necessary to make an appointment to talk to someone. Students should feel free to call or walk into the office at any time.

The strength and closeness of the Providence College community has provided friends of Chris Murphy and Chris Pomerleau with support and hope. Students, faculty, and community members should continue to pray for the friends and family of Chris Pomerleau, and for improvement in Chris Murphy's condition.



by Jennifer Piehler

Fr. Barranger leads the Mass on Saturday for both Chris Pomerleau '99 and Chris Murphy '96

# PC Hosts Special Olympics

by Tammy Ledoux '99  
News Writer

Congratulations Burrillville-winner of the 1996 PC Special Olympics Basketball Tournament.

The Rhode Island Special Olympics in cooperation with PSO sponsored a basketball workshop and tournament for area Olympians on Saturday, March 2. The event was coordinated by the Chairperson of the Special Olympics Committee of PSO, Jennifer Campbell '98 and Chris Hopkins of the Rhode Island Special Olympics.

According to Campbell, the tournament has been held at PC for a few years. This is the second and the largest Special Olympics event held this year.

The day began at 9:00 a.m. The Olympians were divided into two groups—the lesser skilled participants were taught skills such as shooting and dribbling in Alumni Gymnasium, while the more skilled participants as-

sembled in Peterson for the tournament.

Sarah Walker '99 and Anne-Marie Ruppert '99 volunteered in the skills department.

"I helped them dribble and I kept score during the basketball games," said Walker. "It's a lot of fun. The Olympians were a lot of fun to work with."

"I was at the rebounding station,"

replied Ruppert. "I recorded how many rebounds they could do in a 30 second period. Each location around the gym had different skills. It was fun for all the people who weren't able to advance to the games. They were really proud of themselves and they rooted each other on."

The Olympians were treated to lunch and a dance in Alumni Cafe.

After lunch, the games concluded



by Jennifer Campbell

Ann Gawle '98 and Michelle Anderson '98 with a few new friends.

## Spring Concert

by Jessica Cotrone '99  
News Writer

Sunday night, musicians from all over New England gathered in '64 Hall to present to family and friends the Providence College Festival Band.

Over seventy high school students, along with members of the Providence College Band and selected people from the United States Air Force Band of Liberty, played selections for over an hour, much to the delight of the audience. One woman commented, "This is just the thing I need to lift my spirits after the winter we've had."

Rev. Thomas McGonigle,

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# Food Services Review, Ready to Serve in May

by Theresa Edo '96  
Editor-In-Chief

Raymond caf, Alumni in Slavin, even Mural lounge. These places are fixtures on our campus. Students, faculty, staff, and even local residents flock to these establishments daily. But do we all take them for granted? Are they truly serving us in the best way possible?

These places, in fact, the college's entire food services operation, have been under review since November. According to Michael Frazier, vice president for business and finance, the school is attempting to discover the most cost effective way to deliver competitive, quality food services. The survey is not explicitly intended to hire an outside contractor to "take over" the various cafeterias, as rumored.

The college hired the Washington, D.C. firm of Cini-Little International, Inc. to conduct an internal and external assessment of the food services operation at PC. The two-part study will examine not only

the on-campus cafeterias, but such facets of food service as the college's facilities, food delivery, hours of operation, and creative meal plans. The college hopes to answer the question, "How do you feed the college student of the '90s?"

"We need an independent review of our food services," said Frazier, "(because) we want to be more competitive. Students are why we are here and food services is an important element of campus life."

"I think any changes would be good," said Tim Ford '99, who works in Alumni Cafeteria. "I have seen the cafeterias at my friends' schools that are run by Marriott and they're pretty nice."

"I think it really depends on what these changes would consist of," said Maggie Guillory '96, a food service worker in Raymond Cafeteria.

In conducting Phase I of the study in November and December Cini-Little assessed the needs of the school currently and the ones it will have in the future. The company conducted site visits and inter-

viewed a number of people on campus, including representatives from Athletics, Alumni/Development, College Events, the Dominican Community, the Student Congress, Student Services, and the Faculty Senate. The results of this initial phase were reported last month in *The Cowl*. They included an improved salad bar, a nightly vegetarian entree, and extended hours in Raymond.

"They never had this kind of food when I ate in the caf!" said Natalie Leduc '96 in reference to the new vegetarian option available at dinner. This is the first year Natalie has worked in Raymond.

The college is currently engaged in Phase II, which is an external assessment of what outside, full-service food vendors have to offer the college. Cini-Little chose nine companies to receive their Request for Proposal, a formal document asking food service companies what they have to offer PC. So far, seven have shown an interest in submitting their own financially qualified proposals to the college. Repre-

sentatives from these companies toured the campus on Monday, February 26, in an effort to answer additional questions. The companies must submit proposals by Wednesday, March 20.

"We'll look at everything from student and faculty/staff dining to the priority, even vending machines," said Frazier.

Many who work at each of the on-campus dining rooms are concerned about the ramifications if the college should choose to go with one of the outside food service providers. Mark McGovern, director of purchasing and receiving, emphasized that a decision has not been reached as of yet. The college will not make one until May of this year.

Representatives from the administrative staff of Raymond Cafeteria were unwilling to comment on the situation.

"I have mixed feelings about a new company coming in to the caf," said Jon Caparso '97, who works at Raymond Hall. Alumni worker Rachel Gameau '97 appears to agree with Caparso. She says,

"All students here complain about the food, but at the same time it's really not that bad!"

The independent food study was driven by several factors, said Frazier. Existing students and their parents have frequently made comments to Student Services about the college's food services and meal plans. The Admissions Department regularly reports that when potential students and their parents visit the college, food services is given equal weight with room accommodations, and recreational facilities. Also, the work of Student Congress' Food and Socialization Committee contributed leant itself to the impetus of study.

with reports compiled from  
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## Faith

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to pray for Chris and Chris. But next week we'll all need to take a break. Even though Chris Murphy remains in the hospital, the best thing that any of us can do is to take some time away to reflect, rest, and regroup. In the meantime, we'll all remember to pray for the Pomerleau and Murphy families. We ask God to welcome Chris Pomerleau into the joy of the Kingdom, and we keep Chris Murphy close to us with this prayer: Lord, our God, you watch over us in unfailing care, keep us in the safe embrace of your love. With your strong hand raise up our brother Chris and give him the strength of your own power. Touch him in his illness, so that he may have from you the help he longs for. Amen.

## Pets

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\* Location— Most college housing does not permit pets and pet-owning students can risk eviction or even suspension for violation of campus policy. Roommates should also be considered. Not everyone is animal friendly and allergies to animals can also complicate matters.

\* Vacations— Students will have to make plans for their pet during semester breaks and vacations. Pets are not always welcome at home and boarding kennels can be expensive and unsuitable for long stays. Shockingly, many students faced with this dilemma may even abandon their pets to fend for themselves. Animal abandonment is a seasonal, occurrence around colleges. The lucky ones end up in animal shelters while the less fortunate ones suffer from starvation, disease, injury, and abuse.

\* Time— Studies and activities can consume most of a college student's time. Dogs and cats are social animals, and they require attention, play and exercise—an ignored, bored pet generally means a destructive pet.

\* Group Living— Pets thrive on consistency. A regular feeding/exercise/toilet schedule is imperative, and consistent training methods must be established. In a group situation, such as a fraternity or sorority, animals can become confused when conflicting signals are given.

"Instead of entering into a long-term relationship that pet ownership demands, students who care about animals should consider working with animal protection groups on campus or contacting their local animal shelter about volunteer opportunities," says Hornreich.

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## P.I.E. Changes Fribourg Program

As a result of declining enrollment, Providence-in-Europe, the study abroad office, has announced that changes will be implemented affecting the sponsorship of the program at the University of Fribourg, Switzerland. Since 1968 PC and La Salle University of Philadelphia have co-sponsored the American College Program at Fribourg. Over the years, hundreds of PC students have studied in Switzerland, and the program represented the primary destination of study abroad students. However, during the last few years, as the number of students electing to study French and German declined, enrollment at Fribourg dropped to an all time low in the current year. An intermediate level proficiency in French or German was required for the program.

Applications for the 1996-1997 academic year are now completed, and only one full-year student and two spring semesters applied for Fribourg. This drastic reduction in enrollment has resulted in a decision by the College to withdraw from the co-sponsorship of the program with La Salle, but La Salle will continue to operate the program under its own auspices. This means that PC students can still participate in the program,

enrolling through La Salle.

James Flanagan, Director for Study Abroad, stated that he has discussed the situation with Dr. Bernhardt Blumenthal, Director of La Salle-in-Europe, and that La Salle will be most pleased to accept PC students for Fribourg.

The change, which certainly represents a significant administrative shift, will have relatively little impact upon those students who wish to go to Fribourg, since it is expected to that La Salle will continue to operate the program with its current structure. A full-time resident director will remain on-site. Some changes may be possible in the course selection which has been offered under the direct sponsorship of the American College Program, but details of these potential changes are not completed.

Mr. Flanagan emphasized that the study abroad program will continue to offer the Fribourg option and that students should be assured of the continued quality of the program under La Salle's direction. Any students interested in obtaining more information about the program — or any other study abroad opportunity — should visit the Providence-in-Europe office in Harkins Hall, Room 307.

## Warning to Pet Owners

Many college students are often anxious to adopt a pet after experiencing their first taste of independent living. The Humane Society of the United States (HSUS) warns that during hectic college years, pet ownership can be a big mistake with tragic consequences for the animal involved.

"College students thinking about getting a companion animal should ask themselves if they really know what lies in the future. A dog or cat, whose life expectancy is at least ten to fifteen years, needs a life-long home," says Janet Hornreich of the HSUS. "Students should make the responsible decision to defer pet ownership until their lives are more stable and secure."

Pet ownership is not only a big responsibility, it's an expensive one. Students considering a pet should understand that animals need constant and consistent care. "Animals can't take care of themselves," says Hornreich. "They are totally dependent on their owners for companionship, food, shelter and veterinary care."

Those students convinced they are ready for pet ownership should consider the following factors:

\*Money— Costs for pet care can be enormous. Cat care costs can average well over \$500 a year, while caring for a dog can run over \$1,000. Even small animals such as rabbits or guinea pigs can be costly.

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## Band Brings Sounds of Spring to PC

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O.P., Vice President of Academic Affairs, expressed the same sentiments when he welcomed the crowd of over 200 to Providence College. He reflected that music has enormous influence on people and perceived the concert as a "taste of spring in the midst of winter."

Christopher T. Kelton, D.M., was the host director of the festival. He organized the diverse band with the intent to "let PC students get to know other bands in the community." He thanked the Providence College students especially for putting up people from out of state, showing them around, and most importantly for their hard work and dedication.

The United States Air Force Band of Liberty was asked to come and perform with the Festival Band. Sitting in on two rehearsals, these band members practiced with the students and also held clinics to give suggestions and critique the individuals playing style. This was a helpful opportunity for the students to get expert advice on their strengths and weaknesses.

The first set, consisting of five songs by composers such as Mozart and Holburne, was performed by the Colonial Brass section of the USAF Band of Liberty. Before each song was performed, a little information was given as to the composer and the arranger of the piece.

Following this was a five song set played by the New England Wind Quintet of the USAF Band of Liberty. Pieces from the famous George Gershwin opera *Porgy and Bess* were performed. Ending with the hit song "Never Had a Friend Like Me" from the movie *Aladdin* was also special, since it was arranged by a member of the Band of Liberty, George Pierce.

The final set was performed by the Providence College Festival Band. All the students came together to perform such songs as the *Star Trek* theme

and a special march named "ESD March" which had never been played by a civilian band before this. SMSgt. Nicholas Zaricki, USAF, was the guest director of this special and unique combination.

The concert was a great success, and the Providence College students feel the experience was a positive one.

Meeting the high school students seemed the best part of the concert, as Sara Beaverstock '99, explained. "It was fun. It gave the high school students an insight to PC life. I learned a lot."



The band ensemble at Sunday's Concert in '64 Hall. by Jennifer Piehler



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# Community: PC's Greatest Strength in Time of Need

by Theresa Edo '96  
Editor-In-Chief

*"The best memorial that could be offered for the victims... would be one of dedication to a better future," Rev. Thomas R. Peterson, O.P., former PC president, in his Jan. 13, 1978 letter addressing the Aquinas fire.*

Anyone who heard about the events of this past weekend was affected in some way. While some people were more closely involved with these two completely unrelated incidents than others, an immeasurable number have followed the reports with watchful eyes. Our story has reached television, radio, and newspapers all over New England. No camera crew or journalist, however, can capture the feelings of shock, sadness, and frustration found on and off campus.

These feelings of grief, however, are naturally bringing with

them a sense of concern. Along with the isolation comes a true sense of compassion. Individual members of the community, family, and friends have united not only to console one another, but to engage in the growth process that comes with suffering. The college and the personalities who comprise it are responding with courage in a multitude of ways. For example, personal counselors are working overtime and black and yellow ribbons dot the campus and the neighborhood. One of my roommates remarked, "I have never been so proud to be a part of Providence College."

I agree with her because the strength I have witnessed in my fellow students gives me a great deal of inspiration. Right now people are trying to find something they can hold onto, something that might guide them through one of the most confusing times PC has seen in years. Had these incidents

occurred even within the same school year, they would have been difficult to accept. However, the unlikely twist of fate that scheduled them during the same morning played a cruel joke on us. It is now up to the men and women of

As Fr. Barranger expressed in his homily on Saturday afternoon, there are no words adequate for this situation. There is no way to make the pain disappear. I truly believe, though, that the family that is Providence College can be

and are both vibrant young men with many friends and many dreams, and it is not fair that these tragedies had to point out how invaluable human life is.

Out of respect and sympathy for Christopher R. Pomerleau and with best wishes for the swift recovery of Christopher M. Murphy, *The Cowl* has altered its production so that we can inform the PC community of what has and is occurring as soon as possible. Our thoughts and prayers are with both families and their friends at this time.

The Cowl invites any concerned individuals to submit letters or reflections dealing with the events of this past weekend. Also, pictures of Chris Pomerleau and Chris Murphy are welcome. The grieving process is often aided by discussion and reflection and *The Cowl* offers itself as a medium for this type of expression.

## The college and the personalities who comprise it are responding with courage in a multitude of ways.

this college to realize the value and fragility of life. One of our members has left us, while another's condition remains critical; but we can all gain a stronger sense of our own worth and of the value of others as human beings and live accordingly.

a great source of strength during this perplexing time. The sole concern here is not only to memorialize Chris Pomerleau, but to take heart that Chris Murphy is still alive, although at press time he is still in very serious condition at Rhode Island Hospital. They were

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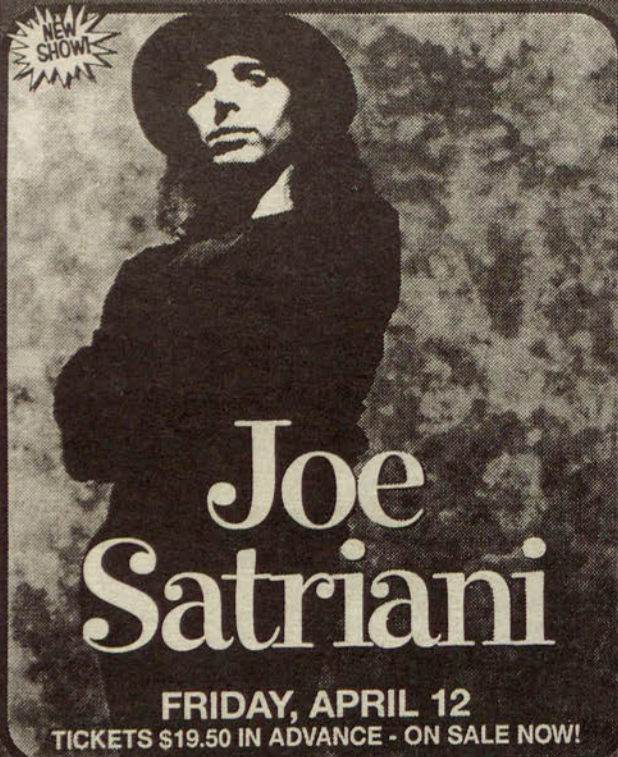
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## Editor's Remarks

The Arts & Entertainment staff would like to dedicate this section to the memory of Christopher R. Pomerleau. The sadness which emanates from the grieving hearts of this campus permeates through everything we now do. Whether attending classes, walking the paths between buildings, or trying to create a newspaper, the reality of this tragedy breaks through our minds; nothing is easy.

The one thing which must now bring us together is the hope that Christopher M. Murphy will survive. For some of us, he is a stranger, for others a good friend; but what he is, is a representation of everyone on this campus.

While we mourn the tragic death of Christopher R. Pomerleau and life-threatening accident of Christopher M. Murphy as a community, we also extend our deepest sympathy to their families and close friends. Let both of these young men and their loved ones be in our hearts and in our prayers.

- The A&E Staff



# The Atomic Grill

by Pete "Shaggy" Keenan '99  
A&E Writer

with special thanks and mad props to Jocelyn Kepko '99

Even the most culinary-tolerant PC student will agree that the food at Ray's gets pretty boring after a while. After all, there is a limit to how many Chicken Cordon Bleu's one can stomach over the course of a semester. Even Ronzio's will

amount of herbs, spices and pepper, it was truly a delicious meal. And the specially-prepared mashed potatoes the Atomic Grill has crafted with light spicy flavoring is also a sure-fire smile-bringer.

I am pretty sure that even if Ray served good food on a regular basis, I still wouldn't like it, simply because the atmosphere is far too drab and mundane. The Atomic Grill, however, is anything but usual. Signs on the rest room

## Everything about the place is pragmatic, yet classy.

start to bore you after about the tenth pizza of the week. Face it — eating institutionalized food over a long duration of time inspires apathy, disgust, and sometimes even insanity. In the words of H.L. Mencken, "There comes a time in every man's life when he must spit on his hands, raise the black flag of impunity and slit some throats." Lads and lasses, in my private hell of repetitive menus it was time for me to slit some throats. I took to the city in search of a decent meal.

The Atomic Grill, with its nuclear-era mood motif and its exotic selection of entrees, was the perfect place to redeem my view of edible treats and to coax my taste buds out of hiding. Even though the place is an obvious hangout for Generation X drifters and quasi-intellectual Bohemian Renaissance men, you cannot beat the food or the portion sizes.

One word: quesadillas. Not only are they sure to tempt your tummy with their entrancing aroma and succulent taste, but the order is big enough to be a meal almost in and of itself. Speaking of large portions, the steak I ordered was probably half the size of the side of beef it came from. Expertly seasoned with the right

doors warn would-be relievers that hazardous materials are held within, and the first thing you see upon entering the place is a large model of some funky atom. Everything about the place is pragmatic, yet classy. For example, the tables are without table cloths, but the black glass tables are pretty cool. All the decor fits into the same theme as well, from the drawings on the walls to the funky glossy menus.

The Atomic Grill is located at 99 Chestnut Street, near Johnson and Wales University. Reservations are not required and the attire is casual. The average price on an entree at the Atomic Grill is between \$10 and \$12. In addition, on Monday nights, there is live jazz music.

And so, my story concludes. The Atomic Grill served as a religious revelation to me, restoring my faith in the concept that some day after PC I'll have enough money to eat real food on a regular basis. Should you decided to slit a throat or two of your own, the Atomic Grill comes with my highest regard. And if you have the cojones to do so, for I did not, order the Sin and Sex Cake for dessert, advertised as "six inches of pure pleasure."

# There is no Leaving Las Vegas

by Megan Southard '98  
A&E Writer

A hooker gets picked up by some guy on the street, they spend the night talking, fall in love, and move in together. Sounds like

*Pretty Woman*, right? Except this time the scenario is much more realistic and not so pretty. Yes, *Leaving Las Vegas* is about a hooker and an ordinary guy falling in love, except that the guy is not so ordinary and this film no where near resembles a fairy tale.

Nicholas Cage plays Ben, a raging alcoholic who used to be a top guy in the film industry, used to have a wife and child, but quickly lost everything due to his drinking. This is probably the most brutally realistic portrayal of alcoholism in

a hooker played by Elizabeth Shue. She is a luxury that deviates from his suicide-by-booze plan. Ben takes her home, but doesn't want to have sex with her. He only wants her to talk or to listen. Somehow their screwed up existences match up, and they find love

and comfort in each other, in between the alcoholic binges and turning tricks.

The acting performances of both Shue and Cage are outstanding. Cage does an amazing job at a believable portrayal of an addict, completely taken over by the disease. His character has a certain

flair for drama, that breaks your heart as you watch him destroy himself — an act that you know is completely inevitable. For him, there is no redemption or rescue. He knows exactly what he is, and

This is probably the most brutally realistic portrayal of alcoholism in film.

Some how their screwed up existences match up, they find love and comfort in each other, in between the alcholic binges and turning tricks.

film. In movies, the drunk is always a cliché. He's the guy at the bar, pouring his life into a glass, going home to beat his wife and kids. In *Leaving Las Vegas*, Ben has no intention of quitting. The movie opens with him dancing around the liquor store, filling a shopping cart with bottles. After being fired from his job, he heads to Las Vegas, figuring he has just enough money to drink himself to death.

In Las Vegas he picks up Sera,

falls in love with Sera because she accepts him. Elizabeth Shue displays the best performance of her career. (Her acting has come a LONG way since *Adventures in Babysitting*.) As Sera accepts Ben's drinking, he accepts how her money is made. Shue's character is the victim of violence and gang rape in the movie. The role will undoubtedly earn her recognition, if not an Academy Award.

The cinematography in the film is amazing, and is fitting to the disturbing subject matter. The movie is not meant to show the pretty aspect of the lifestyles of the characters. There are some intensely surrealistic shots — flashbacks of Sera being beaten and raped, Ben speeding down the highway, downing a bottle of Vodka in a few swift gulps. It is not filmed like a music video — in the same way that ruined *Natural Born Killers*. Instead, its subtlety and irony make it more of a piece of art than a Hollywood money-maker. The movie also features a great soundtrack, including performances by Sting. This movie comes highly recommended, but be prepared. It is a beautiful but extremely disturbing film.

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# A Music Man

by Venessa Anderson '99  
A&E Writer

Most people don't realize how much music is incorporated into their lives. It's everywhere. It's in the alarm clock that wakes you up in the morning. It's in the shower when you have that song stuck in your head. Music is with you when you take your walkman running. It's there when you're watching

variation techniques, Conley split this love song into nine sections; the first section being the theme with the eight variations following. The text is essentially about the love a young maiden has for her lover, John Riley, even though he has been gone for three years. The song, with its mild foreshadowing in the background music and inverted canons, is an accomplishment for Conley, even though it's still in the experimental process. "John Riley" has yet to be performed in its entirety, and until that

For a privileged few, music is their life.

TV or a movie. Music is in church, at parties, and in your bedroom. If you wanted to escape music, you'd probably be shunned from civilization. For a privileged few, music is their life. Professor Mark Conley is one of those few, and Providence College is fortunate enough to have him as a teacher. Prof. Conley has recently joined the staff in the

can be done, Conley is still a bit worried if the piece will flow. Like "Deer Chase," the piano accompaniment for "John Riley" doesn't directly correspond with the lyrics. The piano is used as a tool to mesh conceptual and internal ideas with the words. For example, in the third variation of "John Riley," the women sing from their hearts, "The truth kind sir...I

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college's music department, coming from Montana State University at Bozeman. He has not only brought his talent and spirit in conducting with him, but has also brought his impressive repertoire of original music. Conley conducted the Providence College Chorus last semester and felt confident enough to introduce them to two of his own songs, "Deer Chase," and "John Riley" this semester. He had written "Deer Chase" for his chorus back in Montana in 1993. Essentially a fast paced fun song, the "Deer Chase" was composed as a teaching song. His Montana chorus was more of a beginning chorus and Conley thought a unique way to expose the concept of a canon would be to take a relatively simple American Folk song and completely rearrange it. "John Riley," on the other hand, was written for our own Providence chorus. Conley took a different approach to arranging this American Folk song. Inspired by Benjamin Britten's theme and

could have married three years ago, to John Riley...who has been the cause of my grief and woe." The piano can be heard in the background with four short staccato notes, representing and imitating a heart beat. Since there are many different manipulations that Conley uses the piano for, it's no surprise that it takes a skilled pianist to perform the piece with the chorus. With these two songs and a few others, including a three movement piece in Middle English, it's apparent that Conley has been successful with his composing. Not content, he has already started a new project consisting of putting Robert Herrick's, "Corinna's Going A-Maying," into a five movement piece. One might ask what motivates someone to spend all that time and effort composing a piece for a college chorus. Prof. Conley believes, "It's fulfilling to have the time to get to know a chorus and write them a song you know they'll enjoy performing."

# I HATE KEVIN COSTNER

by Michael Sablone '98  
A&E Writer

In 1990 Kevin Costner won numerous awards for his epic *Dances with Wolves*. This year another actor's epic is up for numerous awards: Mel Gibson's *Braveheart*. The similarities between the two are many. Both have hairpieces named after past roles: Costner's is Oswald, Gibson's is Ophelia. The main connection that will bring the two moguls together is when the Academy decides to give multiple awards to Gibson for *Braveheart* - or so I think. As for the rest of the awards, here is a short, far from original compilation of who I want to win and who I think will win. Let's hear it for the letter "w."

### Best Actor

This category is hard to pick, for the nominees are quite varied. Massimo Troisi might get the award with a sympathy vote (I mean no disrespect, his performance was incredible, I just think the Academy might feel bad that *Il Postino* would get shut out). Sean Penn also has a legitimate shot, but his hair might deny him the prize. The front runner right now looks to be Nicholas Cage for *Leaving Las Vegas*. I'm scared. But everything will be OK.

### Best Actress

This category is brought to you by the letter "s." Sharon Stone- if she was up for Best Supporting Actress, she would win. She is not, so she will not win. Elisabeth Shue will not win, for Cage has a probable Best Actor award and the Academy is not that depressing to give *Leaving Las Vegas* two major awards. Meryl Streep is the only major award for *Bridges of Madison County*, but I don't think she has a chance. Susan Sarandon might walk away with the trophy, but she has to step over a major hurdle, Emma Thompson. Thompson is my pick and I believe the only major award that *Sense and Sensibility* will win. If Thompson is denied than at least she'll get the statue for Best Adapted Screenplay.

### Best Supporting Actor

This is the award that all the nominees except one practice their "It's a pleasure to be nominated" speeches. If Kevin Spacey does not win then heads will roll. If he does not win for *Usual Suspects* then the Academy really is a farce.

### Best Supporting Actress

This is the upset category (Anna Paquin, Marisa Tomei), so it is hard to predict. Give the edge to Miss *Mighty Aphrodite*, Mira Sorvino.

### Best Director

Going on the premise that I started this article with, I believe that Gibson will take it. He does face stiff competition. Mike Figgis and Mike Radford both are the longshots, for *Leaving Las Vegas* and *Il Postino* respectively. Tim Robbins has an edge because he is an actor and *Dead Man Walking* got great reviews. Chris Radord's *Babe* is a contender, directing actual pigs is funnier than directing Chris Farley. The premise of *Braveheart* allows for numerous pans of beautiful countryside and neat-o battle sequences, so that could actually hurt his chances.

### Best Picture

This is supposed to be "THE" award to get. The Academy threw in a big money maker, *Apollo 13*, a cute family flick, *Babe*, an action adventure, *Braveheart*, a period piece, *Sense and Sensibility*, and a foreign film, *Il Postino*. Right now I see *Braveheart* winning it, just because *Sense and Sensibility* might not have enough steam, and *Babe* may be seen as too childish.

I know it's really early to predict these awards, so have fun by posting this near your TV and laugh at my foolishness on March 25th. In confusion, Costner bad, Spacey Good.

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# Anime Invasion

by Patrick C. Heap '96  
Asst. A&E Editor

It has been almost 12 years since American audiences received their first taste of Japanimation. With comic book and movie titles such as *Akira*, *Robotech*, and *New Dominion Tank Police* flooding stores all over America, it was only a matter of time before Japanimation would make it to the big screen. Manga Entertainment's latest anime feature *Ghost in the Shell*, written by Masamune Shirow (author of *Appleseed*) and directed by Mamoru Oshii (director of *Patlabor I & II*), will be released this Friday. It is sure to set the standards for what is predicted to become an anime craze.

For the past eight years, Japanimation films such as *Ninja Scroll*, *Sin City*, and *Akira* have awed audiences with their amazing poetic visuals. anime fans have to wonder if the Japanimation craze will catch onto mainstream America. Most of the hard-core anime fans in Japan are either sararimen (businessmen) or otaku (computer fanatics) who have a great interest in cyberpunk, a topic which is slowly catching on in America. However, many feel that American audiences would have trouble taking an animated film seriously. Plus, American mainstream audiences might not be ready to handle what anime has to offer, seeing on how some of anime scenes portray graphic violence and sexual symbolism, two things which most American critics and viewers see as either silly or shocking for the sake of shock value.

However, *Ghost in the Shell* offers milder symbolism, avoiding the use of sperm and genitalia as symbols (which is used throughout most anime films), but in no



way slacks in plot or visual effects. *Ghost in the Shell* in many ways follows in the footsteps of the cult classic film *Blade Runner*, with its story line and deep philosophical approach to modern technologies' use of artificial intelligence. The story starts off in apocalyptic Hong Kong in the year 2029 where the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Section 6) is trying to recapture a virtual life form created to be the perfect super spy.

In a world made borderless by the Net, the perfect super spy has no real physical body, is more computer than man, and can travel the net at will, manipulating computers, cyborgs, and even humans. This super spy was known as project 2501, and unlike other artificial intelligent life-forms, has become aware of his own existence. Through much philosophical discourse which questions the very definition of life itself, this super spy concludes that he is a life form

in his own right. He then seeks political asylum from the very people who created him.

In the middle of all of this is "Major" Motoko Kusanagi, agent of the Internal Bureau of Investigations (Section 9), whose body is almost completely cybernetic. She eventually begins to search for the thing most take for granted, her own soul. After a number of run-ins with the fleeing 2501, who has distanced himself from section 6 with the pseudonym "Puppet Master," Kusanagi begins to suspect the existence of her own soul (ghost) within her cybernetic body.

Along with a plot that will keep anyone guessing and thinking, (maybe about your own existence or that of Ghosts in the machine), "Ghost in the Shell" offers amazing graphics, 70% traditional cel animation and 30% computer graphics. With the use of DGA (Digitally Generated Animation) the *Ghost in the Shell* crew, con-

sisting of Hiromasa Ogura (*Ninja Scroll*), Shoji Kawamori (*Macross* series), and Toshiluko Nishikubo (*Patlabor 2*), is able to set the American stage for anime films. Along with music from Kenji Kawai (*Patlabor I & II*) and a song from the collaboration of U2 and Brian Eno, *Ghost in the Shell* is an important poetically visual work of art.

For those who have not seen Masamune Shirow's original

manga of *Ghost in the Shell*, don't worry. Dark Horse Comics, who brought the legendary Predator vs. Aliens series, has already released a translation of Shirow's original. Although a highlighted sex scene from the original is cut, you can still look forward to great art and lettering by *Spawn*'s Tom Orzechowski. Also, keep an eye out for the latest film *Roujin Z* from the director of *Akira*, which should be released soon.

*Ghost in the Shell* is a stunning work of speculative fiction- the first truly adult animation film to reach a level of literary and visual excellence. Its design, the poetry of its visuals, and the depth of its themes set it apart among science fiction films. My complements to Oshii san - an important visionary work.

-James Cameron

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# Men's Basketball

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locker room.

Unfortunately, Brown was the lone Friar who had a good offensive night, leading the team with 19 points (on 7-for-13 shooting from the floor). Even Brown, however, forced a couple of shots as the 'Canes caught Providence.

Steve Rich had 18 pts. for Miami and Steve Frazier added 14 to help the Hurricanes improved to 14-12 on the season. The two were pivoted in the second half, when Miami hit almost 58% of its shots while PC converted just 26%.

Excluding Michael Brown, the remaining four PC starters (Austin Croshere, Derrick Brown,

Ruben Garces, and God Shammgod) hit just 12 of their 44 shots, while sixth man Jamel Thomas missed all five of his field goal attempts. The Friars were also out rebounded, 46-36, and exhibited little of the energy and enthusiasm they showed in beating the Hoyas.

Even if Providence doesn't make the field of 64, Pete Gillen's squad will probably receive an NIT bid. Providing PC knocks off St. John's tonight, the Friars will play Villanova Thursday night. A win in that contest-remember the 'Cats 69-65 squeaker earlier this year- would probably take the Friars off the NCAA's bubble. As Gillen likes to say, "We need as many wins as we can get."

# Crossing the Finish Line

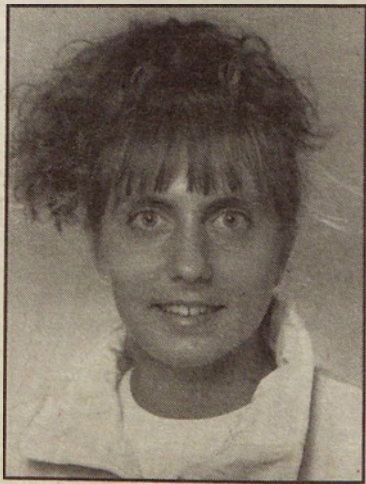
by Scott Palmieri '97  
Sports Writer

Even though the snow has returned the winter is nearing its end. The men's indoor track team competed in the prestigious IC4A Championships this past weekend while the women ran in the ECAC Championships. The two competitions marked the end of the season for most of the harriers, but a group of PC talents will participate in the biggest and most important meet for a runner, the NCAA Championships.

This past weekend the men traveled to Harvard University. The Friars faced their toughest runners of the season. Junior Steve Myers ran in the 1,000 meter race and finished second with a time of 2:25.65. In the 3,000 meters junior Nick Kent finished seventh (8:24.30), while freshman teammate Zack Ventress came in ninth (8:25.96). The men hope that the two representatives that they're sending will cap off a strong season for the squad. Those two runners are junior David Healy and senior Andy Wedlake. The two have been consistent winners for the Friars this year and in the past. Both Wedlake and Healy will race in the 3,000 meter competition. Wedlake finished twelfth at the NCAA's last year in the same race. Both harriers took the past weekend off to prepare for the all important NCAA's, which will take

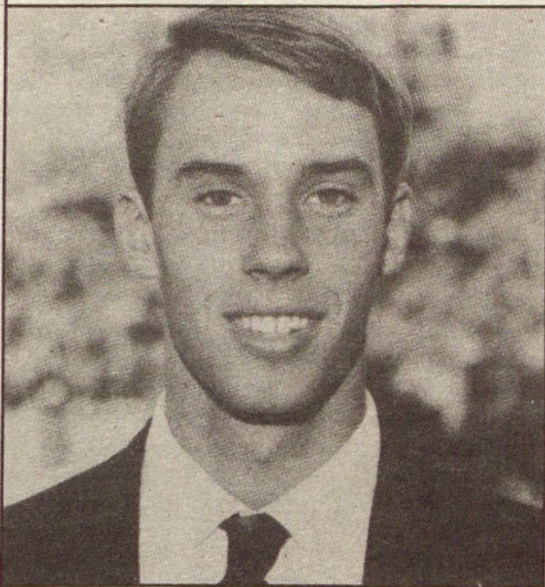
place this weekend in Indianapolis, Indiana.

The women made a strong showing at the ECAC's as well. In the mile junior Susan Murnane finished second (4:45.94), while freshman Sarah Dupree came in seventh. Murnane had already qualified for the NCAA's for the mile. It will be her first individual attempt at the meet. In the 3,000 meter junior Krissy Haacke finished third in 9:30.92. Senior teammate Meghan McCarthy finished eighth. Haacke will race in the 3,000 this weekend. Her accomplishments this season included a qualifying time in the 5,000 meter as well. The only new NCAA qualifier at the ECAC's was freshman Gladys Ganiel, whose sixth place finish in the



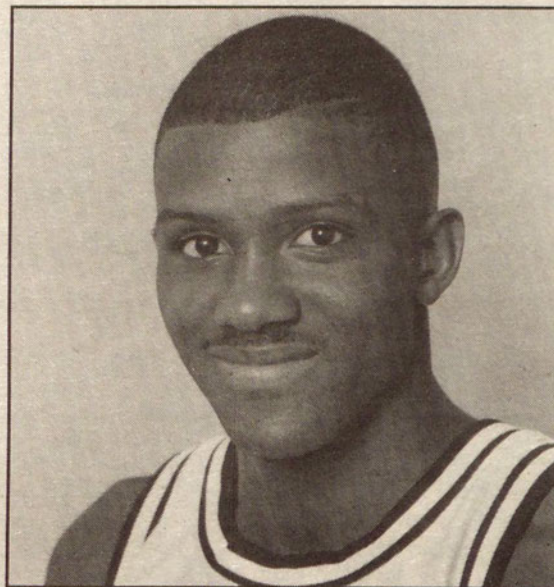
Gladys Ganiel '99

# PC ATHLETES OF THE WEEK



Jed Michnowicz '98  
(Santa Clara, CA)  
Men's Swimming

Jed capped off his superb rookie season at PC by winning the 200 free at the ECAC Championships last weekend. With a school record time of 1:40.50, Michnowicz becomes the first ever Friar to win an ECAC swimming event. The rookie also finished second in the 500 free with a time of 4:29.64.



Michael Brown '96  
(North Syracuse, NY)  
Men's Basketball

Michael continued his red-hot play down the stretch as he helped PC close out the regular season. On Senior Night against 8th-ranked G'town, Brown had 15 points, five rebounds, four assists and two steals as the Friars won 84-77. In Miami, Mike led PC with 19 points and moved into 20th on the Friars' all-time scoring list with 1,119 points.

5,000 meter was good enough to earn a ticket to Indiana. The distance medley relay team of McCambridge, Murphy, Harrington, and McMahon finished fourth and also qualified. Sophomore Maria McCambridge will compete in the mile this weekend; Moira Harrington has earned a spot in the mile and 3,000 meter. One of the women's best hopefuls is junior Marie McMahon, who will race in the 3,000 meter.

The men and women competing in the NCAA's carry the great successes they have earned throughout the season. Now they'll make their final run in a season that has brought them to the ultimate challenge.

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# Softball Looking Forward To Spring

by Cory McGann '98  
Asst. Sports Editor

Generally, optimism always swirls around the start of a new season, especially a sport as majestic as softball. Yet in the case of the Providence College Lady Friars, they have a legitimate rea-

Erickson, and especially co-captain Amy Kvilhaug (22-7, 1.10 ERA) will provide solid pitching all season. Kvilhaug rung up 75 strikeouts while allowing her opponents a meager .221 batting average. Icing on the cake, she was named ECAC Tournament MVP. Head Coach Michelle Fagnant,

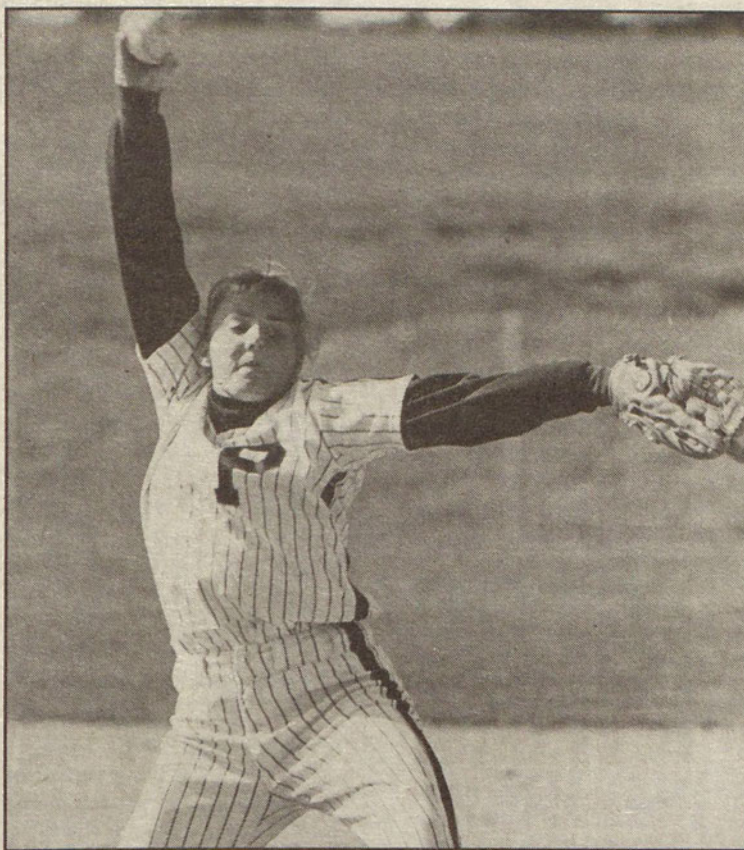
**Top-notch pitching and a solid lineup should propel Providence to another championship-winning season.**

son for enthusiasm as they return six starters from last season's ECAC Championship team (38-17, 12-8 Big East).

The Providence strength last year was pitching, where they finished with a 1.23 ERA, ranking them 18th in the nation. Although the loss of Kelly Taber and her stingy 1.56 ERA will hurt the Friars, the returnees of sophomore Lauren Smith, senior Candi

who is starting her first season here at Providence, gushed about her ace. "Amy is the heart and soul of this team. She will be first in our rotation on the mound and when she is not pitching she will be in the field. She is too good to be sitting on the bench. Amy is a tremendous athlete who will do a good job in leading this team."

Manning the backstop will be sophomore Erin Quaglia, who last



Co-Captain Erin Quaglia '96 looks to pitch her team to the title.

year batted .287 in her freshman campaign, good for third on the team. Most impressive is her 19-9 walks to strikeouts ratio. Quaglia knows how to take a pitch. "Erin will be one of our biggest impact players this season," comments Coach Fagnant. "She has big aspirations for herself."

Seniors Meredith Zenowich and Alana Blahoski are set in leftfield and centerfield, respectively. The fight will take place in rightfield as freshmen Myla Yates and Maureen Moore will battle it out for the starting spot. Zenowich hit .284 last year, while Blahoski only struck out three times in 141 at bats.

The Friars are solid around the horn as well. Senior Meaghen Murray will take the start at first base, after playing a limited role last year. Third baseman Lynn Souza is the only returning infielder from last year's squad, where she appeared in 36 games. However, if she takes a look over her shoulder, she will find freshmen Lindsay Garfield and Kara Shea attempting to unseat her at the hot corner.

The senior double play combination of Janean Smith and Beth Miller should keep the Friars solid up the middle. Smith didn't commit an error in the 22 games she appeared in last year, while Miller, who has been moonlighting as a outfielder the past two years, hit .287 while driving in 16 runs.

Providence's future looks rosy enough, but there are still looming questions. PC has to replace five key seniors from last year's stellar squad. They have to improve on a very average 9-9 road record. They must continue their dominance of one-run games and extra inning games (10-4, 4-0). They have to survive the transition from former Coach Jennifer Finley to new Coach Michelle Fagnant.

These questions will decide how the Lady Friars will do this year, but it looks good. Top-notch pitching and a solid lineup should propel Providence to another championship winning season.

## 1995-6 Big East Awards

### Men's Basketball

#### All-Big East First Team

Danya Abrams, Boston College  
Ray Allen, Connecticut  
Allen Iverson, Georgetown  
Kerry Kittles, Villanova  
John Wallace, Syracuse

#### All-Big East Second Team

Adrian Griffin, Seton Hall  
Zendon Hamilton, St. John's  
Jason Lawson, Villanova  
Damon Santiago, Rutgers  
Doron Sheffer, Connecticut

#### All-Big East Third Team

Austin Croshere, Providence  
Pat Garrity, Notre Dame  
Othella Harrington, Georgetown  
Damian Owens, West Virginia  
Jerome Williams, Georgetown

#### Big East All-Rookie Team

Geoff Billet, Rutgers  
Tim James, Miami  
Gordon Malone, West Virginia  
Victor Page, Georgetown  
James Penn, Boston College  
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# High School Reminiscing

by Gladys Ganiel '99  
Sports Writer

A year ago last week the six of us, Jen, Betsy, Hilary, Valerie, Melissa, and I, played our final high school basketball game together. Yes, I know that such an event matters little to the student body at Providence College. When it comes to sports activities, we have a lot more to be concerned about: the men's basketball team's victory over Georgetown, the hockey play-offs, and the spring sports season, for example. But I also know that while a very small percentage of the student body at PC plays varsity sports, a lot more of us played sports in high school. And those of us who played high school sports share a bond with our former teammates. I look forward to a time, maybe 15 years down the road, when I will bump into

one of my old teammates and still be able to feel that bond, forged by hours of running and sweating together in our high school gym. But it has only been a year since we walked off the court together for the last time, bearing the weight of a one-point overtime loss in the state tournament. In that short year, though, I can't help but marvel at how much our lives have changed. And when I see the different directions in which we are headed, it makes me appreciate even more the time when surviving a two hour practice was the most difficult task of our day.

Four of the six of us went on to college. Jen is studying to be a legal assistant, Betsy an elementary school teacher, and Melissa really doesn't know right now what her career will be. I'm studying Political Science, but when we get right down to it, probably none

of us know what our careers will be. I saw Jen, Betsy, and Melissa—briefly—over Christmas break. Jen and Betsy are still heavily involved with their boyfriends, and I can't help but wonder if I'll soon be receiving a wedding invitation or two. I also visited with Hilary, which was rather convenient, because she and her boyfriend are renting the upstairs apartment in my house. Hilary has a part-time job, and seems so settled already in the mundane tasks of everyday living. I never did see Valerie over break. I went back to my old Sunday School class (Val and I attended the same church) and sat across from her empty seat, the seat where she used to slouch and bite her fingernails, and I remembered the Sunday when she came to church wearing her engagement ring. But that engagement is broken now, and

Valerie has moved to New Hampshire, pregnant, with someone else.

And to think how just a year ago, after our tourney loss, we crowded into Pizza Hut to drown our basketball sorrows in tomato sauce and cheese. Hilary, Melissa, and I probably took it the hardest, sullenly forcing the food down our throats and casting sharp glances at the girls who might dare to even smile over their dinner. Basketball meant so much to us, the team meant so much to us, and it had all just come to a screeching halt.

When I visited Hilary over break, we unearthed the old newspaper clippings describing our fateful loss. "I still," Hilary told me, in all seriousness, "have nightmares about it." And I admit that my mind still hearkens back to that game all too frequently. I can sense that even Hilary and I, the

two of us six who, I think, are the most about winning that darn tournament, are drifting away from the loss, even drifting away from the sport. More significantly, though, we are not yet drifting away from our teammates. For our conversation revolved around our old basketball friends, what they were doing, how they were getting on. In the end, after we get over judging and analyzing each others' lives, I guess that even Hilary and I will realize just how unimportant it is to be able to throw a ball in a hoop. It's so much more important, when it's said and done, to care about our old teammates, and be more concerned with their lives than with their free throw percentages. That way, when we look back at our last game together, we'll not remember the loss—but our love for each other.

# When Time Acts As An Enemy

by John Carchedi '98  
Asst. Sports Editor

The Providence College Hockey team, at times, has been the most dominating squad in the conference. Unfortunately, those times haven't added up to 60 minutes.

For the final 35 minutes of Saturday nights 6-4 loss to host Maine, the Friars owned the Maine Black Bears. But the locals had already fallen into a 4-0 hole, the culprit that defeated the Friars in the last regular season game.

The good news, statistically, this game was meaningless and we here at the Cowl don't really care. For, good readers, the Friars begin quarterfinal play of the Hockey

East Tournament this Thursday, welcoming Boston College for a best-of-three series.

"We didn't come out ready to go, we got back on our heels a little bit, they got a couple face off goals, and all of the sudden it's five minutes into the second period and it's 4-0," Friar Head Coach Paul Pooley explained about the Maine defeat. "From that stage on, we played excellent hockey. We dominated the game, out shot them, outscored them, had more chances, just totally controlled the game."

"But I was disappointed because we didn't play for 60 minutes," continued Pooley whose club closes out the year at 17-14-3 overall, and 12-9-3 in Hockey



Dan Dennis has sparked in previous meetings with BC

East, PC's third best conference mark since the league was formed. "This team has shown signs of being awesome, if we want to play 60 minutes. We have to start doing that. That's what excites me about this weekend against BC, because we dominated Maine when we played hard, played well and didn't back down to anybody."

Black Bears Dan Shermerhorn and Jeff Tory never let the Friars warm up, scoring just 2:27 and 3:33 into the game. Bear center Brad Purdie continued the onslaught at 12:16, beating Friar goalie Dan Dennis to give the hosts a 3-0 advantage and a sickening amount of momentum.

The bleeding continued for the first five minutes of the second

period, culminating in Purdie's second goal of the game and a 4-0 Black Bear advantage.

The Friars responded to this one. Just moments later, senior defenseman Jay Kenney beat Maine standout netminder Blair Allison for his second goal of the season. With the momentum changing uniforms, the opportunities and breaks belonged to the Friars; except one.

During a 4-on-4 midway through the third, Shermerhorn poked a hole in the comeback with his second tally for a 5-1 Maine advantage.

Moments after Shermerhorn's goal, PC seniors Joe Hulbig and Dennis Burke responded with scores at 9:09 and 9:25 respectively, cutting the deficit to 5-3. But PC got no closer, as Maine's Scott Parmentier notched an empty net goal with :36 remaining in the contest. Providence's Stefan Brannare closed out the scoring with :14 left for the 6-4 final.

As for Boston College, the two clubs tied in their first meeting, then Providence handily defeated the Eagles 4-3 and 4-1 in the next meetings. The key, according to an optimistic Pooley, is to play up to their potential for all 60 minutes. If the Friars come through, they'll be more than welcomed at the Fleet center for the tournament semifinals on March 15.

"(BC) is not an explosive club, but they have some key individuals that can score goals," noted Pooley. "We have to always go out and check our opponent. When we stop checking and being intense and hitting people, then we're in trouble. I think the real big key to weekend is playing the 60 minutes, being solid defensively. Our work ethic and enthusiasm, defense and discipline is kind of what we're all about. When we play that game, we're tough to beat."

"We feel good about it. I don't think we've played our best hockey yet, I think we're going to play our best hockey coming into this weekend. We've looked really good in practice, we've looked excited, we've made a couple different line combinations that we used in Maine that worked very well for us, I feel real good about it, I'm, excited about it. If we make to the Fleet Center, we're going to be a dangerous club to play. But we have to take of BC first."

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# The Quest for the Crown Continues

by Rebecca Joyce '96  
Sports Writer

Providence College managed a 5-2 victory over Cornell last Saturday. The Lady Friars now advance with Brown, UNH, and Dartmouth to ECAC semi-finals at Towse Rink this weekend.

"It's great to be going back to the final four," noted Coach Jackie Barto after

Wheeler's three-assist game was recognized by the ECAC Honor Roll this week. "Sheila had a big goal off of a nice pass from Alison," Coach Barto reflected.

PC lost some ground as the second period continued, allowing two Big Red bullets through the Black and White wall. Barto noted, "In the second period, we were jumpy. We played away from our style. We weren't as sharp, but we pulled together in



Natasha Fine '97 stopped 26 shots in PC's 5-2 win over Cornell

Saturday's win. "We're going to come out ready to play."

The Black and White chewed up the Big Red in the first period when Alison Wheeler and Alana Blahoski sent a pass to Karen McCabe, who stung a shot past Cornell's goalie. Less than two minutes later, at 10:27, Wheeler assisted Emilie Turcotte's 10th season goal. PC goalie Natasha Fine corroborated with defensive tactics to deny Cornell a first or third period goal.

The Lady Friars were not as successful in the second period, but they started off strong when at 33 seconds, Sheila Killion lifted what was to become the game winning goal off of an assist by Wheeler.

the locker room and came back strong."

Jen Wagner was conducive in reviving its battle against Cornell with an unassisted dodge and lift into net only 18 seconds into the third. Wagner and Catherine Hanson fought the crashing red defenders to set up a shot taken by Myia Yates, finishing the 5-2 victory for Providence and ending the third period.

Assistant coach Bob Bellemore commented on PC's performance: "We played great. It was a big win for us, and we're playing together as a team now." The win secured an ECAC quarterfinal match for PC against Brown, as they continue their quest for the crown.

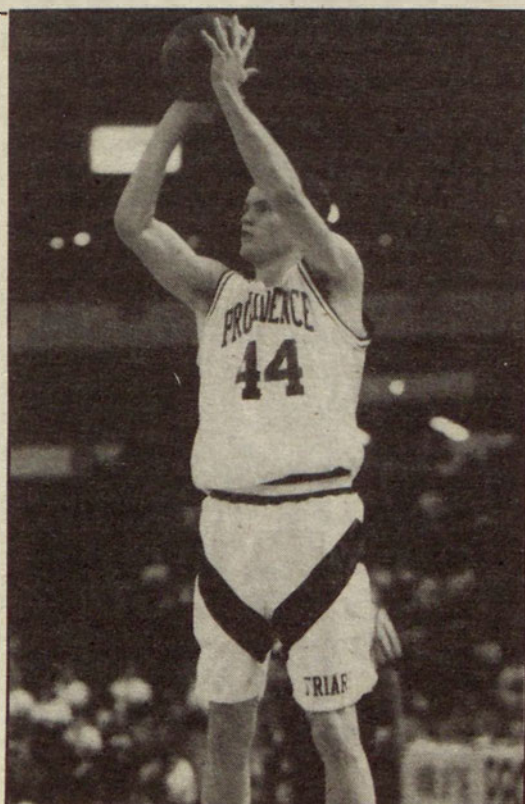
## One That Got Away

by Keith Christensen '96  
Sports Editor

If Providence isn't called on Selection Sunday, Saturday night's 66-59 loss at Miami might be a big reason why.

The Friars held a 56-44 lead with 7:48 to play, but the Hurricanes closed the game with a 22-3 run to steal the victory.

PC closes out the regular season at 16-10 (9-9 in the Big East), and faces St. John's tonight (9:30 pm) in the first round of the Big East Tournament at Madison Square Garden. The Friars need to beat the Red storm in order to have



Austin Croshere '97 strokin' the J

any chance of qualifying for the NCAA Tournament.

Entering the weekend, PC was looking to follow up on the success it had last Tuesday against Georgetown. Saturday, senior Michael Brown was sharp in the first half, powering the black and white to a 35-30 advantage going into the

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# Pirates Push PC off the Plank

by Pieter J. Ketelaar '97  
Sports Writer

The Providence College Lady Friars fell to Seton Hall, 69-67, bowing out of the Quarterfinals of the Big East Tournament as the second seed Sunday night.

Perhaps it was the eight day layoff since their last game against Syracuse. Perhaps it was the fact that they were playing a 15-12 Seton Hall team that really was a lot better than their record indicated. Whatever it was, the result was a two-point loss, knocking the Friars out of the tournament with a 12-15 overall record. Thus ended their hopes for an NCAA bid.

"The eight day layoff definitely had an effect on us," said Coach Bob Foley. "We had a week off to rest, which we needed, but it had its draw-backs. We came out flat. We battled back, though, and that's a testament to our kids. They played hard and didn't give up."

Seton Hall jumped out to an early 8-4 lead on the Gampel Pavilion floor at the University of Connecticut, site of this year's tournament. By the time PC caught their breath, the scoreboard read 12-6 Pirates, at nearly six minutes in. Julie Wheeler took

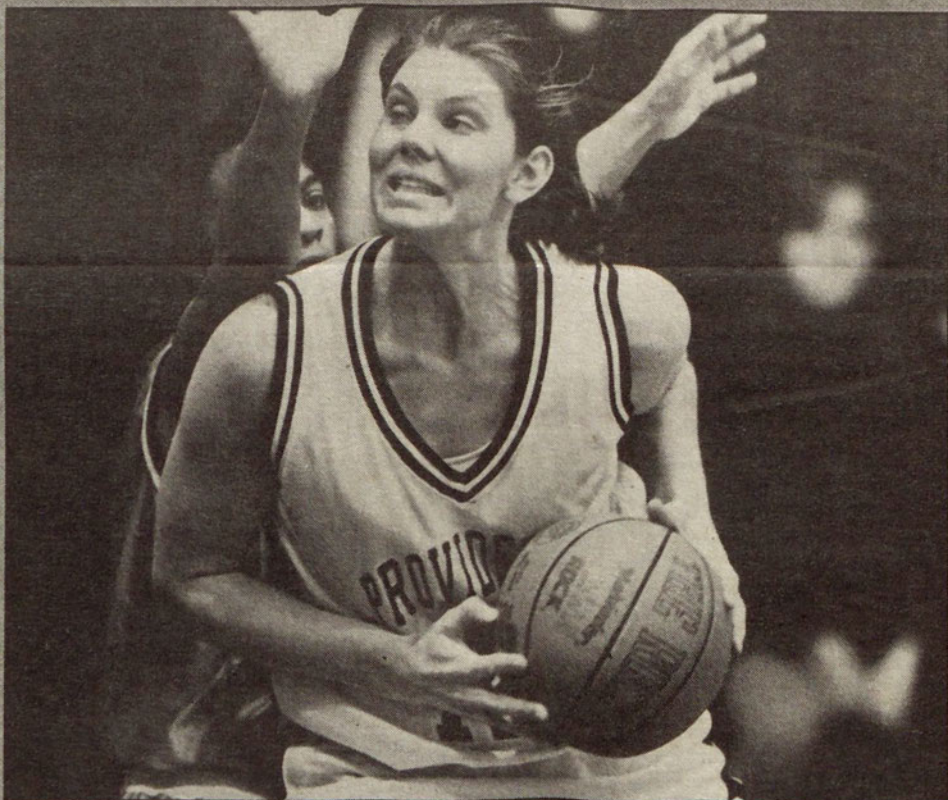
with regularity.

Julie Wheeler was sharp shooting once again in the second stanza dropping two more treys. Seton Hall made it 50-36 with 15:19 left. PC's darkest moment came at 13:05 when Koren hit from the corner, making it a 20 point Pirate advantage. Providence was down when Kerri Chatten missed a lay-up, but Nadine Malcolm followed with the rebound and drew the foul.

The Friars slowly scratched back getting points from the charity stripe as Seton Hall played right into their hands, fouling PC. The fouls enabled Providence to get the points they needed without having to worry about precious seconds coming off the clock. Wynne was called for her fourth foul with six minutes left prompting a sojourn to the bench. With her out of the way and not under the basket, scoring and rebounding got that much easier for the black and white.

Providence cut the lead to 66-58 when Tavia Horton took over. Horton launched a three and brought PC to within five, 66-61. Horton followed, driving the length of the court with another basket.

The stage was set with the score 68-63 when Kerri Chatten got fouled and was sent



Sarah Miller '96 played her last game for PC this weekend

the offense into her own hands, launching two consecutive bombs from way downtown to tie the game at 12.

Seton Hall responded, upping their lead to 16-12 with ten minutes left in the first half. The Pirates went on to open up an 11 point lead when a unusually quiet Nadine Malcolm was whistled for her third foul. The officiating was lousy at best in the first half, as fouls were called that hadn't been called in any of the day's other games. The Hall's Christine Koren hit a fade away at the buzzer, and Providence went to the locker room down 40-25.

Big East first-team selection Dana Wynne, in Coach Foley's estimation, "played like a Big East first-teamer." Wynne was under every rebound limiting PC to one shot each trip down the court, while supplying the offense at the other end. She hit for 10 points and 9 rebounds in 16 minutes, giving Seton Hall a fifteen point lead at the half. The most telling stat was the fact that Seton Hall shot 47% from the floor in the half, while PC hit for a robust 25%.

The second half started ominously as a technical foul was called on the PC bench a little more than a minute in. Chatten charged hard to the basket, hit for two, and drew the foul to make it 45-28. Providence gave up most of their points in transition, as the combo of Koren and Sandy Mitchell broke down the defense and got the ball to Wynne

to the line for two. She hit both free-throws to make it 68-67 Seton Hall. The Friars had no choice but to foul Wynne with 39 seconds left. Wynne hit the first, but rimmed the second. The score was 69-67 as PC came down the floor, got the ball to Malcolm, but turned it over as it bounced out-of-bounds. PC fouled Mitchell to stop the clock, she missed her free-throw, and the Friars grabbed the rebound. With ten seconds left, Julie Wheeler drove to the hoop and missed what is commonly referred to as a "bunny," and Seton Hall grabbed the board. It was purely academic after that. PC got the ball with 2.8 ticks left and sent it down, but it wasn't even close. Providence was ousted after just one game in their hunt for a Big East Tournament title, 69-67.

"I give the kids a lot of credit," said Foley. "We played great defense in the second half and never quit. We fouled the right people late. It just didn't work out. We played well late in the season and it is disappointing to end this way."

The Lady Friars completed their season with a 12-15 record after winning the Big East 7 division. The season is over but still pending is whether or not PC scoring leader Nadine Malcolm will get the nod as an All-American nominee. Nadine finished first in scoring in the conference and fifth in the nation. However, it was not enough as she was denied Big East first-team honors.