**Campus Mourns Double Tragedy**

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

by Mary M. Shaffrey '97

Pomerleau, a native of Belleterica, MA, graduated from Billerica Memorial High School this past spring. He was a member of the soccer and track teams, as well as The Ship’s House Basketball. He also volunteered in 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 CTV 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 the type of person 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 Murphy ’96. Murphy, in a completely unrelated incident, fell from a third floor balcony of an off-campus apartment on Euston 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 week were for the intentions of both students, and that, “they were needed.” Furthermore, he stated, “All the donations from the Masses this weekend will go to a scholarship fund for the children of St. Theresa’s Parish. Chris’ parents requested, that in lieu of flowers, contributions should be directed there, and we are honoring that.”

**Active Student Services Aid Those In Need**

by Ervin Piersik '96

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 650 students gathered in ‘64 Hall, mostly by word of mouth, on Saturday afternoon shows the strength of the community. This was an tremendous response to the grief and suffering that every one was feeling. Also, at least 30 Dominicans came to remain 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.

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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 decided to leave the United States and see the sights of Northern Ireland. Due to the existing cease-fire between the British and the Irish Republican Army and the British government, I was presented with a unique opportunity to see the city and its surroundings.

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.

A man with a skateboard driver came back to speak with us while waiting to start his route. He was extremely friendly and approachable.

He discussed how the cease-fire was the best thing that could have happened because it allowed us to read letters of his work every day driving a very different environment. West Belfast, knowing if someone would stick another gun to the back of his head. He said that he now feels much safer. I remarked that he seemed very peaceful and was awed by the lack of military presence on the roads. He then asked if I had ever forgotten the risk on his tire and again I had to say he was very thankful.

That man was the first person I thought about during the evening news on Friday, February 10th. A bomb exploded in West Belfast, killing a British soldier and causing an estimated $230 million in damage. The IRA declared the cease-fire and who this was 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 give up its paramilitary organization 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 Irish-Americans, the British forces in Northern Ireland who also have a violent past, were not given the chance to state their case.

It remains unclear whether or not the IRA plans to return to violence. Some analysts believe the recent re-arming was an isolated incident, but on February 13th, an IRA bomb was discovered in a building using IRA code words. A bomb was also found in the same building.

February 18th, another IRA bomb exploded on a public bus in London. This was only days after the cease-fire was declared.

An Phoblacht, Sinn Fein's weekly paper, recently published an interview in which an IRA official stated that they "will continue to protect the democratic 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 expected. It was very long. Only a few hours after the bombing, the "tattings" of pre-war IRA calendar was the first time in more than a year. Police donned bullet-proof vests, security checkpoints were erected, British soldiers, long confined to barracks, were on the street again, their belts replaced by safety belts. 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 action displayed by the Provisional College community in regards to this situation. It was very curious to know how people in Ireland and England would be affected by this blow. Was this the cease-fire and I wanted to hear their personal opinions and hopes for the future before I left.

PC students Paul McNamara '98, Gary Blair '98, and Ben Noad '98, agreed that this was the end of the actions to the ending of the cease-fire, and what they think went wrong. They stated some of the predictions for what the future might hold.

McNamara, a native of Galway, Ireland, stated, "Personally, I still want to be about it, because I was delighted when the cease-fire took place. I think the IRA was rapidly losing support while it was still burning seventeen months ago. Everyone was jubilant when they called off the conflict because people were in their cars, keeping their horses; it was a festival. Everyone was satisfied with the fact that they've come back and started the violence, they're really interested in the violence and I don't know if they had it in the back of their mind. Disappointment is shared by Blair, '98 from, Ireland. It was a terrible thing. It should have been a golden age... it's evident that no one gained anything by it. It's a bit of a disgrace really. I think if you're going to start a war of dissafaction in the IRA concerning Gerry Adams, the Sinn Fein leader. They originally saw him as their man who would speak for them and almost do what they wanted. The problem was with all the delays and very tedious talking, some of their members got very impatient with Gerry Adams. It think that was what really happened.

From Bath, England, Noad '98 believes that the bombing "just sets everyone back. They were making progress, but it eating to see what happens now."

Noad feels that "the main thing a lot of 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 thing was that this was along was that both the IRA and the British government would not agree on the peace talks until they surrendered their arms. There was no practicability of any other outcome and it all came down to votes. That's what set back the peace talks and that's what set it in action. I don't think anyone expected the fighting to start again, not the way it did.

"There is nothing really happen in the South of Ireland after Ireland, so it is very easy to forget the level of violence up there," said McNamara. "The IRA would have been problems going up North and going through the talks. When you [would] go up North, in and around Belfast, there were guns everywhere and they never used them.

McNamara said that "before the cease-fire you were definitely behind those walls. Through the border, there was always a military presence. Since the cease-fire, all our problems have been taken off the table. There was a much more pleasant atmosphere. There was a three day unclear and a skeptical view of what the future might look like. I hope we can all 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. For it's a that they can't do anything 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 continue bombing and killing in retaliation. No one has any right to start the violence again. Someone with a political edge has got to stop in and mediate.

Last November, while watch- ing CNN, I witnessed something that I thought I would never see. A little Catholic girl and a Protestant boy tussled for the same 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 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 need to have another small group choose bloodshed and violence and wreck the peaceful lives they were trying to build."
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 greatly comforted by hearing a friend speak to them in Pakistan where the couple was living at the time. A kind and wise old Malay told them that when you have a potato, you will emerge soft and pliable, ready to be eaten at any time. The mother took these words to heart and carried them with her over the years. She now says, "People may sound funny to God, but there have been many times when I haveprayéd, ‘O Lord, please let me be a potato.’"

When we think about how we feel about the tragedy of last week, we may wish that we could be an egg. It would certainly be easier to take a hard-boiled and unresponsive potato and say, "Here’s the news, a new tragedy, more death, and more suffering." We could simply numb ourselves to feeling shock, grief, fear and despair, and proceed on with our lives without missing a beat. But this isn’t the way it is for many of us. The murder of an unarmed student with a potato, being a potato. Together we shout, 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?" Their lives aren’t easy answers, and it’s hard to make sense out of two tragedies that seem so 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 get 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 to be together. We need to let our emergency room floor because they refuse to go up on a friend. There’s a fact that this is a time of life that lived more selflessly, a life that was different, is proof that our friends were not walking in circles way.

After the break there will be an opportunity to come together again continued on page 4

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 a kite. 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, R.I., and did not return. In memorial to them is located between DiTagrilla 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 Mariano, Athletic Director, the team is not planning to do this, however "this could 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 Lanesan ’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 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.

Counseling Services Aid Those in Time of Need

by Jennifer Pashley

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

Diversity? At PC?
by Eriin R. King ’98
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After a successful Black History Month in February, the Bulletin Center for Multicultural Affairs is preparing for several more observances to "seven another month’s importance and significance." This month is Women’s History Month, and April brings Asian and Pacific Heritage Month as well as Holocaust Memorial Day on April 26.

Dr. Wilusee Commissin, Dean of the Bulletin Center, remarred that these holos are the same as the concern for the lack of focus on groups that had previously been underrepresented, gaining greater awareness and recognition.

"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.

Dr. Commissin remarred tomorrow to February’s Black and Hispanic Health Fair, "It’s for anyone who has a blood presu- sure." She, which focused primarily on diseases and maladies that challenge the health of these two specific groups, would have been especially relevant to Education, Sociology, Social Work, and Health Policy majors—to educate those who will work with people from those backgrounds. The question at the heart of the diversity issue is, who will get to the people from different backgrounds in the future? "Soon the United States will look like the world," Dr. Commissin said.

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PC Hosts Special Olympics

by Tommy Ledoux ’99
News Writer

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

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Spring Concert
by Jessica Cotrone ’99
News Writer

Sunday night, musicians from all over New England gathered at ’64 Hall to present the annual Spring Concert, sponsored by the Providence College Festival Band. Over seventy high school students from throughout the United States took part. The Providence College Band features the Band of Liberty, played selections for over an hour, much to the delight of the audience. One woman commented, "We actually have music in our school, it’s wonderful, it’s a great experience," agreed Roppert. "It was a really nice time," said Walker. "Even if it was only a year ago, you feel good when you are able to help out like that."

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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 service 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 specifically 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 very much 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 nearby to Marist 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 interviewed 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 was in thecaf," said Natalie Leslie '95 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. Representatives 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 provy, 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 yet been made as to 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 Jan Caparo '97, who works at Raymond Hall. Alumni worker Rachel Garnes '97 appears to agree with Caparo. 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 complaints about the college's food services and meal plans. The Admissions Department regularly receives letters from prospective parents visiting the college, food services is given equal weight with other intramural and recreational facilities. Also, the work of Student Congress' Food and Spectrum's Dining Committee lent itself to the impetus of study.

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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.

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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.

* Holidays—Students will have to make plans for their pet during semesters 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 fund 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 control about volunteer opportunities," says Hornreich.
P.I.E. Changes Fribourg Program

As a result of declining enrollment, Providence—in-Europe, the study abroad office, has announced changes that will help implement the sponsorship of the program at the University of Pennsylvania. Since 1968 PC and La Salle University of Philadelphia have co-sponsored the Fribourg Program at Fribourg. Over the years, hundreds of PC students have studied in Switzerland, and the program represented the primary destination for 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 session is offered, and two spring semesters applied for Fribourg. This drastic reduction in enrollment has led to a decision by the College to withdraw from the program with La Salle, but La Salle will continue to operate the program on its own. 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 Blumenschul, 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 that La Salle will continue to operate the programs 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 complete.

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 Profs/on-Europe office in Harkins Hall, Room 307.

Warning to Pet Owners

Many college students are often asked if they have experienced 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 have time to take care of one. A dog or cat, whose life expectancy is at least ten to fifteen years, cannot be replaced if these students move to Homestead 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 is an expensive one. Students considering a pet should understand that animals need constant and consistent care. "Animals can’t take care of themselves," says Hornbeck. "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 of pet care can be enormous. Cat care costs can average well over $500 a year, while for a dog care can run over $1,000. Even small animals such as rabbits or guinea pigs can be costly.

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RSVP required by Wednesday, March 27 (Graduate Office: A 613/454-4400, 4401) or Graduate (Office: A 613/454-4400, 4401) in Graduate Office. A 613/454-8341.

O.P.C. Vice President of Academic Affairs, expressed the same sentiments when he welcomed the crowd of over 200 students to Providence College. He reflected that music has enormous influence 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 Holst, 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 arrangement 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 "E.S.D. March" which had never before been played by a civilian band before this. SMStg. 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."
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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 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.

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 this college to realize the value and fragility of life.

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 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 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.
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***If anybody needs a place to store belongings, please contact the Office of Student Services or call x2143.

Class of '96 Photo Drop-off
Drop off photos at the Yearbook office in Slavin 102.
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The counseling services are available to all members of the PC community who have a need to talk or share during this painful and difficult time for all of us.
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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 newsletter, 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 bc in our hearts and in our prayers.

-The A&E Staff

The Atomic Grill

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

with special thanks and mad props to Joselyn Kepko '99

Even the most culinary-tolerant PC student will agree that the food here is pretty boring after a while. After all, there is a limit to how many Chicken Croissant Ben's one can stomach over the course of a semester. Even Ronzio's will start to bore you after about the tenth pizza of the week. Face it — eating institutionalized food over a long duration of time impairs appetite, dulls, and somehow taxes one's sanity. 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 impurity and slit some throats." Ladies and lassies, in my private hell of repetitive nausea 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 and its exotic selection of courses, 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 drudges and quasi-intellectual Bohemian Renaissance men, you cannot beat the food or the portion sizes. One word: quesspeelta.

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 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 thyme are also a nice, limey-bright treat.

I am pretty sure that even if Ray served good food on a regular basis, I still wouldn't like it as much, because all the atmosphere is far too grim and mundane. The Atomic Grill, however, is anything but usual. Signs on the rest room doors warn would-be relievers that hazardous materials are held within, but 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.

Everything about the place is pragmatic, yet classy.

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 man they fall in love with 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 brutal real portrayal of alcoholism-in-a-hacker played by Elizabeth Shue. She is a luxury that leaves 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 comfort each other, in between the al- oh-oh binges and turning tricks.

The acting performances of both Shue and Cage are outstanding. Cage does an amazing job of believable portrayal of an alcoholic, completely taken over by the old character himself. Hair for drama, that breaks your heart as you watch him destroy his life. Cage is the victim of violence, not the victim of alcoholism.

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—from the carpeted rooms of Sera being raped to 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 U2 and Radiohead. This movie comes highly recommended, but be prepared. It is a beautiful but extremely disturbing film.

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

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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 nu-
merous awards: Mel Gibson's, 

Braveheart. The similarities be-
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, this 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 Actress

This category is brought to you by 
the letter "w." Sharon Stone. If 
she was up for Best Supporting Ac-
tress, she would win. She is not, 
she will not win. Elizabeth Shue 
will not win, for Cage has a prob-
able Best Actor award and the 
Academy is not that depressing to 
give Leaving Las Vegas two ma-
jor 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. Thom-
son is my pick and I believe 
the only major award that Sense 
and Sensibility will win. If Thom-
son is denied at least at that 
subject 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 
that Miss Mighty Aphrodite, Mira 
Sorvino.

The piano is used as a tool to mesh conceptual and 
internal ideas with the words.

For a privileged few, music is their life.

TV or movie. Music is in church, 
at parties, and in your bedroom. 
If you wanted to escape music, you'd 
probably be shunted from civil-
ization.

The view from 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 
ARTS

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 
while you rinse that flannel back 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 story, musical or otherwise. 
The song has for her lover, John Riley, 
even though he has been 
gone for three years. The 
two digital thirds is the 
background music and 
heated caustics, is an 
accomplishment 
for Conley, even though it's 
in the experimental 
process. 
John "Riley" has yet to be 
performed in its entirety, and until that 
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..."

For John "Riley," Conley used 
three different character types 
that could have married three 
years ago, to John Riley...who has been 
the cause of my grief and woe." 
The piano's relationship 
with background four short staccato 
notes, representing and 
impatience of love. Since there are many 
different manipulations that 
Conley uses the piano for, it's not 
that it takes a skilled pianist 
to perform the piece with the 
chorus.

With these two songs and a few 
others, including a three move-
ment piece in Middle English, it's 
apparent that Conley has been 
successful with his composing. But 
content, he has already started 
new project consisting of putting 
Robert Herrick's, "Corinna's Go-
ing A-Maying," into a five move-
ment 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 a time to get to know a cha-

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College April 30, 1996
by Verenissa Anderson '99
A&E Writer

TCM's. The promise of 

Best Director

On going 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 Radford's 
Rabe is a contender, directing ac-
tual pigs is funnier than directing 
Chris Farley. The premise of 

Best Picture

This is supposed to be the "THE" 
award to get. The Academy threw 
in a big money maker, Apollo 11, 
a cute family flick, Babe, an ac-
tion adventure, Braveheart, a pe-
rsonal piece, Sense and Sensibility, 
and a foreign film, Il Postino. 
Right now I see Braveheart win-
ing it, just because Sense and Sens-
ibility might not have enough 
steam, and Babe may be seen as 

childish. I know it's really early to 
predict these awards, so have fun 
by pointing this near your TV 
and laugh at my foolishness on March 
25th. In confusion, Costner bad, 
Spacey Good.
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 1 & 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 avid 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 salarymen (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 mild 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 capture 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 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 that most take for granted, her own soul. After a number of runs with the Netizen 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, consisting of Hiromasa Ogura (Ninja Scroll), Shoji Kawamori (Macross series), and Toshihiro Nishikubo (Patlabor 2), is able to set the American stage for anime films. Along with music from Kenji Kawai (Patlabor 1 & 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 Tim Orzechowski. Also, keep an eye out for the latest film Kowin 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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Ghost in the Shell
Men's Basketball
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In the season's final game, the Hurricanes were able to send two men's basketball standouts, Andy Cross and Steve Frazier, off to the NCAA Championships.

Miami's 84-77 win over the Hoyas in the last regular season game of the year enabled the Hurricanes to capture their second straight conference title. With the win, the Hurricanes will receive the second highest seed in the NCAA tournament; they will face either a 7th or 10th seed in the first round.

The Hurricanes were led by Steve Frazier, who scored 20 points on 7-for-13 shooting and 4-for-6 from the line. He also contributed six rebounds, six assists, and a block. Frazier's production helped the Hurricanes pull away from the Hoyas in the second half, as Miami scored 47 points in the second half to the Hoyas' 34.

Also starring for Miami was Steve Cross, who scored 18 points on 7-for-12 shooting and 8-for-9 from the line. He also contributed four rebounds and three assists. Cross's production helped the Hurricanes maintain their lead throughout the game.

The Hurricanes will face either a 7th or 10th seed in the first round of the NCAA tournament, depending on their seeding.

PC ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

by Scott Palmieri '97
Sports Writer

Even though the snow has returned the winter is nearing its end. One of the reasons for this is that 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, a group of PC talents will participate in the biggest and most important event 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 Venzetti came in ninth (8:25.96). The men hope that the two represents that they're sending will cap off a strong season for the squad. These 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 NCAAs 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 Murmane finished second (4:45.94), while freshman Sarah Dapree came in seventh. Murmane 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 Kristy Haggie finished third in 9:30.92. Junior teammate Meghan McCarthy finished eighth. Haggie will race in the 3000 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 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 road hopefuls is junior Marie Mahan, 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.
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 reason 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 starring 1.56 ERA will hurt the Friars, the returnees of sophomore Lauren Smith, senior Candi Erickson, and especially co-captain Amy Kvilhaug (22-7, 1.10 ERA) will provide solid pitching all season. Kvilhaug rang 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, 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.

Managing the backstop will be sophomore Erin Quaglia, who last season 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 Moya 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 Meaghan Murray will take the start at first base, after playing a limited role last year. Third baseman Lynn Souta is the only returning infielder from last years squad, where she appeared in 36 games. However, if she takes a look over her shoulder, she will find freshmen Lindsay Garfield and Kara Shao attempting to unseat her at the hot corner.

The senior double play combination of Janaan 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 an 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
Pete Callaray, Notre Dame
Othella Harrington, Georgetown
Dumain Owens, West Virginia
Jerome Vitolo, Georgetown

Big East All-Rookie Team

Geoff Biltz, Rutgers
Tim James, Miami
Gordon Malone, West Virginia
Victor Page, Georgetown
James Penn, Boston College
God Shammgod, Providence

Big East Defensive Player of the Year

All Iverson, Georgetown

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SPORTS
March 6, 1996
East Tournament this Thursday, welcoming Boston College for a big series. "We didn’t come out ready to go, we got back on our heels a little bit, we got back into the game and all of the sudden it’s five minutes into the second period and 4-0," Friar Head Coach Paul Pooley explained about the game. "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 team still has 52 games to play this year, 4-4-1 overall, and 12-9-3 in Hockey East.

Dan Denis has sparkled in previous meetings with BC East, PC’s third best conference mark since the league was formed. "This is our own sign of being awesome, if we want to play 60 minutes. We have to start doing that," head coach Andy Talbot said about this weekend against BC because we dominated Maine when we were able to play well and didn’t back down to anybody." Black Bears Dan Sherman and Jeff Troyon were the Friars warm up, scoring just 2:27 and 3:33 into the game. Bear center Brad Purdure continued the onslaught at 12:16, beating Friar goalie Dan Denis to give the hosts a 3-0 advantage and a stickening amount of momentum. The bleeding continued for the first five minutes of the second period, culminating in Purdure’s second goal of the game and a 4-0 Black Bears lead.

The Friars responded to this one. Just moments later, senior forward James Kenny beat Maine standout netminder Ballard Allison for second goal of the game. With the main home team playing well, a sudden momentum changing uniforms, the opportunities and breaks belonged to the Friars.

During a 4-0-4 midway through the third, SherrifgetStore chopped a hole in the comeback with his second tally for a 5-1 Maine advantage. A goal later after Sherrifstore’s goal, PC seniors Joe Hulbig and Dennis Burke responded with goals at 9:09 and 5:23 respectively, cutting the deficit to 5-3. But PC got no closer, as Maine’s Scott Parmer shot notched an empty net goal with .36 remaining in the contest. Providence’s Stefan Bannare closed out the scoring with 14 left for the 6-4 final.

Brian Cole, BC’s first coach, two clubs tied in their first meeting, then Providence handily defeated Maine Eagles in their last two meetings. The key, according to an optimistic Pooley, is to play up tempo and maintain all the time.

If the Friars come through, they’ll be more than welcomed at the Field 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 watch and check our opponent. When we stop checking and being intense and hitting people, that's when we start to get in trouble. I think the real big key to weekend is to play the 60 minutes, being able to dominate, our kids, being very physical and 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 matching. We’ve done a few things very, really good in practice, we’ve looked excited, we’ve made a couple differences. We think 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 Field Center, we’re going to a dangerous club this day. But we have to take of BC first."
The Quest for the Crown Continues

by Rebecca Joyce '96
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Providence College managed a 5-2 victory over Cornell last Saturday. The Lady Friars advance with Brown, UNH, and Dartmouth to ECAC semi-finals at Towsie Rink this weekend.

"It's going 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 on the locker room and came back strong." Jen Wagner was conductive in reviving its battle against Cornell with an unexpected dodge and lift into net only 18 seconds into the third. Wagner and Catherine Hanson scored in the period's first 30 seconds. PC goalie Natasha Fine corrobated with defensive tactics to deny Cornell a first or second period goal.

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

One That Got Away

by Keith Christensen '96
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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 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 Jen Brown was sharp in the first half, powering the black and white to a 35-30 advantage into the half.

The offense into her own hands, launching two consecutive bombs from way down town 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 Friars held their own in the second 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 shot taken by Myra Yates, finishing the 52-2 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.

Pirates Push PC off the Plank

by Pieter J. Ketelaar '97
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"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 12 Seton Hall team that really was a lot better than their record indicated. Whatever it was, the Friars fought the crashing red defenders to set up a shot taken by Myra Yates, finishing the 52-2 victory for Providence and ending the third period.

The eight day layoff definitely had an affect on us," said Coach Bob Bellemore. "We had a week off to rest, which we needed, but it had its drawbacks. We came out flat. The battled back, knuckled, and brought it to our kids. They played hard and didn't give up."

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