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Mary Higgins Clark to Address Class of 1996

by Mary M. Shaffrey '97
The Alabama Scoop Stops Here

The Cowl has learned that Mary Higgins Clark, suspense novelist and author of 15 best sellers, will address the Class of 1996 at their Commencement exercises on May 19. Clark, in addition to her address, will receive an honorary Doctor of Letters (L.H.D.) degree.

Mary Higgins Clark's novels are best sellers worldwide. Her latest novel, *Moonlight Becomes You*, was recently published by Simon & Schuster. Some of her best-sellers include: *While My Pretty One Sleeps*, *Loves Music, Loves to Dance*, *All Around the Town*, *Remember Me*, and *Let Me Call You Sweetheart*. In addition to her best-sellers, Clark has also had several novels produced on the silver screen and television.

Clark was born and raised in New York. After graduating from high school, she attended secretarial school, and worked for three years in an advertising agency. In 1949, travel fever seized her, and she spent a year as a stewardess for Pan Am Airlines, going to Europe, Asia and Africa.

In 1950 Clark married her neighbor, Warren Clark, and began writing short stories. She sold her first short story to Extension Magazine in 1956 for \$100. After six years and forty rejection slips, "I framed that first letter of acceptance," she recalls.

Clark, tragically, was left a young widow with five children when her husband died in 1964. She went to work writing radio scripts, and in, addition, decided to try her hand at novels. Her first suspense novel, *Where are the Children?*, became a best-seller, and marked a turning point in her life and career.

In 1974, Clark entered Fordham University at Lincoln Center and graduated Summa Cum Laude in 1979 with a bachelor of arts degree in philosophy. She is a trustee of Fordham University, a member of the Board of Regents of St. Peter's College, and an active advocate and participant in literacy programs. She has twelve honorary doctorates.

Clark has also served as chairman of the International Crime Congress, held in New York in May 1988, and for many years was a member of the Board of Directors of the Mystery Writers of America, serving as President in 1987.

Along with Clark, the 1996 honorary degree recipients are Helen M. Alvare, Esq., director of planning and information and secretariat for pro-life activities at the National Conference of Catholic Bishops, Doctor of Sacred Theology (S.T.D.); Lawrence K. Fish, chairman, president, and CEO of Citizens Financial Group, Doctor of Business Administration (D.B.A.); Joseph H. Hagen, president of Assumption College,

Doctor of Public Service (D.P.S.); and Lieutenant General (USA, Ret.) Vernon A. Walters, former ambassador to the United

Nations and a member of the President's Cabinet under President Reagan, and former continued on page 4



Walsh Reinstated as Exec. Board President

by David Ace Canal '98
The UnaBOPper

The debate is over and the election stands. He was elected by the students of Providence College as Student Congress Executive Board President. He was suspended until November 1st, he filed an appeal, and now he's back in office.

The saga of the Mike Walsh '97 controversy has come to an end and Walsh's message is simple: "Let's get on with Congress."

On Tuesday, April 16th Mike Walsh appealed the decision made by the Committee on Legislative Affairs which suspended him until November. The basis for Walsh's appeal rested on the fact that the suspension was a violation of his Student Congress Constitutional Rights. According to Walsh, the appeal went through because the Legislative Committee only had the power to levy a warning or a disqualification. They chose to suspend him, which is not an available option for the committee.

The appeal was made to Rev. J. Stuart McPhail O.P., Vice President of Student Services, who after hearing Walsh's appeal felt that reinstatement was the correct path to take. According to Fr. McPhail, "Mike's appeal certainly had validity. He presented his argument to me and it was my job to make a decision on the issue based upon the guidelines and procedure of the constitution, which did not provide

for an appeal process."

Reaction to the decision was met with some mixed reaction. Bill Meehan, '96 outgoing Executive Board President, felt the appeal process was unfair, "I don't agree with the decision. He got us on a technicality. He didn't allow himself to be judged by his peers. He was constitutionally correct, but how can you lead a group of students who you won't let be

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**-Mike Walsh '97
Executive Board
President**

judged by. We offered him any appeal process he wanted. We were very flexible and gave him as many options as possible. He however took it to the administration for a decision which, although it was within his rights, I feel an appeal would have been more appropriate."

On Monday, Walsh opened the 47th Student Congress as President with an emotional speech letting Congress know that this issue is

now over and that it is now time to get down to business. Walsh addressed the constituency by saying, "I assure you all that I ran a clean and competitive campaign. Throughout the campaign, I always had the interest of the people in mind." Walsh continued, "Moving on as we all must, this cannot, should not, and will not divide this Congress. What has transpired in the past is the past. We must look forward to the present and the future. I'm confident that we will succeed and make the 47th Student Congress one to remember not of questions of acts but by deeds accomplished." Walsh went on to say that if anyone had any questions regarding the issue, he would be open to discuss them anytime. The speech was met with a round of applause from the entire Congress.

As far as the inconsistencies of the constitution, including the lack of an appeal process, Walsh had the following thoughts, "We will make it our first priority this summer at the summit to rewrite the constitution so that there are absolutely no inconsistencies. There needs to be a document that holds everything together and it's my first priority to make sure that gets done."

Fr. McPhail is also glad to see things finally get resolved, "When something of this nature can be brought to a conclusion, everyone is happy. It's nice that we can now get on with Congress."

Campus Security Concerns Students

by Robin Erickson '98
Friar Girl

Crime has always been a big issue at PC and the results of a month-long study show what students really think about crime on campus. Students in the Social Research Methods class conducted a study of 189 PC students. The sample was broken down into males and females who lived both on and off campus. Forty-six males on campus were randomly selected, as were the fifty-three females who resided on campus. The off campus participants consisted of forty males and thirty-eight females.

In a three-page survey, the students were asked a variety of questions about their perception of the general college area and their level of fear while walking on and off campus at night. They were also asked if they have been victims of crime while here at PC, and if so, whether or not the crimes were reported. Overall, the general consensus seemed to be that students feel lied to about the amount of crime that occurs at PC, and one of the main things students would like to see is a more effective shuttle service to meet their needs. The results were as follows:

Forty-nine percent of women on campus believed that there

is "some" crime on campus, as do 46% of women off campus. This is compared to 41% of males on campus, and 35% of males off campus. The numbers increased dramatically when students were asked about how much crime they believed was occurring off campus. This time, 60% of women on campus and 26% of males on campus thought there was "some" crime going on. For those who live off campus, 54% of women and 50% of men feel that there is "some" crime that occurs in the Elmhurst neighborhood.

Surprising results came when students were asked whether they felt PC Security accurately reports all criminal incidents to students. The overwhelming response was "no", with 89% of females on campus and 78% of males on campus showing their dissatisfaction with the availability of crime statistics. In what ended up being the most telling result of the survey, 92% of women off campus, and 70% of males off campus, voiced their opinion.

When it came to judging one's level of fear walking on campus at night, the majority of the respondents, 55% of the females and 85% of the males, stated that they "were not afraid at all" to walk alone at night around PC. Fear of cam-

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Students Voice Safety Concerns On and Off Campus

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pus was measured as noticeably higher, with 55% of the women and 10% of the men now claiming they were very afraid to stroll around off campus by themselves.

Women tend to take more

crimes do not appear to be listed in the 1995 PC Crime Report distributed to all students by the Security Department.

Many of you have undoubtedly seen the 1995 Re-



by Carey Capone

More shuttle service is one of the many things students on campus would like to see.

precautions while out at night. Sixty-three percent of the females purposely walk with another person to help ensure their safety, while 66% of the males bravely claim that they take no precautions. A surprising number of students have been victims of crime while here at PC. They have been raped, robbed, assaulted, mugged, had personal property vandalized, or received harassing phone calls. Twenty-one percent of females have been victimized, with the majority claiming to have been robbed or harassed over the phone. An alarming 41% of males have been crime victims, with a high rate listing theft.

Since crimes must be reported to Security in order for it to be listed as a statistic in their books (thereby making it available for all students to see), reporting a crime is of the utmost importance. Most students seem to be getting the message. Seventy-three percent of those women victimized reported the crime to either PC Security, Providence Police, or both. Of the number of males who were unfortunate victims, 71% reported the incident. Ironically, these

port published by the Security Office. The amount of zeroes it contained have raised quite a few eyebrows. It claims that, among other things, there are no rapes, assaults, robberies, or alcohol violations on the PC campus, while many of us know otherwise. A call to Philip Reilly, Director of Security, clarified exactly where those numbers come from and what they mean. Reilly stressed that the numbers come strictly from incident reports that are filled out from Security officers. The numbers come from only those incidents that are reported. Reilly acknowledges that the statistics may, and probably do, vary from those around campus.

It is common knowledge that there certainly are more alcohol violations than were reported. Reilly explains that this is because most of the illegal drinking occurs in the dormitories. Therefore, it is the RA's and Residence Life who deal with any and all violations. Security is not even involved in the process, so that is how they rationalize their statistics regarding drinking.

In more serious crimes, such as rape or assault, the school

is required to involve the Providence police. If a complaint is lodged with Security, then they conduct an investigation and contact the police if necessary. Captain Reilly claims that less than a handful of cases have ever required going to the police, and that is why the numbers are so low. Currently, the "Open Campus Police Logs Act of 1995" (H.R. 2416) is pending in Congress. It was introduced last September to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965, and would require open campus security crime logs at institutions of higher education. Its purpose is to alert students to current crime incidents so that they can take the appropriate precautions. In 1990, the Campus Security Act made it mandatory for all colleges and universities to submit their crime statistics to the Department of Education. The fact is that crimes simply are not reported to PC Security, and that needs to change in order for this campus to become a safer place.

The escort service on campus is there to ensure the safety of female students on campus at night. The results of the study show that 91% do not even utilize this service. On the flipside, the shuttle service is widely used by those who participated in the survey, with 75% of the women using it for safety and 76% of men using it strictly for convenience.

Security is here around the clock for our safety and protection and their main goal is protect us. Apparently, for

45% of the females surveyed, they are not doing an good job. Twenty-nine percent of the males agree that PC is not doing an adequate job of keeping students safe. When asked what could be done to improve the situation, a full 100% of both males and females asked to have more shuttles and more Security officers on foot patrol.

Compared to other area schools, such as RIC, URI, Brown, and RISD, participants were asked if PC was as safe, if not safer than these schools.

Forty percent of the females and 44% of the males said no. They cited the close proximity to areas such as the Chad Brown Housing Projects, and the fact that relevant crime statistics are not always made available.

This study was in no way an attempt to discredit Security. It shows firsthand how students feel and how they think the situation can be improved so that no one will become a victim of crime during their four years on the PC campus.

"Spirit of John Muir" at Providence

"The spirit of John Muir", a one-man show about the adventures in the Yosemite wilds of John Muir, founder of the Sierra Club in 1892, a major proponent of establishing Yosemite National Park and the national park system, and a founder of the conservation movement in the United States, will be sponsored by Providence College's Environmental Studies Program and the Rhode Island Chapter of the Sierra Club on Saturday, April 27, 1996 at 7:00 p.m. in the college's Feinstein Academic Center, Room 400. Tickets are \$5 for the general public and \$3 for PC students with college identification.

Through his vivid storytelling, actor and show author Lee Stetson of the Yosemite Theater invites his audience to experience Muir's love of the wilderness. As Muir, he "plummets" with a snow avalanche 3,000 feet down a Yosemite Valley wall, and rocks and reels down a talus slope during a stu-

pendous earthquake. He portrays Muir's perilous night on a stormy Mount Shasta, an invigorating sled-trip on an Alaskan glacier, and other joyful encounters with the Yosemite wilderness which led to Muir's spirited efforts to protect wild lands and wild creatures.

Stetson's prior theatrical endeavors include founding and managing the Hawaii Performing Arts company, and serving as artistic director of the Hawaii Theater Festival and the Antique Festival Theater of Idaho; free-lance directing; being an acting instructor for the Film Industry Workshop in Studio City, Calif.; and acting in stage and television productions, including starring as John Muir in two PBS specials.

He holds a bachelor of arts in history from Eastern Nazarene College, a master of arts in American Studies from the University of Hawaii, and a certificate in arts administration from Harvard university.

Lost and Found ?

by Robin Erickson '98
Friar Girl

If you were walking around campus and came across a watch or a wallet on the ground, would you know where to return it? Do you go to Security? Slavin Information Center? The problem is that students do not seem to know exactly where to go. If you ask Security, they say Slavin Information and if you ask Slavin Information, they say Security. The Student Handbook lists the Lost and Found number as X2391 — the same number as Security. It claims that "any items found should be turned in to the Security Office, which maintains a lost and found service" (p.83). The Information Desk confirmed that they receive such items as clothing, ID cards, and wallets that have been lost, while Security tends to receive only articles of clothing.

Philip Reilly, Director of Security, complied with the effort to consolidate the Lost and Found Centers. He agreed to have it located in the Security Office and only there. He

expressed dismay with lost items being dropped off at the Information Desk simply because it is not always guarded by someone. Security, on the other hand, is open twenty-four hours a day and is always manned by an officer. So the bottom line is, if you have found something, bring it to Security. If you are looking for an item you have lost, go to the Security Office and there will be a box you can look through to try and locate the lost item. One point that was made was regarding lost articles of clothing. Security will hang on to them for a reasonable amount of time and, if they are not retrieved, they will be donated to the needy.

Captain Reilly informed *The Cowl* that he will contact Sharon Hay, who is in charge of the Information Desk. He will ensure that anyone who reports to Slavin Information with a lost article will be referred to Security from now on. This is to ensure that all lost items will be in a centralized location and will make it easier for someone who is attempting to locate something they have lost.

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Students Elect '96-'97 Reps

by Colleen Pappas '99
A Follower of the Carchedi Rule

On the heels of the controversy surrounding newly elected Congress Executive Board President, Mike Walsh '97 and concern over student apathy, 1996-97 Student Congress elections concluded this past Thursday, April 18th. Congress officers were elected for the freshmen, sophomore and junior classes.

Over 1000 students cast their votes in Slavin Center, but the approximate numbers for each class showed a consistently low turnout. The freshmen class boasted the highest numbers with over half the class casting votes. For the sophomore and junior classes, however, the approximate numbers showed less than half the students in those classes took part in the election.

The campaigns also showcased the new changes that were added to the campaign process. These changes included less restrictions for the postings. Many candidates also handed out fliers and distributed table tents. In addition, candidates were given the opportunity to inform the students of their positions on various issues during debates which took place on Monday, April 15, and Wednesday, April 17.

"I think the changes made the election much better," expressed Meg Wrona '96, Chairperson of the Elections Committee, "because the extra signs, for example, made the campus aware that an election was going on."

"After the debates, people were more educated," continued Wrona, "and thereby able to vote for the person behind the name, as opposed to just a name on a sign."

Many of the incoming Congress officers noted that the changes allowed more creativity on the part of the candidate.

"The signs definitely made more people aware of the election in general," stated Class of '98 President Maura Sichel, "and the

debates were a great way to get students involved."

"More issues were definitely brought to the forefront in this election" remarked re-elected Class of '99 Vice-President Lauren Skryzowski, "but I think in a sense the old method was good too, because the candidates did as much as they could within the confines of the election constitution."

"I am hoping that the debate will become a bigger part of the election next year," Skryzowski commented, "They really helped people see how the candidates stood on different issues."

Similarly, Andy Schreiner, incoming Class of '97 Vice-President, felt the changes made a positive impact on the campaign process.

"The number of signs helps in getting your name out in campus," noted Schreiner. "In the past, with only two signs, you couldn't really let people know your position on various issues."

"Now people are able to stuff mailboxes and handout fliers so people have a chance to tell voters what they want to do once they get into office," Schreiner remarked.

The newly elected Congress officials are as follows: Class of '99-Mike Liard, president; Lauren Skryzowski, vice-president; Amy Rizzo, secretary; Marybeth McKeever, treasurer; with representatives Greg Bernhard, Brian Kenney, Julie Moore, Brian Marsh, and Laura Nardomarino.

Class of '98- Maura Sichel, president; Matt Smith, vice-president; Kathleen Long, secretary; Christine Harding, treasurer; with representatives Beth Gregory, Becky Haynard, Kara Deal, Danielle Rizzo, and Andrea Mastellone.

Class of '97- Chris Miller, president; Andy Schreiner, vice-president; Courtney Cremens, secretary Bill Ewell, treasurer; with representatives Claire Temple, John Reid, Katie Hamblett, Kate Luciani, and Chuck Laverty.

Brown Spring Weekend Successful

by Erin R. King '98
Victoria Kirby, rock star

Last weekend, many PC students found themselves celebrating the arrival of spring on another campus: that of Brown University.

The thirty-seventh annual Brown Spring Weekend was a huge success, according to Brown Special Events Committee member Tanya Ostrafeld. The Coolio concert sold out, and all other events sponsored by the committee had the highest attendance of the three years Ostrafeld has been on the committee.

There were concerts (George Clinton and the P. Funk All-Stars, Dave Binder, and Coolio), a carnival, parties, barbecues, etc.

One event which seemed to draw PC students was the Coolio concert on Saturday afternoon. After the concert, while at the Shell gas station just off Thayer Street, some students got to meet Coolio himself.

Janet Lee '98 spotted a backup dancer from the show. Meanwhile, Courtney Yender '98 spied Coolio

walking out from the station as if he had just paid for the gas. Kristen Parsons, Jessica Padrucco, Simona Gaudio, and Kristin DeRosa, all sophomores, also met him.

According to Yender, his choice of vehicle for the Providence area was, surprisingly, "a gray minivan with Massachusetts license plates." Apparently he was hoping to be inconspicuous.

Obviously, PC students rarely indulge in fraternity parties on campus; therefore, Spring Weekend is a chance to explore the Greek side of college life. Ostrafeld says that although the Special Events Committee does not run these parties, they do coordinate all the weekend's events under a single calendar.

One sophomore who attended a fraternity party and a concert was very surprised with how well the events were coordinated. "Everybody was having a great time," she noted.

So, for one weekend, the colleges of the city of Providence generally had a great time together in perfect harmony.

Christmas: April 27

by Jessica Cotrone '99
The All Knowledgeable Icculus

Helping people in need has always been a characteristic of the Providence College community, and this year is no different. Over 75 students will be rehabilitating homes, churches, etc. on Saturday, April 27 for the nationwide day of volunteering called Christmas in April.

Held on the last Saturday in April in over 400 cities nationwide, Christmas in April came to Providence two years ago. At that time, only 3 sites were scheduled to be renovated. Now, over 800 volunteers and 100 sponsoring organizations will take part in the day-long project. Eighteen residential and eleven non-profit centers will be rehabilitated.

More than 200 requests were made for assistance this year in Providence. Of those calls, the final house sites were selected by the Christmas in April Providence Board of Directors. The criteria to be se-

lected for renovation was that the home must be owned by low-income, elderly, or disabled persons.

Volunteers are assigned to a home and are given instructions on what needs to be fixed. Skilled laborers such as electricians, plumbers, landscapers, and painters also volunteer their Saturdays. Nineteen stores are serving as "house sponsors" by contributing cash or materials to defray the cost of renovating the sites.

This year Steve Thomas of PBS's "This Old House" will be joining Patrica Riley Johnson, national president of Christmas of April, in Providence.

"The growth and success of Christmas in April Providence has been recognized nationally, and we are honored to have the national president for Christmas in April along with Steve Thomas visit Providence" stated Joyce Kilmartin, board chair for Christmas in April Providence.

PC volunteers have one neighborhood home which

they will be renovating, 173 Oakland Ave. Twenty students will be working there, while the other 55 will be dispersed at other locations. The house is owned by a single mother with five children and students will paint, rebuild steps, plant flowers, and put in new windows.

Bridgette McMeel '96 is the head of the Providence College chapter of Christmas in April. She reports that more than 75 students wanted to volunteer, but she had to cut off the number. Bridgette is a Christmas in April veteran, having helped in her hometown for eleven years. When Christmas in April came to Providence, Bridgette jumped at the chance to help. "Out of 365 days a year, you can take one day and end up changing the lives of a whole family forever."

Volunteers will assemble Saturday to change the world in which they live. Among those will be 75 PC students, carrying on a tradition which has been around forever.

Abortion Speaker Discusses Grief

by Tammy Ledoux '99
a.k.a Murphy Brown

PC for Life sponsored a lecture on Tuesday featuring two speakers on the topic of grief after abortion. Karin Morin, a member of Birthright and Women Affirming Life, shared her experience regarding abortion. Dr. Joanne Angelo, M.D., a psychiatrist specializing in child and adolescent psychiatry, is a member of Project Rachel. She spoke to the group on her work with post-abortion grief.

Morin explained that she met her husband when she was 15 years old. They began sexual relations shortly after. "I was pregnant for the first time when I was 16 years old."

Morin did not tell her parents or her boyfriend's parents that she was pregnant because she did not want them to know that she was sexually active. She chose to conceal the matter by having an abortion. "I won't pretend that it seemed earth shattering," said Morin.

She explained the details of the day. "My boyfriend and I went to the clinic and almost immediately were separated. I was the youngest of six or eight women there. We received a 15 to 20 minute lecture. I never met the doctor who performed the procedure."

Morin was given anesthesia and the surgery was performed. "When I woke up we left and bought ourselves ice cream sundaes and went home."

When Morin and her boyfriend attended different colleges 500 miles apart, their relationship deteriorated. They got back together, however, one month into their first semester.

"At the end of our freshman year I got pregnant again. I think I wanted to get pregnant. There was something wrong in my life and I wanted to set it right." Morin's parents wanted her to have an abortion, but she decided on having the baby and giving it up for adoption. "Wanting to keep the baby was like wanting the sky to turn green," she said.

She views the abortion as a psychological event that continues to affect her life as well as the life of her husband. "On a few occasions we talked about our first child."

She related the circumstances under which she had the abortion. "I was blindly able to walk into a clinic and not think about the consequences. There was nobody who stopped me and said, 'Think. Do you have any questions? I was looking for some adult input. I did not feel safe turning to my parents.'"

She concluded, "I feel that I have been very fortunate, like most women, that I have come through okay. Abortion is not a quick and easy solution. It is something you have to live with. It is a very difficult thing to come to grips with and it is something that I live with every day of my life."

Angelo followed Morin by citing that 45 million abortions are

performed each year in the world. Even though it is a death experience, society does not permit women to grieve properly. "There is a moment that a woman makes the decision, but that doesn't mean that she doesn't grieve the loss."

According to Angelo, before and after an abortion, women repress the relationship that they have with their unborn child. Sometimes, women wish to stop the abortion procedure while it is occurring, but it is impossible.

"Women start realizing something awful has happened," said Angelo. "(Society) expects them to continue as if nothing happened."

Angelo went on to explain that after an abortion, the relationship between the mother and father of the child sometimes deteriorates. In some cases, substance abuse, eating disorders, and depression occurs. "She doesn't have the support of society. She is alone with grief and told indirectly that something must be wrong with her."

Angelo tries to help women who have had abortions by asking them to share what they have experienced from the day of the abortion surgery. She also is a member of Project Rachel, a Catholic group aimed at telling women that they can be forgiven by the church for their abortion. She helps women let go of their fantasy child and come to a state of closure.

Following the lecture there was a short question and answer period.

Help Plan Ray Food

The College has embarked on a review and study of food services facilities and meal plans on campus. An outside consulting firm with experience on other college campuses has been retained to assist with the planning process. The overriding goal of the planning team is to move PC's food services into the 21st century, making our services and facilities every bit as good as other schools in the Northeast. The team wants to reach out to the student

student body and gather perspectives from students who comprise the primary market segment on campus.

An opportunity to lend your voice to the planning activity will be provided this Monday, April 29, 1996 at 7:00 p.m. in '64 Hall in the Slavin Center. Students are invited to attend an open forum between 7:00 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. to offer comment, describe what is missing here at PC, and give your thoughts to the planning

team. The meeting is being held held to gather input and thoughts from students; no presentation of any preliminary plans will be made. Ideas will be received following the forum and considered for inclusion within the overall planning activity.

A gift certificate for \$20 to the campus bookstore will be given to the first 50 students who attend and participate. Light refreshments will be provided.

National Social Work Honor Society Holds Induction Ceremony

On Wednesday, March 27th, 1996 a new honor society held its first annual induction ceremony in Aquinas Chapel. Delta XI, the Providence College Chapter of Alpha Delta Mu, the National Social Work Honor Society inducted 19 student members along with two honorary members from the Department of Social Work. Margaret Roderick, MSW and Ellen P. Salvatore, Ph. D. were awarded membership for their years of dedication and commitment to the department and to the community.

The guest speaker for the evening was Mr. Jay Lindgren, Jr. Executive Director of the Department of Children, Youth and Families of Providence, R.I. Mr. Lindgren encouraged the inductees to work hard and believe in their work. Patricia Keough, M.S., Field Instructor of the Department of Children, Youth and Families of Providence R.I. was a special honoree for all of her work with students in the field and dedication to Providence College's program.

Reverend Thomas D. McGonigle, O.P., Vice-President for Academic Administration closed the evening with some uplifting words of encouragement for the inductees. He expressed his praise and admiration of the students' dedication to the human services field.

The new inductees were: Kelli Cataldi '96, Melanie A. Fallows '96, Kristina K. Jensen '96, Jody Labao '96, Suzanne L. Monez '96, John K. Murphy '96, Meghan L. O'Connell '96, Maribeth A. Page '96, Lisa M. Pierce '96, Kristin M. Tinsworth '96, Stephanie M. Vece '96, Kathryn M. Bouche '97, Ann R. Comeaux '97, Patricia E. McNeice '97, Karen M. O'Connor '97, Carrie A. Rapp '97, Megan L. Richardson '97, Amy E. Sabo '97, Laurie M. Welch '97.



Dr. Marian Mattison, advisor, Alpha Delta Mu, presents Jay Lindgren with an honorary award.

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ambassador to the Federal Republic of Germany under President Bush, Doctor of Public Administration (D.P.A.).

In addition to the above mentioned degrees, PC will confer ap-

proximately 1,200 degrees to candidates from the undergraduate day school, undergraduate School of Continuing Education, and the Graduate Studies Program.

be the concluding event to commencement week. Also scheduled for the week is a

clambake, a formal dance in Boston and numerous awards ceremonies. There is also a concert with Helen Reddy on Saturday night.

PC to Host AMS Conference

The 1996 New England American Studies Association Conference, "Native Cultures and New England" is coming to PC Saturday April 27, and Sunday April 28. The event will take place in Moore Hall and will be hosted by Richard Testa.

The conference will feature scholars, archivists, and researchers from Maine to California, including members of Abenaki Nation, Nipmuck Nation, Schaghticoke Nation and Cherokee Nation.

Below is the conference schedule and all are invited to attend.

Conference Schedule Saturday, April 27, 1996

9:00—10:30 a.m. OPENING SESSION

Roundtable: "Writing Native American History in the Academy; Keeping Native American History in the Community"

10:45—12:15 p.m. GROUP #1 SESSIONS

Session A. "Inventing Indians" (Chaired by Bernard Bailyn)

Papers: "Roger Williams as a source on Narragansett Culture and History" and "The Invention of 'Mohawks,' or New England's First Terrorist Threat"

Session B. "Land and Power"

Papers: "Consent and Motivation in Indian-White Land Transferral of 17th Century New Hampshire"; "Despicable in the Eyes of an Englishman" or "White Eyes": 19th Century Relations between the Penobscot Indians of Old Town and the State of Maine"; and "Environmental Justice for Native Americans: The Case of the Penobscot Nation"

1:30—3:00 p.m. GROUP #2 SESSIONS

Session A. "Converting Stories"

Papers: "John Eliot and the Burden of Translation"; "Son Lost in the Forest: Problematizing William Apess's Allegory of Faith"; and "A Captive Story: Histories of the 1704 Deerfield Massacre"

Session B. Roundtable:

"Recovering Hidden Histories in New England Museums" Panelists from the Massachusetts Foundation for the Humanities, Nipmuck Nation, Fruitlands Museum, and Old Sturbridge Village.

3:15—4:45 p.m. GROUP #3 SESSIONS

Session A. "Vermont Eugenics and the Abenaki"

Papers: "The Vermont Eugenics Movement in the Interwar Years" and "The Impact of Eugenics on Abenaki Families in Vermont"

Session B. "The Body"

Papers: "Sexuality and the Social Construction of Race: Europeans and Indians in 17th-Century New England" and "Antic Deportments and Indian Postures": Embodiment in Anglo-Indian New England"

5:00—6:15 p.m.

NATIVE STORYTELLING AND DANCE

Sunday, April 28, 1996

8:30—10:00 a.m. GROUP #4 SESSIONS

Session A. "Abenaki Research Project"

Papers: "Balancing the 'Weight of History'"; "Unfortunate Assumptions Ethnocentrism, Power, and Problems of Methodology and Policy in Cultural

Resource Management"; and "Recovering the Material Heritage of the Western Abenaki"

Session B. "Native Constructions of American Identity in the Works of William Apess, 1829-1838"

Papers: "Phantasmagories of Self: William Apess's 'Indian Looking Glass for the White Man'"; "Proprietors and Inhabitants: William Apess and the Contested Ownership of America"; and "'Indian Preacher': The Entanglement of Christian Experience and Native American Identity in William Apess's *A Son of the Forest*"

10:15—11:45 p.m. GROUP #5 SESSIONS

Session A. "Place and Identity"

Papers: "'They are so Frequently Shifting their Place of Residence': the Construction of Social Place for Native American People in Colonial Massachusetts"; "Americans of Color: Holding Ground in Mashpee, 1746-1795"; and "Borderlands and Identity: A Comparative Study of the Cognitive and Physical Boundaries between Indians and Europeans in 17th Century New England and New Mexico"

Session B. "Literature and Racial Discourse" Papers: "Converting Indians, Making Indians, Being Indians: Literary Production, Reception, and Native Americans in New England in the 1820's and 1830's"; "Looking 'Like Folks': Interraciality and Assimilation in Lydia Marie Child's 'Willy Wharton'"; and "Lost Documents and Hidden Treasures: Rediscovering History in *The Crown of Columbus*"

1:00—2:30 p.m. CLOSING PLENARY SESSION

Roundtable: "Future Directions in New England Native Studies"

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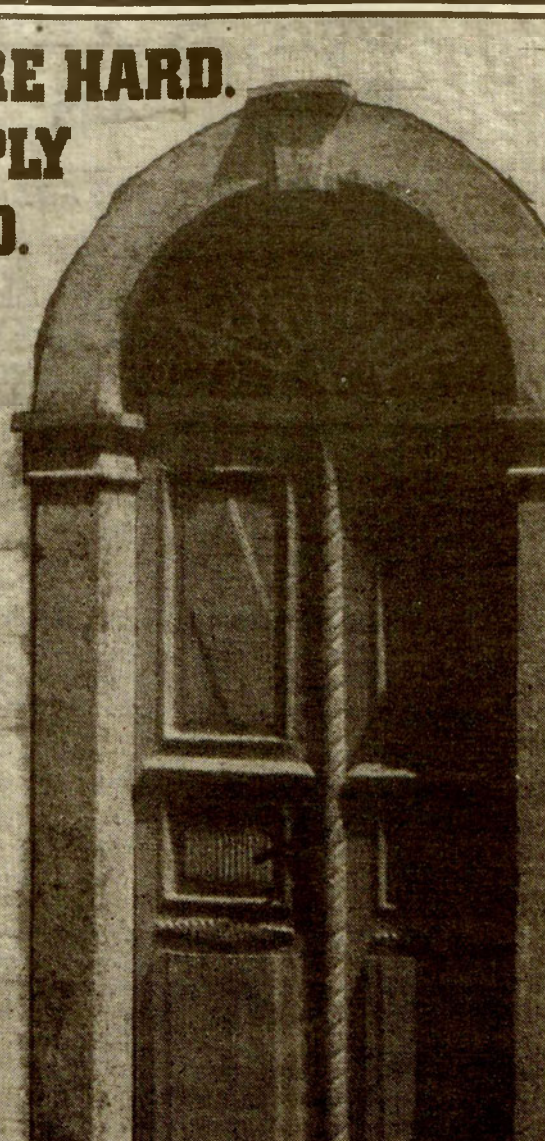
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They Spit on Their Own Soldiers...

by Christopher Roche '96
I've Known Rivers Too

*Well my daddy come on the Ohio works
When he came home from World War Two
Now the yard's just scrap and rubble
He said, "Them big boys did what Hitler
couldn't do."...*

*From the Monongahela valley
To the Mesabi iron range
To the coal mines of Appalachia
The story's always the same
Seven hundred tons of metal a day Now sir
you tell me the world's changed
Once I made you rich enough
Rich enough to forget my name
-Bruce Springsteen, "Youngstown"-1995*

The American dream is changing. They call our generation an "X" generation; the first one that will not do better than its parents. Blue-collar workers such as the ones mentioned in "Youngstown" have been getting the shaft for years, but now it is college graduates getting "downsized," and everyone is in a panic. Downsizing has been going on for years, and it is no coincidence that it did not become a political issue until it began affecting the white-collar worker. America has always romanticized its blue-collar workers, such as the folklores of John Henry, Casey Jones and Paul Bunyan, but America has never really cared about them.

There was once a time when the American dream meant going to college, living in the city for a couple of years, then buying a house in the suburbs and finally, enjoying a nice retirement. The American dream traditionally centered around the home, with a backyard and a swingset. While they may not have lived on the same block, factory workers and lawyers could rely on a home and a family, or at least it was not out of the question.

Today, the American dream is skewed. Students are scurrying for any job they can get, or they are applying to graduate school with no guarantee of a job at the end of that. With 98% of America's wealth being soaked up by 5% of the population, it is no surprise that the very few are reaping huge rewards, and the rest of us are left holding the bag. CEO's salaries are finally under attack; they earn 120 times that of their workers, thus giving evidence to the huge gap between

workers and executives. It is about time America holds these men (most CEO's are men) accountable for their actions.

It is clear that many manufacturing jobs we have lost to Mexico and Asia are not coming back, but America must work to produce new jobs in technology, communications and other service industries for our people to enjoy a comfortable standard of living. Alan Greenspan likes to point out that millions of jobs are being created by the economy every year, but we must look at what type of jobs those are. Fast food and tourism are two of America's fastest growing industries, and neither one of them are going to pay American workers' bills. Statistics ignore that fact.

As I leave Providence College, with a first-rate education (with the exception of one big-headed professor), I realize that our generation must take this country back. The baby boomers have beaten this country up, beyond recognition. They have given us the 60's, the 80's, O.J. Simpson, *Hard Copy* and MTV. The boomers are the only generation in American history to spit on their own soldiers returning home from war. They are the slogan generation that partied for peace and freedom in the 60's, and they are now the executives who order mass-downsizing in the 90's. Of course, not all boomers are evil, but the mark that their generation is leaving on the American Landscape is a negative one, and when they are too old to work, they are going to turn to us to take care of them.

Our generation will be forced to make some difficult decisions in the future, and what to do with the boomers is going to be one of them. Hopefully, we will not cut and tax social security, like the boomers have, and throw our parents into nursing homes. Hopefully, we will not be pursuing material things such as a second home, a third sports car or a closet of Armani suits, instead of saving our money for our children and figuring out a way to pay for our kid's college, the way our grandparents did. The world will surely change in the decades to come. America will as well. It is up to GENERATION X (A boomer invention) to put America back on the right track. Somehow I think we will. If all goes well, Testa will be the next MLB commissioner!

All I Need to Know

by Theresa Edo '96
The Big Kahuna

We're all just a bunch of geeks on *The Cowl*. That's what all of you think, right?

Why would one voluntarily choose to be on *The Cowl*? Then again, why would one want to manage it? I have been asked those questions more times than I want to remember. The quick (resume) answer could be "to enrich my writing ability, improve my organizational skills, and build my interpersonal communication." It gave me a chance to get to know a ton of people I would not have normally met. It became my job to look at "the system" through a critical eye. I was even forced to become responsible and buy a *day planner*. Finally, I arrived at the conclusion that all I really need to know I learned by being on *The Cowl*.

Besides being a shameless allusion to the book about kindergarten, IT'S TRUE! Undeniably, *The Cowl* is an irreplaceable educational experience, but it has also allowed me to glimpse into human nature. First of all, I learned that politics run the world. Too many times, getting ahead is not about what you have accomplished in the past, but who you are "in" with. It is about groups and cliques who help each other. Sometimes people are more motivated by their allegiances than by truth or justice. It is about who you know. The need for power and prestige makes people do unbelievable things.

While this seems sad at first, it is not a totally corrupt system. I have found that if I try to live and work honestly then I will naturally come in contact with other honest people. I have made these kinds of alliances - relationships built on trust and compromise. One can accomplish a great deal if he or she can focus on working with other people rather than working for his or herself.

Another realization I have come to is that not everyone I encounter in my life is going to like me. I know I have caused some people to dislike me personally just because of an article or an advertisement that was printed in *The Cowl*. I understand when I accepted the position as Editor-in-Chief that my name would be associated with every inch of black and white each week. I did not realize, however, that this responsibility would also involve rude glances, comments, and personal attacks.

I have also been let in on the secret that it is difficult to take back a statement once it

has been said, and it is even harder if the statement has been printed. It is extremely difficult to rectify readers' feelings once they see something that disagrees with them. The paper can print a retraction, but the initial impression of a reader will stay with him or her for the longest time. It has taken me many months to become so sensitive to my audience. I am currently debating whether this is entirely beneficial because now I am overly cautious and down-right worried about everything I say.

Probably the biggest lesson I had to learn this year was one of responsibility. Since September there have been tasks that had to be completed, no questions asked, despite what other distractions there were. Some things just HAVE to get done. Many seniors, including myself, needed to finish homework, go to work, or, in my case, make sure the newspaper did not fall apart when we were not looking, before Louie's or Club Eagle's came into the game-plan. Everything I was involved in this year adds to my sense of accomplishment, but that achievement is the farthest thing from my mind when I am stuck in the *Cowl* office at four in the morning trying to finish the issue.

Another thing that really frustrates me is that it is impossible to please everyone. Each week there were always people who voiced their concerns about something that was printed in the newspaper. While we always welcomed these comments, I would wonder if anyone would realize how much hard work went into what we printed. I know students whose grades have suffered because of the different activities they are on. These same students never receive the praise due to them. (Then again, I know many others who do nothing but go to class, come home, and watch TV.)

My final issue of *The Cowl* leaves me a confused, bittersweet mixture of sadness and relief. I will miss the many hours spent in the office debating issues, writing articles, and philosophizing about life. Then again, I have done my time. There is no way I could write an incredibly sarcastic article detailing all that I hate about Providence College. On that same note, there is no way that I could write a really sappy article, either. As scary and uncertain as the future is, it still seems a heck of a lot more appealing than going through the same routine yet again. I will take away many life lessons from *The Cowl*, but perhaps the most important one is how to treat someone else like a fellow human being.

Rx for Power and Influence

by Vera Schomer '96
The "Outspoken" One

"There is nothing more demoralizing than feeling you have a creative new idea or a unique insight into a significant organizational problem and then come face to face with your organizational impotence."

-*Developing Management Skills*, 3rd Ed., by D. Whetten and K. Cameron.

During my three year career on *The Cowl*, I felt this way on numerous occasions, but I was not alone. Every year Student Congress officers, club presidents, students, faculty and even some administrators share a feeling of powerlessness at this institution. In lieu of writing a sorrow-filled adieu, I devote my last commentary to the never-ending quest for power and influence at PC.

I begin by pointing out some self-evident truths. First, PC is not a democracy. Second, there is a tremendous amount of apathy in the student body. Third, everyone knows that if you hate PC that much, you should leave. Finally, students as a whole are yet to prove to the administration, or to anyone, that they are capable of making sound decisions, that they are willing to be treated as adults regardless of the severity of the consequences, and that they do not want someone making their important decisions for them.

Therefore, I offer some suggestions for the handful of people who actually give a damn about their education and their future

alma mater. If you want to change something, become an expert on the matter. Conduct surveys, document student opinion, research the issue at other schools, and support all your arguments with facts. Stress the benefits that the institution will enjoy by addressing your issue and emphasize the negative consequences of ignoring it.

When you want to address an issue, be proactive, not reactive. Define the problem and offer reasonable suggestions for change rather than wasting your time simply whining. Emphasize that you know what types of limitations and pressures the administrator or institution works under. Otherwise, they will turn you down for wanting too much that they cannot offer.

To gain power behind your message, enlist the support of your peers. In institutions with rigid administrations, grass roots efforts are the only way to go. If you take on the higher-ups alone, you will only encounter patronizing smiles, red tape, and closed doors; it is too easy to ignore one person's concerns. In addition, publicize your concerns in a public forum. Written media such as newspapers are particularly effective because they create a permanent record and a potential disquieted readership that cannot be ignored.

Prove that you are honest, trustworthy, conscientious, and dedicated to the values and ideals of the institution. To do so, avoid secretiveness and hidden agendas, avoid being labeled a malcontent or outsider, and

maintain friendly, respectful relations with as many insiders as possible.

Finally, keep an open mind. Be willing to accept that you could be wrong, that others may have better ideas or perspectives to draw upon, and that you can change your mind.

The world is filled with virtual impossibilities, but nothing is impossible. When you find yourself feeling like a powerless nobody, whether in school, at your first job, or even in your social life, accept a challenge! Don't sit back and let your environment mold you. If something is not to your liking, put in the effort to change it. The aforementioned textbook states, "only the naive believe that the best recommendation always gets selected, the most capable individual always gets the promotion, and the deserving unit gets its fair share of the budget."

Get dirty. Do what everyone who's anyone does. Increase your power and influence and seize the day!

What does my crystal ball have in store for PC? The paternalistic parent/irresponsible child relationship between the administration and the student body will end when students take responsibility for their actions, and when the administration holds students accountable as adults, rather than cradling them from orientation to graduation. Student Congress will stop "playing politics" to do something important, student-centered, and lasting. Professors will realize

that students appreciate courses that offer valuable knowledge and enthusiastic teaching, rather than freely granted empty credits to buy a diploma. And pigs will fly. That's it.

By the way, for all of you who are wondering - I had a great experience at PC. I wouldn't change it, and I don't sit around thinking how it might have been if I went to another school. PC taught me more than I ever expected to learn in college.

Whether you have always, or perhaps never agreed with me, I thank you for reading. You gave me challenging confrontations on the weekends, scarce, yet insightful letters to the editor, an intellectual reputation to live up to, and best of all, the will to keep on writing. Seeing that my JRW commentary still lives on (as evidenced by the remarks I still entertain on weekends), I am delighted to believe I made an impact. There is nothing more fulfilling than knowing I had a large readership, a great number of supporters, and a number of critics who were compelled to consider an opposing viewpoint.

P.S. Dr. Testa, you will be missed. Russell P. Demoe, thank you. HPM is a worthwhile major that deserves more faculty. Editors for *The Cowl* deserve academic credit or a stipend. The Dalmatian is a sad marketing concept. Bigoted professors aren't cool.

Minimum Wage Needs an Increase

by Mike Sullivan '96
The Unabomber

Should we raise the minimum wage or not? That's the question being debated all over the country right now, from the factory floor to the floor of Congress. The minimum wage has always been one of those issues that gets everyone in an uproar, but the fact that we are only six months away from a presidential election is making this debate a particularly bitter one. Conservatives have repeatedly claimed that raising the minimum wage would mostly benefit teenage workers and eliminate a significant amount of low paying jobs, which would hurt the working poor. In reality, a rise in the minimum wage is long overdue and would actually help the working poor.

There are currently over 10 million American workers earning minimum wage. Although many of these are teenagers working part time to earn spending money, a majority of them are not. More than 70% of workers are over 25 years old or are no longer attending school. Over half are women who have families to take care of. These people work because they need to buy food and pay rent, not because they are saving up to buy a bike. Even the most modest increase would help make these people's lives just a little bit easier.

Since the late 1970's, the buying power of the minimum wage has decreased by 40%. That means that someone earning minimum wage today is actually getting paid 40% less than someone who earned the minimum wage

twenty years ago. As working has become less profitable, welfare has become more attractive. After all, if you had children to take care of, would you rather work full time and still not be able to support them properly, or would you rather not work at all and receive welfare that would assure your children have at least the basic necessities? Any parent who cares about his or her children would probably pick the latter. The only realistic way to move people off of welfare and into jobs is to make those jobs worth working by raising the rate of pay.

The President has proposed to raise the minimum wage from \$4.25 an hour to \$5.15 an hour over the next two years. To a parent working full time at base pay, that would mean an additional \$1,872 a year. Moderate Republicans in Congress have gone further and proposed to raise it to \$5.25 an hour which would mean an additional \$2,080 a year to a full time worker. Sounds like a good idea, so why are these proposals stalled in Congress? The answer is that big businesses, which have contributed generously to conservatives within the Republican Party, just do not want to pay their blue collar workers any more than they already do. Unfortunately for them, there is so much support for a higher minimum wage in the White House, Congress, and the public that it is bound to pass eventually. It will not eliminate poverty, end the need for welfare, or make everyone run out to find a job, but it will make life that much easier for the working poor.

Politics as Usual

by Amy Rodrigues '97
Editorial Writer

This past month we witnessed an extraordinary happening that presumably aimed at improving the electoral system here at PC. Because of an imperative reforming of PC's electoral process, which allowed for more extensive campaigning rights for candidates and a chance to debate the issues more thoroughly, we were inescapably exposed to the inevitable wheeling and dealing of a political election right here on our own campus. We were introduced to the politics of supporting a "buddy" over the most qualified candidate. We were influenced by all those with the biggest and brightest campaign posters (i.e. campaign funds in the real world), and we were witnesses to a real live "debate" that was intended to help us distinguish between candidates based on issues while socializing over a hamburger. Just as we reformed the electoral system to reflect the real world political arena; we, at the same time, have introduced a system that will unavoidably bring with it behavior much like that of the "real world" politicians. Unfortunately, it's politics as usual.

First, the candidates. For the most part, the candidates ran honest campaigns based on their qualifications, achievements, and hopes for next year. Without mentioning any names, however, there were those who did not believe that their qualifications, their achievements, and their hopes were enough to ensure them a win. Therefore, they felt it was necessary to resort to the unethical, illegal political scrutiny that we would see with a politician running for a more legitimate, serious position than that of a PC Congress seat. Rumors of personal and political promises, ("Yah, he promised me an appointed position if I helped him campaign") and other state-

ments that could easily be distinguished as threats for next year's fund allotment process to certain clubs occurred in the past election. Why is it that when some of us think of running a campaign for a national or even campus-based position, we assume that things must be promised, threatened, ripped down, or stolen in order to truly win an election? It's something to think about that may reveal something, not about the position, but about the person running for the position.

Next, the "debate". What we witnessed last Wednesday was a step in the right direction in decreasing the level of apathy on this campus. Whether it was for the food or for an honest interest in meeting the faces and the issues of this year's candidates, there were roughly one hundred students who went. The effort was valiant and worthy of recognition based on the fact that it was an attempt to get more students involved in the elections. The debate itself, however, needed a few basic reforms of its own to truly make it effective. The "debate" consisted of one candidate introducing his or herself to the audience, who was subsequently asked a question to be answered by that candidate and that candidate alone. I hardly consider a "debate" between one candidate and him or herself anything to justifiably base a decision on. Unfortunately, I am very disappointed to say that I have witnessed debates in high school that were more informative and helpful than the one I witnessed last week.

I hate to be a cynic, and crack on the one courageous effort to upgrade and reform our political system at PC, but it is obvious that the debate we witnessed on Wednesday was nothing more than a humorous, social event. In future elections it would further benefit our students to either really and truly debate the issues, or perhaps

print statements or even moderate a printed debate to really grasp the issues and where each candidate stands, in the election issue of *The Cowl*.

Third, the issue. Once again, we had a situation where a few people were given a certain amount of power and they felt the desire to abuse it in favor of their own objectives. The unethical behavior, the sign-ripping, the threats - all of these things may be thought of as funny and acceptable at this level of politics (especially the level at which our "debate" took place). However, it scares me to think that these are the people who might, in the future, be our business people, our politicians, and our leaders. Someday soon, these selected few may have much greater power which they will again feel a need to use to their advantage, and walk over all those who get in their way. It is obvious to me, and to many others that shake their heads in disgust in response to what transpired during these elections, that, as always, those that have some form of power at this school (i.e. alumni connections, friends in high positions, and other political connections) can weasel their way out of anything, and those in higher administrative positions will allow this behavior to continue.

When I first thought that the renewed election process at PC was a step in the right direction to prepare our "politicians" for the real world, I certainly did not expect to witness behavior that was characteristic of all the unethical, illegal behavior we see smeared on newspapers everyday. But, maybe that's just me. I suppose I have simply lost faith in the fact that truth and honesty, hence, Veritas, would remain in a Catholic College which puts such an emphasis on values. They certainly were not present in the elections of the past month.

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How Far is Too Far?

by Kristen Martineau '98
Editorial Writer

The cover of *Time* magazine this week reads: "Who Killed Jessica?" Just last week seven-year-old Jessica Dubroff, her father, and her flight instructor were killed when the plane that Jessica was piloting crashed in Wyoming. Had Jessica completed her mission, she would have been the youngest person to fly across the country. Instead, her young life came to a startling halt. The incident raises many questions and forces all of us to evaluate our own lives. No doubt, Jessica was encouraged by overzealous parents and the media attention. Jessica stood 4ft 2in tall and weighed 55lbs. Her feet did not even reach the rubber petals on the plane. How could she have ever been allowed to fly? It is not legal to obtain a driver's licence until age 16, yet it is acceptable to fly a plane at seven years old and with only 35 hours of flight instruction.

When evaluating the entire situation, it is necessary to understand the philosophy of her parents. Jessica's parents possess a New Age philosophy which encourages children to follow their dreams and pursue adult ambitions. Her parents are not content with allowing children to be children. In fact, when a little boy gave Jessica's

mother a teddy bear last week, she refused it because she claimed that children should not play with toys. Her parents were set on giving their children as much freedom as possible.

I am not arguing against parents giving children choices. However, a seven-year-old child is hardly aware of the consequences of actions, and is not mentally mature enough to make many decisions alone. A seven-year-old child does not recognize the fact that death is irreversible. Children think they are invincible. They need guidance from parents. As much as they deny it, children love structure, and they need to know that someone is looking out for their best interest. I can only imagine how scared Jessica must have been.

With only 35 hours of flight instruction and 2 hours of sleep the night before, Jessica's plane took off in very severe weather. One pilot, with over 52 years of flying experience, said that there was no way he would have ever gone up in weather like that. The question remains: Why did the plane take off? Jessica flew that day because her parents pressured her and the media was counting on her. There would not have been much of a story had she decided to stay on the ground. When asked whose

idea it was for the trip, Lloyd Dubroff, Jessica's father, responded, "The trip was my idea but was presented to Jessica for her choice."

This incident raises important issues that need to be addressed. Parents obviously want what is best for their children. They want them to be able to get involved in activities that make them happy and expose them to new experiences. However, some parents have a tendency to push their children too far. They try to live vicariously through their children, not necessarily keeping the child's best interest in mind. Yet, there comes a point when parents need to intervene and make decisions. In no way is any seven year old capable of making choices that affect his or her life in a substantial manner.

Jessica's parents were influenced by this country's emphasis on reaching goals, being the best, and setting precedents. The media is much to blame as well. If there had not been not so much hype and coverage, this would have never been an issue. Jessica would not have flown and she would still be alive today. Part of a parent's love is knowing when to say no to their children. Unfortunately, Jessica's parents did not realize this.

Good Bye and God Bless

by **Beth Danesco '96**
Secretary General of the U.N.

Every week has its share of bad news, but last week seemed more morbid than most: Tuesday was Holocaust Remembrance Day, a solemn day to recall millions of innocent victims. Friday marked the first anniversary of the senseless Oklahoma City bombing. And throughout the week, the Middle East was racked again by violence, violence that , by week's end, had left scores of civilians dead and a major peace plan in jeopardy. It didn't just rain last week, it poured, and in the face of this storm came all the difficult questions: "How can people do this to one another?" "How do we stop things like these from happening again and again?" These questions are as difficult to answer this week as they were a week ago, a year ago, fifty years ago. As the leaders of tomorrow who are fast becoming the leaders of today, we have no choice but to consider these questions. After a year of trying to sort out answers as an editorial writer, I'm offering in this last effort the best suggestions I can come up with for improving our lives as individuals and as a community of five billion. For some reason, all these suggestions involve the letter 'H.'

Stay Hungry. College is a time of massive inquiry, introspection and action. But when we leave this think tank it will be very easy for us to forget about the great problems and possible solutions we once contemplated as students, and instead focus on the practical concerns of day-to-day life. In fact, society somewhat forces us into this pragmatism. For all of our sakes, we cannot afford to start thinking small. The sad state of our world, our nation, our communities, can only be improved upon by dedicated, passionate people who possess both a view that reaches beyond their own individual lives and a will to reach out beyond their own comfort zones to people who are not so fortunate. When we leave college, we have

to take with us our idealism, our new found self-knowledge, our determination, and put it all to good use. We have to put it to good use not just for a year, or until we find a steady job, but for our entire lives. We have to DO something. Don't forget those issues you debated so strongly in the dorms late at night. Don't stop asking yourself and your friends those deep questions. Don't give up on those goals you set for yourself and your world. Maintain that energy, enthusiasm, and concern. Avoid apathy like the plague - it has the capacity to be just as deadly.

Stay Humble. Much of the work we need to do to "make things better" is often hard, thankless, dirty and dangerous. For exactly those reasons, it often remains undone. It is human nature to seek recognition and approval, but we cannot let such things become our central motivation. Too many worthwhile projects have failed because of power struggle or pettiness. Too many people have failed to make important contributions because they deemed the potential rewards too small. Remember the supreme example of Jesus: "to serve, not to be served." Put yourself second: do what needs to be done and what you have the ability to do, not what brings the most acclaim. Hold on to the proper perspective: you are a part of a bigger picture, a part worth no more and no less than all the other parts. Remember the only thing this world revolves around is the sun.

Keep a sense of humor. Between our own lives and the state of the larger world we see around us, there are many situations that leave us with little about which we can laugh. Confronted by the bad, don't forget to look for the good. There are still many real joys in life, if we choose to accept and appreciate them. If we become cynical and bitter, we fulfill our own prophecy of doom. Remember - we mourn death and decry injustice in the first place because we know there is something innately

good about life when it is given the chance to flourish. A loving God gave us an entire universe to use and enjoy in the here and now and the promise of an afterlife in paradise. That in itself is a reason to smile.

Keep a sense of our shared humanity. There is nothing wrong with preserving one's cultural identity. In fact, there is something wrong with not preserving it. However, take a look around at the damage brought about when identifying too exclusively with one "group" cuts people off from the rest of humanity. Take a look around at the damage brought about when identifying too exclusively with one "group" leads people to dehumanize "outsiders." Slavery. Decimation of Native American nations. The Holocaust. Bosnia. Rwanda. Northern Ireland. The Middle East. Different times, different places, but the name of the game is the same: "us" vs. "them." Be proud of who you are, but never lose sight of the fact that before you are white, or black, or Catholic, or Jewish, you are human. We are all human: human, made in God's image; human, subject to pain, sadness, happiness and joy; human, given the same unalienable rights; human, given the same undeniable human dignity; human, and accordingly due the same respect, compassion and opportunity to live a full life.

Hope. Hope is a noun we cannot forget, a verb we must embrace, a suggestion we must take, a declaration we must make with enthusiasm, and a one-word order from the Almighty himself. Like faith and of course love, we need hope to survive and succeed.

Henry David Thoreau wrote, "If one advances confidently in the direction of his dreams and endeavors to live the life which he has imagined, he will meet with a success unexpected in common hours." Advance with confidence. Seek the uncommon hour. And never endeavor to do anything less than change the world.

Leadership??

To the Editor,

As a graduating senior, I feel that I have done my best to take advantage of the many opportunities available to the students to become involved in our school. Along with many other students, I have worked very hard in a number of organizations with the hope of improving the school and the surrounding community for future students. Our school has many organizations which are run by students with similar aspirations. Now, with graduation looming three weeks away, I am sad to say that I must question the work that I, as well as every other student leader or activist, have done on this campus.

This inquisition is brought forth by the recent occurrences in Student Congress, an organization which I am proud to have been involved with for four years. I am now questioning the dedication,

Should we be comforted to know that when a controversial issue arises, one which is too "complex" for students to deal with, there will always be an administrator to ensure that everything is okay? At least we know that we don't have to accept responsibility for our choices, we won't have to defend ourselves to angry parents or even possible lawsuits, the School is there to take care of us. The Providence College Mission Statement indicates that it will prepare students to "become productive and responsible citizens of a democratic society." However, Father McPhail's decision enforces that we cannot be responsible citizens at this institution and it undermines the one supposedly democratic and representative organization on campus.

This decision by a representative of the administration to inter-

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work, and time that I have contributed to this "governing" organization. The occurrence I am speaking of is the repeal of the Student Congress decision concerning the recent executive board election controversy (see April 18 *Cowl*). The travesty, and students rights infringement, was that the final decision to reinstate Michael Walsh as President of the 47th Student Congress was not made by the students; rather it occurred through intervention by Father McPhail. Father McPhail ignored Student Congress' offer of an appeal process to Michael Walsh. Instead, he heard the appeal and made the decision himself.

I suppose that the administration's intervention in student affairs should not be surprising, but I refuse to believe that is acceptable. This act leads me to doubt that Father McPhail holds much esteem for the student voice. The administration's reaction to "fix" things for the students, underestimates students' ability to govern themselves, and exhibits a strong lack of respect for the student body and for the decision of the Student Congress. A lack of respect for our ability to deal with our own issues and conduct ourselves as adults? It is disheartening for myself and a number of other active students that we have been allowed to merely "play student congress," or "play student leader and decision maker" for a number of years. When the time arises to make a difficult decision, our work, time and recommendations are ignored.

fere in a student organization is representative of the fact that students don't have a voice in decision making processes concerning our college and our education. This process is one which greatly affects students, yet rarely do we have more than a token member on any administrative committee. These are policies and issues which have restricted or impeded students for many years. Because these have not been challenged, students subconsciously accept them and then lose sight that they even exist. It is time for students to assure that the decision makers are aware of students wants and needs and that they are respected and addressed appropriately. Last year at this time I would have said that the most effective means to sound student voices through Student Congress, and I am sure that this advice would have been applauded by Father McPhail. Now I see that this method is ineffective. Until Student Congress develops a voice loud enough to be heard, the students must unite and make their frustrations known.

Christopher Caruso '96,
Vice President,
46th Student Congress

Editor's Note:

This letter contains the opinions of the signed author. According to Mike Walsh, he himself requested an appeal through Fr. McPhail. According to Fr. McPhail, Congress provided for no appeal process.

Money is not Everything

by **Jay Spinola '96**
Editorial Writer

As the academic year draws ever closer to an end, one can continuously hear students speaking to one another about the plans they have for after graduation. Some students are pursuing graduate degrees in the fields of law, business, and academia, while others have already received job offers from various companies. While these discussions touch on a wide range of subjects, it seems that whenever our senior class talks about their hopes and dreams for the future the subject of their salaries inevitably arises.

While the amount of money a person will earn from their employer is certainly a relevant part of their career path, it should not become the only motivation in one's life. Money is indeed a necessity in our society. Unfortunately, people today often make amassing large sums of cash their life's work. This type of desire seems utterly redundant. To achieve the status of a multi-millionaire or even billionaire serves no purpose if the money is simply utilized to further increase an assortment of material things. Idle goods are meaningless if a person lacks love or true happiness. Thus, I hope students at this college will devote at least part of their time to

greater pursuits than simply hoarding money.

As college graduates, and the future leaders of this country, the students of this institution have a duty not only to themselves, but also to their communities. We must learn to think of the welfare of others, and not just ourselves. All too often in our society those with meager means and limited opportunities get left behind, relegated into a continuous cycle of poverty forgotten by up-and-coming elites rushing to establish positions of high social status. We must not allow ourselves to forget those people who for what ever reason did not have the means to attain a level of higher education, and insure they are not left idly by while those of us blessed with greater opportunities simply seek our own personal pleasures and passions.

Providence College is an institution steeped in the Catholic traditions of the Dominican order. Part of those traditions stress serving one's community and offering assistance to those in need. P.C. students, whether Catholic or not, must heed these lessons of personal service and continue to offer whatever assistance they can to their communities. The experience and gratitude one receives from helping a person in need is

far greater than any amount of money that can be earned.

Money does not bring love, true friendships, or even happiness. These intangible and special gifts can only be obtained by developing one's person and enriching one's spirit, not by adding continuously to a bank account. I believe offering one's time, compassion, and dedication to a worthy cause can be much more fulfilling than any amount of material goods that may be acquired. Furthermore, I think it is the duty of anyone in a position of power or authority to protect and assist those that do not have the means to help themselves.

I would urge all students graduating from this college to keep in mind the lessons this college attempted to teach us and strive not only to obtain personal financial success, but also the spiritual fulfillment that comes with helping others. The pursuit of money often blinds us from the truly important things in life. Thus, we must strive to keep our financial ambitions at bay and seek the happiness and fulfillment that comes with improving not only our own lives, but the lives of others. If we seek to achieve this, we may leave the world a better place than the way we found it. GOOD LUCK SENIORS!

Hockey Gratitude

Dear Cowl,

Congratulations to the Friars' hockey team! I had attended the Hockey East Tournament for the second year in a row. In 1995 I beheld a great tournament as the Friars bowed to the Terriers in the title. This year's tournament was even greater as the Friars captured the title. Through the years, Friar hockey continues to make a name for itself. Paul Pooley has taken the hockey program to the next level in the last couple of years. Likewise, college hockey is constantly gaining in popularity and

exposure across the country. College hockey must still be one of the best buys of any sport. Not to mention, Schneider Arena is one of the best arenas in Hockey East (with ticket prices to match). Year in and year out, I always see the same handful of fans. It just strikes me that the Providence College community is not taking advantage of a great program. In 1998 the final four is at the Fleet Center. Hope to see you there!

Yours Truly,
Kevin Walsh '90

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Something Wicked this Way Came

by Renet M.A. Ladocsi '96
Arts and Entertainment Diva

From April 19th through the 23rd, the stage of the Blackfriars Theatre was overwrought by tragedy and despair, violence and outrage. It was met with bloodshed and destruction, unnatural occurrences and premature deaths. And it was all under the direction of John Garrity, under the post-humous musing of William Shakespeare. It was *Macbeth*.

Providence College's Theatre Department presented a claustrophobic arena, a semi-circular stage set, as the platform with which to present the lands of Scotland and England. Being an open stage, the dark, dank, corrupt evil of the opening scene immediately permeated throughout and enveloped the audience. The set proved to mirror the action — there was much more than meets the eye. For instance, *Macbeth* shows two sides to his personality, and the pieces of the set were used dually. A simple pedestal became the cauldron in which the witches mixed their frothing, bubbling, intoxicating brew.

The play was observed by a threesome of evil sisters (Stacey Lynn Cloutman '96, Abigail Christian '99 and Stephanie Kraus '96) whose bewitching behavior turned what was the glorious victory of two Scottish generals over an rebel army from Norway, into a seething, mutating tragedy that festers into a tremendous amount of distrust, paranoia and fatality.

The cast, compiled of student actors of PC and visiting artists, put forth a truly impassioned, twisted and captivating performance. Bringing to life the stage direction and atmosphere of Shakespeare's 15th cen-

tury play, audience members found elements of Garrity's production creative and original, such as the positioning of the three witches on stage throughout the entire play. The witches, who bring such venom to the plot of *Macbeth*, are situated on the curved wooden beams of the set and oversee the production. They added another vocal aspect to the play, producing cries, cackles, laughter and other complementing tracks.

Making use of an extremely large cast of 29 men and women, Garrity's produc-

ticular was robbed of her final night performance. It should be noted by all, within our community that Beth Ford was unfortunately unable to take her last bow on the final night of this performance due to an untimely automobile accident. Other senior actors include Stacey Lynn Cloutman, Stephanie Kraus, Brian Patrick Gorman, Stephen Schonhoff, Jennifer O'Donnell, Kevin Casey, and Jessica Billings.

Christopher Brown mystified the set with lighting techniques that were so precise that

swung down the fireman poles, the eight kings appeared eerily — each one between two ribs of the set enveloped in fog and soft-white light. The witches also had their own lighting, an eye-pleasing green/blue that cut their persons in half. Your mind's eye was taken on a beautiful journey in which it never wants to leave.

The music, which heightened the overall atmosphere of the play, was fantastic. Drums, bongos, violins, and a huge, spherical drum were used to provide a auroral background to the visual set.

Costuming, under the direction of David Costa Cabral, used color and style to parallel plot sequences. As *Macbeth*, played with fiery intensity by visiting actor Stephen Cabral, displayed an attitude of rebellion, so did his clothing; once *Macbeth* began to lose his mind, Cabral removed the traditional Scottish garb of plaid vestments and replaced them with, what seemed to the 20th century viewer, to be almost rebel-biker garb. Cabral's vision in costume also carries through in Lady *Macbeth*'s (Megan Gibbons '98) dress. When she first appeared as Queen of Scotland, Cabral places her in a red dress; representing the blood she took part in spilling; she can never escape the symbolic red stain of her dire situation.

The dancing and fighting scenes, choreographed by Wendy Oliver and Normand Beauregard respectively, brought outstanding energy and activity to the performance. The scenes were energetic, viscous, powerful, and convincing. Actors acted out scenes with fear in their eyes and vengeance in every clash of their blades.

Moreover, every aspect of the Blackfriars' performance fused together to present professional perfection. All those involved are to be applauded for an outstanding display of Medieval tragedy and fatal destruction.



by Michael 'Fleance' Sablone '98

tion makes use of some veteran and fresh talent. Some actors made their first performance on the Blackfriars' stage, Michael Sablone captured the character of Fleance, Son of Banquo; Abigail Christian playing the Second Witch; Thomas Gregory Broderick as Lord Caithness, and Karen O'Connor, the First Apparition/Messenger.

Many actors, of course, were giving their final performances this season. One in par-

in many instances it replaced stage props such as blood stains during fight scenes, and moonlight during Lady *Macbeth*'s troubled nights of sleepwalking through the palace grounds. More effective lighting was used during the Apparition and the eight kings scene. The Apparitions each were bathed in a blood red light which added to the haunting voices they had. They replaced the witches on their perches and after they

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'Toon Troubles

by Venessa Andersen '99
A&E Writer

Cartoons have evolved greatly from their beginnings with the pointy-nosed Mickey in "Steamboat Willie" and classic Tom and Jerry. Their childhood included pre-movie two penny bits that my Grandfather used to watch when he was a boy growing up in Boston. In their adolescence, they were exposed in full length features movies. The teenage years brought them success with television, and now they are reaching maturity as they slowly make the climb into post prime time-dom.

Yes, everyone has been a victim of these late night spectacles that cater to the small child trapped with in our grown up bodies. These relatively new late night cartoons provide entertainment, appeal to our nostalgia for childhood, and at the same time, try not to insult our mental capacities.

However, with their new maturity, cartoons are faces with new issues. They no longer have the responsibility of non-stop grabbing action since their new-found later audience usually has a longer attention span than ten seconds. This proves to be a problem because now they are faced with the issue of filling up that space, finding characters that almost-adults can relate to, and presenting plots that grab the new audience's attention. And since it is usually Generation X-ers that watch these shows, it is no surprise that violence, sarcasm, sexuality and a bit of individuality are common themes that most of the cartoons like MTV's *Oddities*, and USA's *Duckman* and *The Critic* share.

Aeon Flux is a perfect example of how adult themes have replaced innocence in cartoon land. The character of Aeon is presented as a twenty-something, mysterious, and physically beautiful superhero. Darkness pervades through the series in reference to the themes and is carried through with the mysterious settings. Granted, *Aeon Flux* is enchanting. However, it has lost some cartoon purity. A small child could not watch this show. The show is too grown-up. The problem becomes, then,

how do you tell that child they cannot watch this program since traditionally, cartoons have been reserved for the pre-teen population.

This became a very real problem when a couple of years ago some children were so entranced with *Beavis and Butt-head's* "fire! fire!" that they attempted to set their own house on fire. Serving as a wake-up call, this incident forced MTV to wait until after 11:00 p.m. to air their new crowd pleaser. *Beavis and Butt-head* has also had to cut down on much of its abrasiveness since then. The characters now can only say "fire" if it is used in a sentence and can no longer mutilate animals. What is truly ironic though about *Beavis and Butt-head*, is that it satirizes the very audience that watches it. It embraces the philosophy of "biting the hand that feeds you."

USA's Friday night *Duckman* illustrates sarcasm and the disillusionment of reality. The character, Duckman, voiced by Jason Alexander of *Seinfeld*, is a cynical character, disenchanted with his family, his job and his life. Compare *Duckman* to another series dominated by the same species, Disney's *Duck Tales*. Take Scrooge McDuck, a cynical, money-obsessed character, like Duckman. However, there's a difference: *Duck Tales* embraces innocence, whereas *Duckman* satirizes the innocent.

My point: cartoons, like men, grow and develop. One cannot stop the ever-present wheels of time that make things grow up. The innocence of cartoons will never be the same, and if there was to be a new show that was all bitter-sweet nicety, I'd be skeptical. Cartoons will never again be animals singing and being joyful in two minute pre-movie bits. Their film debuts are no longer the same; commercialism has taken over. Classic TV cartoons like *Scooby Doo* and *The Care Bears* are now no longer on the air. They have been replaced with costumed ninjas and giant mutants. I know that people eventually mature and that the times change with them. It was predictable that cartoons would eventually embrace the late night television audience, but what worries me the most is what will happen to them next. Will Mickey end the century with a bang in a cartoon pornography with Minnie?

Righteous Babe

by Megan Southard '98
A&E Writer

I had been listening to her tapes for a few months after Lisa, a good friend of mine, introduced me to Ani DiFranco. Lisa and I share a lot of the same musical tastes. We both like loud, outspoken women whose melancholy festers into a wailing guitar with lyrics that say everything you ever wanted to, but didn't.

Ani DiFranco began playing guitar at age nine. She grew up in Buffalo, hanging around the local music store, and getting guitar tips from the bums hanging around outside. After her move to New York City, she could not get signed to a recording label. So what did this extremely talented and ambitious singer/guitarist do? She did not let anyone stop her, including the big-name labels who look to sign cookie cutter MTV starlets who are quickly forgotten. This is exactly what she did (and does) not want to be. So she created her own label. Righteous Babe records was born.

After her first, self-titled record, DiFranco releases one after another, including *Not A Pretty Girl*, probably her best known album. She has gained a very devoted group of fans, especially in NYC where she is known for her powerful, fearless folk guitar and explicitly honest lyrics. Seven albums later, Ani DiFranco came to Lupos, on Thursday, April 17th.

On the day of the day of the concert, I felt like a little kid on Christmas. I had been driving my roommates crazy for weeks, playing DiFranco incessantly. Her music is amazing - she screams, she yodels, she records some spoken word. She sings fearlessly about sexual exploitation, her relationship with other women, and incidents of abuse and rape. Needless to say, she is not often heard on the radio.

I had no concept about the size of her following. I thought she was this great secret that I and only a few other (with really good taste), were in on. It was a Thursday, and there was no opening act, yet the place was packed with eager fans who breathlessly waited for a glimpse of their heroine.

I was surprised when DiFranco came out on stage. Despite her newly shaven head and black bicep tattoo, the powerful voice which I had been listening to did not seem to fit the petite woman on stage. Then she began singing. She opened the show with "Worthy," smacking her guitar and belting away in that distinctive, vibrating voice which, like few other artists,

songs off her newest album, *Dilate*, which is not yet released. She did a melody of unexpected covers combining Tina Turner, Salt-n-Pepa, P Funk and Bjork. She also sang many songs off her earlier albums, obviously well known by the audience who sang along, including two of my personal favorites, "Both Hands" and "Letter to a John."

In addition to her outstanding live performance, DiFranco has a very genuine, magnetic stage presence, and talks very openly about her art. When being questioned by the press about her *Not A Pretty Girl* theme as being used as tool to sell records she responded sarcastically, "Yeah, that's my life, a marketing ploy...like when they compare me to Alanis Morissette," she laughs and sings, "I'm short but I'm dumpy...I'm drunk but I'm horny..." Overall, the show was one of the best live performances I have ever seen, and for those convinced, she is playing at the Orphium in New York City in coming weeks.

Ani DiFranco's CD's are not too easy to find, but well worth the search. Keep an eye out for her new one, and in the mean time, look for one of her previously released, including *Not A Pretty Girl*, *Imperfectly*, *Out of Range*, and *Like I Said*.

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actually sounds even better live.

Her show was at least two and a half hours long, and she was accompanied only by drummer Andrew Estochanski, and newly added bassist Sarah Lee, who formerly played with the Indigo Girls. She began the show with several

Just because something is old doesn't mean it isn't valuable.

I can relate to that. Maybe that's why I'm never in a rush with these old guys. Sanding out a dent here and there, restoring the gears...soon I'll have all the time in the world for them, just like they have for me. That's the beauty of



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listen

by Patrick C. Heap '96
Asst. A&E Editor
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Listen up because this is my last good-bye. A few weeks ago I wrote an article on the art of living and for my final article I am covering the art of listening. I have found that the key to learning - live and learn people, live and learn - is being able to listen. I have found that the people who have meant the most to me in my life were the people who listened to everything around them: words, sounds, feelings, people, animals, the wind, places, everything has something which may be heard. If you let yourself, you can hear a great many things from the world just simply by letting it talk to you. Once you learn the art of listening, every action, sound, or sign around you will help you on your road to enlightenment.

The first step is to listen to people. Listen to what they say and do. Sometimes you may find that what people say is not what they do. What does that mean? Find out. You may learn a lot about a person just by listening to the choice of words, body movements, how well they express themselves to you, and you can even find if that person has listened to what you have said. Seek truth my friends and you shall not find it, listen and it will reveal itself to you in many forms. I am sure many people will argue about my use of the word truth - what is it and so forth -, but believe me, it exists, and I truly am not sure if it will be a good thing to find for some people. As history has shown, if there is truth it depends on whose version you read. I know there is truth, beyond personal perspectives of what is. Beyond the ideas of you, I, him, them, and us. Why not listen to the many versions of truth from within and without and see how they came to be.

The next step is similar to the first step, in the sense of listening to people, except in this step you listen to one person in particular, yourself. Be aware of how you use language to communicate to your friends and family. How you talk to others says a lot about yourself and how you view things. Start caring about who you are and how you express yourself. If you do not even care about what you say, what makes you think others will? You never know who is listening or how important it may be one day how they hear you.

However, listening to yourself also means listening to your body, feelings, and reason. The body is a tricky one because it sometimes has the least to say about anything important. Like the old spring fever that hits us all in one form or another. Listen to what the body says, but also be aware of what it may mean. I find that the way your body expresses itself to you says a lot about your way of life. If your body is sick it will say so in many different ways, lack of sleep, too much sleep, stomach aches, headaches, etc. Most of these symptoms often suggest too much stress, so consider your life and what is causing the stress. Instead of taking two and calling a doctor in the morning, take time to figure out what is causing your body to sound off alarms. Maybe it is as simple as a need to talk to someone or maybe it is a way of telling you that

whatever it is you are doing is killing you, whether it be physically abusing your body, too much drinking or eating bad foods, or mentally abusing your body, through anxiety and stress. If you listen to what your body is telling you in time you can help yourself. Lead a good life and you will be crapping, pissing, and breathing like a champ.

As for your feelings and reason, well, I could say a lot of things in philosophical terms which would eventually get me on topics of the soul and such things. You've heard it all before and if you have not, find out for yourself. Sometimes your feelings, or gut instincts, can get you into a lot of trouble, but I find that once upon the right path one's instincts will take on a most important role. I find that the feelings, the reason, and the body become one, allowing a person to tap into a network

of insight which will lead that person to their ultimate goal. The connection may even reveal one's ultimate goal, once again listen to yourself and all will be revealed. Maybe I am showing too much faith in people. After all, I have seen a lot in my short life which has revealed much about humans. Not all of it is good, but a lot is and this has given me faith. Eventually one's self will speak up louder than words, but even then some people do not listen.

As for the world around you, it has a lot to say. Jack Keruac once sat by the water in San Francisco for a number of hours just listening to the waves and the wind. Afterwards, he wrote a poem revealing to his friends what it had said to him. Have you ever heard the voice of the ocean? Doesn't it bring you peace somehow? Sometimes what the world has to say can only be heard by lis-

tening to your eyes. Look around you. What do you hear? What is it all saying? Does it say anything worth listening to? Do you? What do traffic jams say to you in the middle of your headaches? What do the storm clouds rolling by say to the birds? Listen to the birds. What are they saying?

It is interesting how much the world has to say to help us, if we would only listen. The dog wanting to go for a walk who pesters you to the end of your patience at which point you either yell at the dog, or you take the dog for a walk. Sure, the dog may just have to go to the bathroom. Maybe the dog just wants to go for a walk, but what if the dog knows that what is good for him is also good for you. Isn't it. Isn't a nice walk with your dog or cat a tension release and a great form of exercise? After all it is said that owning a pet can make one healthier and prolong life.

The key to it all is being aware of the connections between everything you experience and the experience of you in everything. Listening to yourself is sometimes the same as listening to the world. Like the old saying of the triangles, "What is above is the same as below". Be aware of what is and what is not. Be aware of your own awareness and its limits. Know that you do not know and the way will be shown. I feel sometimes that the world and its inhabitants are speaking louder and louder everyday because no one is listening. I hope you will all take the time and care to listen to me. If I were to tell you the secrets of the universe, would you listen? If you were to tell you the secrets of the universe, would you listen? Do you know what your favorite painting, song, person, pet, or place, say to you? And what do you say back?

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Portrait of Shaggy as a Young Man

by Pete "Shaggy" Keenan '99
A&E Writer
Bachelor -and a Babe!

Providence College students are being ripped off. Utterly screwed. While conversing with a friend it was determined that PC doesn't "nickel-and-dime" you because they are too busy "five-and-ten"ing you. Sure we have high tuition prices and our bookstore is no thrift shop. The Food Services department may have raised the prices in Snapple by five cents over the summer and the quarter machines of McVinny and Aquinas eat dollar bills like *Cowl* staffers scarf pizza. Although atrocities like these exist, more unspeakable infractions are committed on campus all day; everyday the worst financial act of malice occurs buried within the subtleties of PC's technological fees.

Perhaps you never knew you were even being charged technological fees. The tech fees are just one line of many on your billing statement and it basically amounts to the fact that if you live on campus you pay \$150 more per year. This money goes to voice mail, Internet access, phone usage, and most importantly, cable TV. And, within a tiny aspect of the tech fees, the part concerning cable TV, the greatest crime against all things good and decent is being committed. Although I find the NASA channel especially interesting, as is the all-Russian, in-Russian, all-day news network, I cannot justify the money that is sent to PC's cable TV server without the presence of the Cartoon Network.

Perhaps you are not acquainted with the Cartoon Network. Envision this: a network which airs cartoons, just cartoons, and only cartoons, all day long. Yes, it is a virtual Shangri-La of animated mastery. And more, the CN doesn't air new crappy cartoons like *Biker Mice From Mars*, rather, it strictly sticks to a programming schematic of the old school cartoons on which I was weaned on since my emergence from the womb.

It is a proven fact that cartoons from days of yonder were a lot better than the cartoons which are highly rated today. I am not slamming the artistic talents of modern-day animated cartoonists, but contemporary com-

puter-aided cartoons cannot hope to match up to the rigorously constructed hand-drawn cartoons of yester-year. And it is these classic cartoons of my youth which I worship and place upon a pedestal today. So, without further ado, here are some of the cartoons which appear on "Shaggy's Most-Favored Toons List."

He-Man and the Masters of the Universe - Can I say enough about this guy He-Man? I mean, by day he's the weak Prince Eric, but when danger arises, he does a Superman trick and becomes a sword-wielding, steroid-pumping demigod who haunts the dreams of such evil minions as Skeletor and Lock-Jaw. Perhaps I'm a chauvinist, but the She-Ra character never really interested me as much as He-Man, although, that appears to be a consensus.

Dangermouse - Possibly my all-time fa-

representing Smith College. Another rumor, more of a suspicious speculation, is that Shaggy and Scooby are druggies, especially having a penchant for marijuana. A valid question often raised is what exactly those Scooby Snacks are made of, and why does it make Shaggy and Scooby so damn spastic?

Gummi Bears - Another late, great cartoon; this one aired in reruns until about two years ago on the Disney Afternoon. Let me refresh your memory. Picture a handful of pastel-colored bears that combat a slew of evil orcs and tyrants, secretly helping a magical kingdom totally ignorant of their aid. Speaking of Scooby Doo's drug habits, what about Gummi Berry Juice, that potion that when quaffed, caused the bears to bounce around the room, bounding this way and that, stomping all over bad guys?

Thundercats spent their time combating evil and defending innocents. There was Panthro, the nun-chuck wielding tough-guy, Tigra, the witty whip master that could turn himself invisible, and of course Chetara. What a babe.

Space Ghost - I am very glad to see the comeback of this superhero, on USA Network's *Space Ghost Coast To Coast*. Space Ghost and friends traveled around the galaxy to combat forces of evil everywhere. Cliché, yet very well done.

Voltron, Defender of the Universe - This is another one of my personal favorites. Discovering the hidden secrets of the Voltron symbiotic robot which was made up of different colored cats, the crew, led by Keith, was always foiling the plots of evil Zarkon. This show pissed me off though, when Blue Cat pilot, the very-Norwegian Sven, strangely disappeared, only to have demure Princess Allura to take his place. What ever happened to Sven, anyhow? There has been no resolution to this mystery.

The Smurfs and The Snorks - These cartoons are essentially the same, except that the Smurfs dwelled upon land, whereas the Snorks were aquatic creatures. No need to elaborate on the Smurfs, except to say that Jokey was my favorite. The Snorks though...they were so much more diverse than the Smurfs. Ockie, the red octopus was probably my favorite character, but the one with the two Snork appendages that never talked was pretty neat as well. By the way, Erin King '98 is so cool. She is my goddess. She kicks my ass.

Jossie and the Pussycats - Who were the advertising geniuses that thought of this one? A couple of space-traveling gorgeous women that play rock music and solve intergalactic problems at the same time. 'Nuff said.

Fat Albert - Hey, hey, hey!

G.I. Joe - A brilliant little cartoon, in which nobody died (although Duke was severely injured by a snake-spear thrown by evil Emperor Serpentor), and nobody ran out of ammo. Although the Joe team was cool, I always liked their commie-counterparts better, the Red Oktober team. Commies can be cool, too.

The Transformers - I think they might have been my favorite toys, but they didn't rank high on my favorite cartoon list. My favorite Transformer: Sound Wave, the Deceptacon who was a tape recorder, whose tapes transformed into flaming birds and panthers. One criticism: the toys often broke when I tried to transform them into things they weren't.

If you like cartoons as much I do, then contact your local cable guy and tell him you want the Cartoon Network. Furthermore the Internet supplies a wealth of information on cartoons, including sound and graphic files. You, too, can become totally obsessed with animated classics, and have your GPA plummet rapidly as well. So, go forth and rediscover the cartoons which rotted your brain years ago. And remember, knowing is half the battle.

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v-rite cartoon, it documents the adventures of the one-eyed white mouse and his faithful sidekick, Ernest Penfold. In their battle against the evil toad, Silas Greenback, this dynamic duo becomes the fulcrum of the British intelligence service. I have never seen this cartoon aired anywhere else except Nickelodeon, and if anyone possesses any knowledge of the current whereabouts of DM's present scheduling, please contact me. If you have never seen *Dangermouse*, well then, you are not tasting life.

Scooby Doo - How could I not include *Scooby Doo*? Currently scheduled in a double-header on weekday mornings at 8:00 and 8:30 am on TBS, *Scooby Doo* makes sporadic appearances on TBS and other networks at strange time slots throughout the week. If you haven't heard it already, let me relay to you a couple rumors. Number one, the four humans represent the four schools of Amherst, MA, Fred being Amherst College, Shaggy representing UMass Amherst, Thelma representing Mount Holyoke and the luscious Daphne

Can we say "amphetamines"??

Hulk Hogan's Rock and Wrestling - This cartoon was pretty stupid. Even so, I like it in retrospect because it represents the epitome of the capitalist canker sore of American society. How so? Imagine an actor, who claims to be a pro wrestler, who has a cartoon based after his incredibly interesting life of man-handling bad guys and playing good 'ole rock-and-roll music. I thought the whole concept was pretty dumb, but, Mr. Fuji was extremely funny, although filled with evil malice.

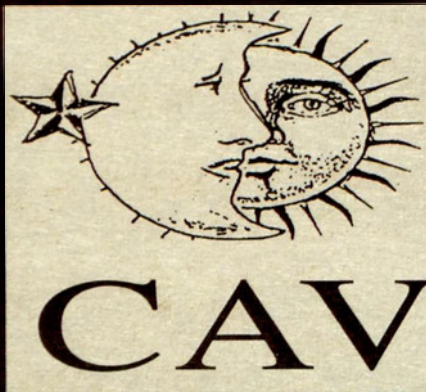
Count Duckula - Another obscure Nickelodeon classic, Duckula was a zany vampire who preferred the taste of ketchup and vegetables to human blood and tissue. This Nosferatu was definitely whack. Actually, the only reason I included *Count Duckula* in the list was because I wanted to use the word "Nosferatu" before the year was finished. As a side note, Duckula made his first appearance on *Dangermouse*.

Jabber Jaws - I barely remember this one, but I remember that I thought it was really cool back when I was a young'n. Jabber Jaws was that big blue shark that played in a rock band. Priceless, absolutely priceless.

Robotech - An excellent import from the Orient, this is one of the first Japanimation series' that I first got into. The men and women of Robotech piloted an elite force of robotic battle suits to take on their also technologically-enhanced enemies.

Speed Racer - I think this one is Japanimation. If you haven't seen it, tough luck, I couldn't do it justice by explaining it to you. You'll just have to catch it on Cartoon Network, or maybe you can write into MTV and tell them to put it back on the air.

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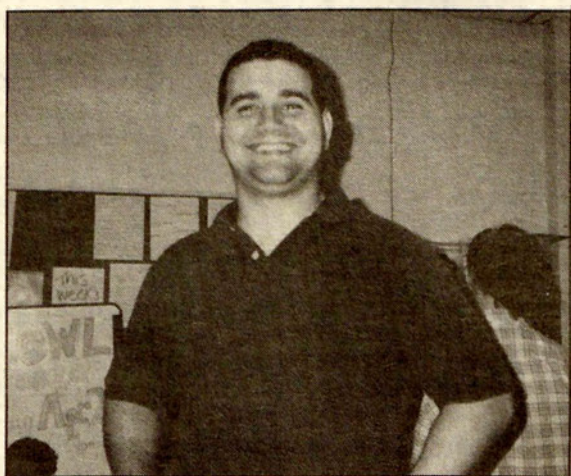
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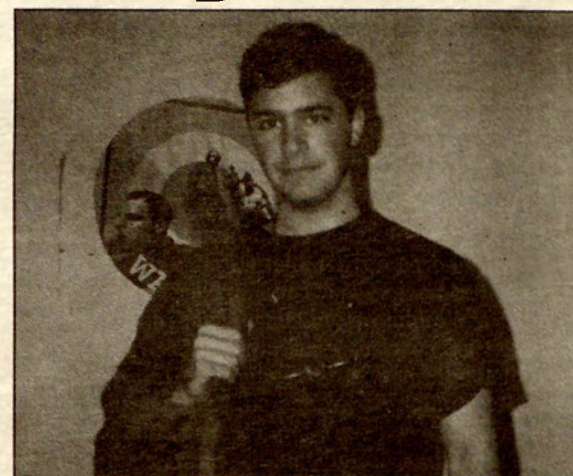
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"Never being on this end of the camera."



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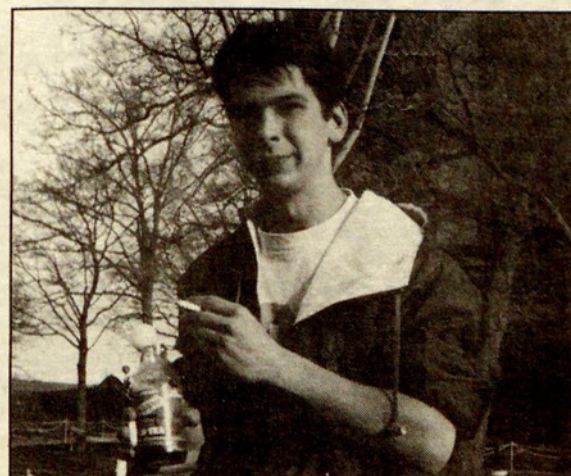
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"Finding the pictures of Potts' *#!@?."



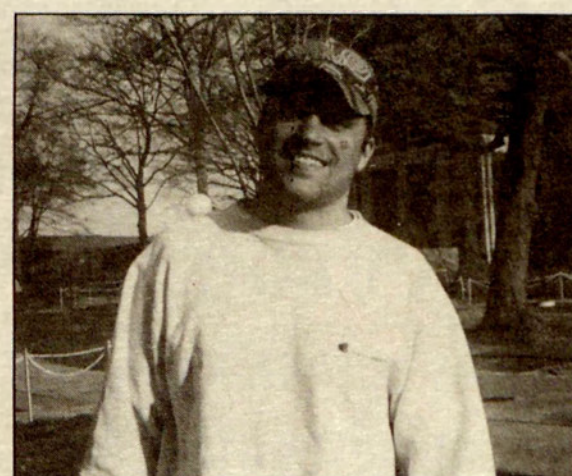
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(DJ,RO) "Copy -editing until 4 am—celebrate, overcrowded."
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Keith Christensen '96:
"That time of night."



Kristina Jensen '96:
"Putting out until 4 in the morning."



Andrew O'Connell '96:
"Playing flashlight tag with Ron Kelly and Fr. McPhail."



Bridget Hughes '96, Theresa Edo '96:
"My right arm...Wiffle Ball, Slavin Rock, Pork Fried Rice, Late Nights in the Office, Long Distance, Past Staffs."



Kiernan Tate '96, Katie Honerkamp '96:
"No matter what our question was, the answers were always related to beer, sex, and drugs!"

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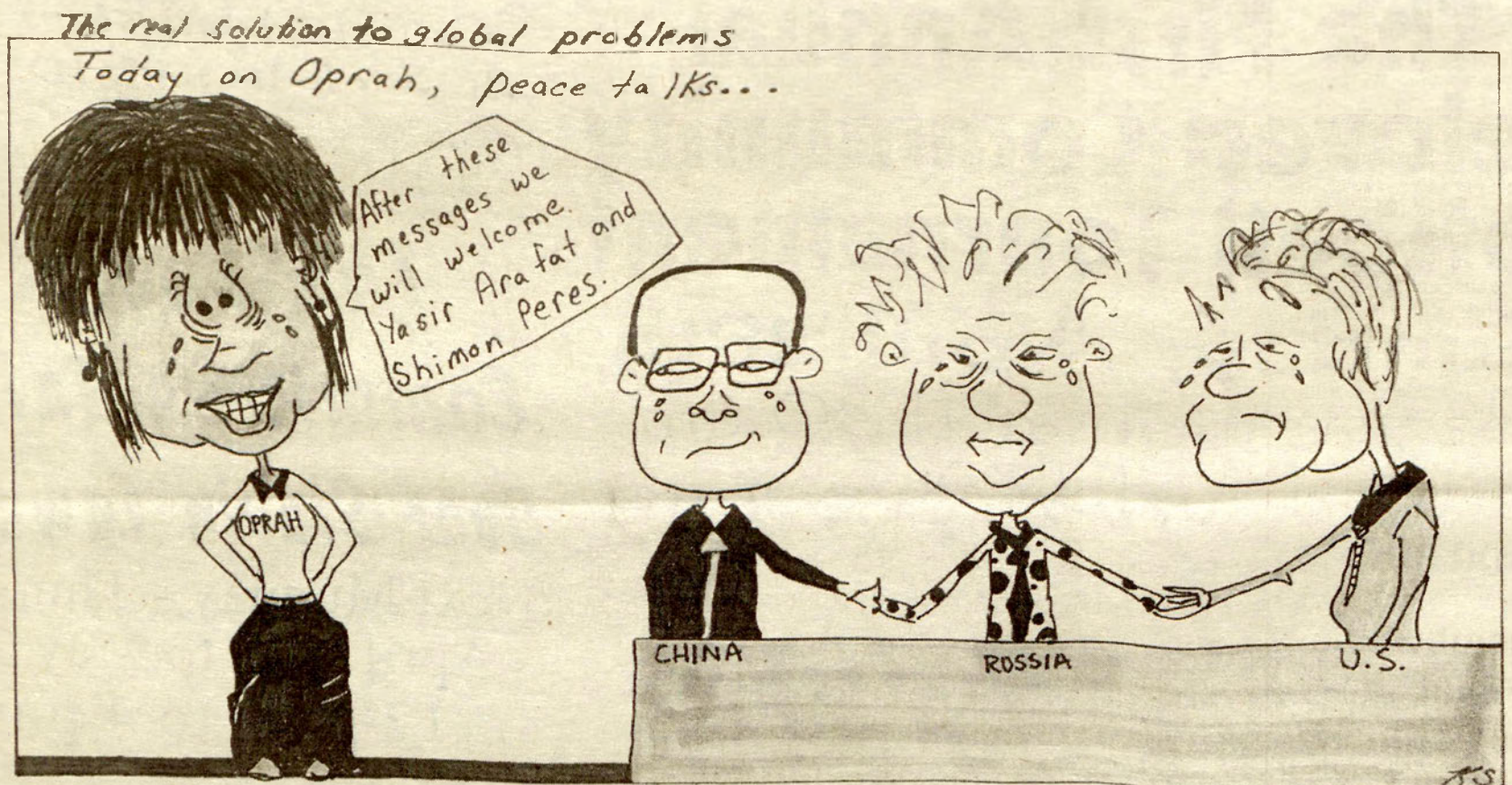
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Farewell to a Stranger

by Lori McCrevan '99
Features Writer

The tears in her eyes almost made me want to cry. I know that she did not want to be there when I left to go home, but I made her promise that she would come. I finally got it into her head that I needed her to be there for me. She finally consented, but I felt as though I was dragging her against her will. I did not think that it was too much to ask for my girlfriend to be there to say good bye to me. Apparently, she thought that she was going to spare herself the emotional torture, but I would not let her. I don't really know if that seemed harsh, but I need her.

I would never let myself believe that I liked her. It seemed easier to deny my feelings so that I would not be hurt if she would not go out with me. I know that sounds like some kind of high school fear, but I will admit that I am one of those guys that hates to make the first move. We were walking back from dinner one night, and she asked me to go out with her. She took me by surprise, and I found it hard to vocalize an answer. In fact, I just stared at her without answering at all. She looked really embarrassed and made some excuse about having a lot of homework to do. I was the one that felt foolish. All I had to say was yes, and I could not do it. I tried to mention it to her a couple of times, but she seemed to know that the subject matter was going to be brought up and ignored me.

I finally asked her out to dinner a few nights after her birthday. I gave her a card that basically said that I was sorry for lacking the

cared enough about each other to spend time apart. That seems kind of ironic, but we don't like being together all of the time. We had our friends, and we had each other. I guess that it is a little hard to explain.

As spring break approached, she told me that she wasn't going to say good-bye to me. I told her that she could come stay with me, but she laughed it off. I guess she never really thought that I was serious. Anyway, the night before we were supposed to go home, I

planned a whole night for us. We were going to go to dinner, see a movie, and take a walk on the beach. It was perfect, and I couldn't think of anyone that I would rather spend the time with. I was going to pick her up at eight, but she called at seven. All she told me that she was leaving at seven thirty. Her dad called, and there was an emergency at home. They needed her. She knew that she had to go home, but I think deep down inside she would've liked to have spent the night with me. I drove

her to the train station instead.

The look in her eyes then reminded me of the way that she looked now. My first reaction was to give her a hug and never let her go. Unfortunately, the time had come for us to go our separate ways. We lived only a couple hours away, but at the time it felt as though it was years. I got in the car and looked at her one more time. I saw one lonely tear running down her cheek. I fought the urge to jump out and brush it off her cheek, and I waved. I turned

towards my parents, and they knew that I had to go.

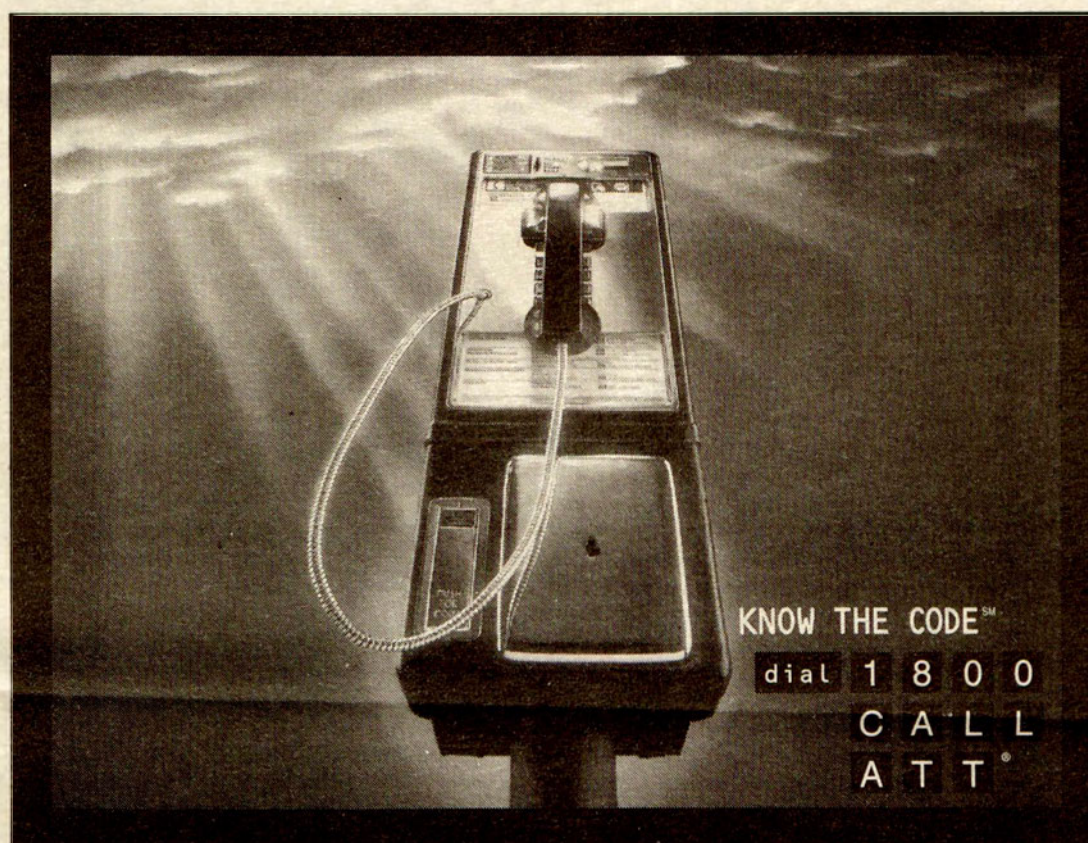
She turned to go when she saw the car pull away from the curb. I didn't blame her. She hated good-byes as much as I did. To think, we were strangers once. Now, I wouldn't want to go through a day without her. I don't really see that I am letting her go. We are letting ourselves grow. We both need that. I just wish that it was easier. I wish I didn't feel as though I was deserting her. I could have told her that I loved her.

I remember the way that she smiled at me, and I knew at that moment that I could love her...

words to tell her that I really did want to go out with her. She laughed and said that she would be delighted to accompany me to dinner. I remember the way that she smiled at me, and I knew at that moment that I could love her. It was that simple. As long as we went out on the first date, I knew that everything was going to be okay. We needed our time away from the rest of the gang.

The date was as magical as I had hoped, even though we just went to dinner. I loved just being able to spend time with her. Every insignificant story of hers made me laugh. It may seem kind of pathetic, but she made me feel lucky that I was out with her. I imagined that the rest of the guys in the restaurant were envious of me. For the first time, I had what I wanted. She seemed like she was everything that I was looking for. She was beautiful, and for the night she was mine.

We grew closer as the time passed. We never really decided that it was going to happen; it just did. I guess that is why it seemed so wonderful. We had grown from mutual friends into a couple that



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Sites on Campus

by Kate Fournier '99
Features Writer

On my tour before the start of freshman year, the Friars' Club member leading the group briefly mentioned the fact that Aquinas Hall has a hard study lounge. This was said while we were in the beautiful soft lounge, which is equipped with a television, couches, and small chandeliers. I stored the piece of information about the hard study lounge in the back of my mind for later use. A year later I found myself a resident of Aquinas Hall. At first, I studied at the library, and once in awhile I could be found in the lounge. As the weather grew colder, I dreaded more and more the short walks to the library. Obviously, many people felt the same way. The best studying spots always seemed to be in use. I really needed a place to study.

One day I heard a girl mention a place called "The Dungeon." After inquiring about its location, I understood that "The Dungeon" was the hard study area. I resolved to find this notoriously quiet section of Aquinas. "The Dungeon"

was relatively easy to locate in the basement of the residence hall. It appeared to be a hall lined on either side with small rooms and storage space. I could easily understand why this section of the building has such an ominous title.

"The Dungeon" was constructed along with the rest of Aquinas Hall between 1938 and 1940. It was originally used as a recreation room (which is a small kitchen area today) for the male students and faculty who inhabited the dorm. It was also used as storage space, and of course, housed the heating system for the building. Dated pictures show young men around a pool table in what was also known as "The Penguin Room," so named for the black and white colors of Providence College. In July of 1943, the United States Army converted Aquinas Hall into an Army Training Facility. The study rooms in the basement were used as classrooms for the soldiers. Later, in 1967, the rec room and the study areas were converted to offices.

Today, the basement is in the hands of the students. It is a place to frequent when in need of a si-

lent spot for study. The desks in the tiny rooms are old; there are no windows, no distractions, and no voices. On the desks are messages born of boredom and frustration: "I hate to study" and "Finals stink." In a larger room down the hallway, large study groups can gather to discuss classes in reassurance that they will not be bothered. "The Dungeon" is private and can accommodate many students. Rarely is every space taken. Sometimes the privacy is a vice when the pipes are banging and it seems as if "The Dungeon" is closed off from the world.

"The Dungeon" is plain and stark, and oftentimes it is unbearably hot from the furnace. There are no soft couches or chairs, but I prefer studying there. Somehow, my work gets done faster with no interruptions from friends. The basement also has an interesting history, and I like to take breaks from the books to imagine what "The Dungeon" must have been like as a loud rec room or army barracks. But after awhile, the clanging of the pipes brings me back to reality and I return to my studying.

Some Last Things to Say

by Bridget Hughes '96
Features Editor

My roommates, Andrea and Kate, and I returned to the swings on Sunday afternoon. I hadn't been there since the fall, and Andrea and I had promised that we would return again to "swing" once more before graduation. In keeping our promise, we returned to the park, and spent about half an hour swinging. When we left, we walked very slowly, and I knew that we all were feeling the same thing. I looked back at the swings as the three of us walked away. They looked lonely, just moving about in the wind, vacant, without anyone on them.

Yesterday, when I was walking to class, I felt lonely too. The spring breeze seemed to whip through me, and I tried to not think about the pang in my stomach as I looked at the campus around me. Next year, I won't be here to enjoy the spring air...I will be somewhere else. I hate that. Feelings of attachment are clinging to me in every way possible. Suddenly, I have this overwhelming love for Harkins Hall and Slavin. These are buildings that I have spent hours

in learning and socializing. I will miss the PC campus next year. Right now, my stomach has an even bigger pang than when I started this article. I hate that even more.

When I left my house to go to class this morning, I did something kind of silly. I stood outside for a second, and looked at it. I had to turn away, and blink back the tears that had sprung to my eyes. This house that Kate, Andrea, Katrin and I have lived in for only 9 short months is filled with so many memories; it will be hard to leave it. Four other people will be living in our house come September, and it will no longer be *ours*. I really hate that.

But, I know that it is time to move on. Four years of memories with friends, four years of a quality education, and four years on *The Cowl* are almost over. The last chapter in the book of my collegiate life is nearing the end. In a month, my story will be complete, and a new book will begin. Right now, the swings in the park hang, and flit about in the wind, waiting for somebody new to come and occupy them. The change affects everything...I suppose.

A Look Ahead

by Brian Kenney '99
Features Writer

Summer is slowly creeping up on our campus signaling a time for change. It is time for the seniors to move on and try their hand at the real world. The class of '99 will lose their lowly title of freshmen as they think of new ways of tormenting the upcoming class of 2000. The soon to be junior and seniors are realizing that college does not last forever. They are beginning to savor every last minute of college life. As the school watches the seniors graduate, a whole new reality seeps into the deep recesses of everyone's confused minds. What are we going to do with our lives?

The fact that the class of '99 will be sophomores next fall does not come without sacrifice. The

minutes at PC will fly by, sending them on a roller coaster ride of emotions. It is a time when Civ is only a repressed memory, and the dirty work of declaring a major has been done. The juniors and seniors run around looking for internships to strengthen their resumes. A feeling of frustration begins to set in when the students realize that the job description of their internship entails buying donuts and making coffee.

Looking at this year's class only adds insult to injury. The Accounting major who spent his college career putting numbers on spread sheets finally realizes that he hates numbers and wants to become a forest ranger. The Psychology major is trying to figure out how observing rats for four years will qualify him or her for a job in the real world. The Theater Arts ma-

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days of exploring different classes are coming to an end. The only word coming out of the advisors' mouths is "focus". Telling a student to choose classes wisely only adds to the anxiety of the student whose main objective is not to fail Civ. For most, college has only helped to confuse their minds even further. So many options, but so little they're good at. The only thing that looks more pathetic and lost at this point are the students' GPA.

The upperclassmen see many of their friends graduating and realize that it is only a matter of time before they will be receiving their own diplomas. From here on out

jors take their fate willingly as they hustle out to buy a comfortable pair of shoes to make the wait in the unemployment line a little more bearable.

The reality is that very few people really know what they want to do with their lives. In fact, many times people take jobs that are very different from their majors. The process of finding a career does not always lead you in a straight line. Sometimes you must veer off a little or even back track to find the path that's right for you. It is the lucky few who know precisely what they want to do with their lives.

Cowl Apology

The Cowl would like to apologize for the *STEP I* article in the April 18 issue of The Cowl that had the by-line name, Amy Rodrigues '97. The article was written by Holly Rodrigues '99.

Quote of the Week

I want to be your friend
Forever and ever without break or decay.
When the hills are all flat
And the rivers are all dry
When it lightens and thunders in winter;
When it rains and snows in summer;
When Heaven and Earth mingle
Not till then will I part from you.

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Chinese 1st Century A.D.

Remember When...

Remember the first day of the first year of the first time in your life you started your journey to getting old...
Remember the roommates, the fears, the tears, the nerves, setting up the room, taking it apart and then rearranging it all over again...
Remember attempting to keep in touch with high school friends, and succeeding until you realized what a phone bill REALLY meant...
Remember promising to never change, but then realizing that is an impossible promise to keep, when high school has passed and you've moved on...
Remember those first friends you shared your fears with, who soon became acquaintances...
Remember those neighbors and classmates, who ended up becoming your closest friends...
Remember holding back the tears on those days when you just wanted to be home again, to feel safe again...
Remember those days you felt you couldn't relate to ANYONE, you felt you had no place, and just calling home would make it worse...
Remember those bonding nights, when you never felt closer to a certain person, and how that closeness creates ties that never die...
Remember how you never realized the importance of family, until you didn't see them everyday...
Remember telling friends the deepest secrets of your life, and knowing they would remain secrets...
Remember the craziness of the dorm, getting a sudden burst of energy and looking for people to harass...
Remember pulling all nighters, and never thinking they were as bad as they sounded until you actually lived through one...
Remember the first guy that caught your eye, that same guy come senior year you will still remember as your first college crush...
Remember how over breaks you had the chance to step back and really see the friends that you made and the memories you shared, and you were satisfied...
Remember thinking HOW MUCH your life has changed in just months...
Remember the times, never forget them, even the little ones can hold the greatest meaning...
Remember to never lose touch with those friends you've made here at college, because you have all changed and grown enormously together, and that is something very sacred to be shared...
Remember to love your friends, whether they come, go, love you or hurt you, never let anyone go...
Remember you're only here for a short while, the time flies before you, realize it, so make it fast, make it memorable, make it the best time of your life, and make the best memories that you can carry with you for the rest of your days...
Remember this doesn't last forever so never let a day go by without living it to the fullest...
Remember the laughs - let them echo in the back of your mind...
And always remember, when you leave here in four years, you are leaving much more than you walked in here with.

- Anonymous

The Struggle to Buy McNuggets

by Patrick Canole '97
Features Writer

Early February, 1994. My freshman year. It was a bitterly cold Friday night. Six inches of heavy snow had already fallen, and another six more would fall before the night was over. The perfect night to walk to McDonald's.

Looking back two years, it does seem kind of stupid. But that's just what me and two other residents of Bedford did that night (not the apartment Bedford, I'm talkin' old school Bedford. Hell yeah! You might know it by the lame tag "Sullivan"). Two of us got colds from the excursion, but it was worth it.

You see, living in a single sex dorm (a.k.a. a self-sex dorm), and not knowing many people other than those also condemned to live in Bedford, we didn't know many people. There was no one to visit, and no one visited us. Sitting around every Friday night starts to get old real fast. So we had the bold idea of braving the elements to get our fill of meat. It sounded like a very manly quest. Let's go, men!

The only problem was that I forgot to tell my friends that I wasn't exactly sure how to get there. I had seen a McDonald's from Route 146 every time I had been dropped off at school, and I looked at a map ahead of time; it didn't look like it would be that hard to find. Plus, anything had to be better than another night of Raymond.

We left Bedford at approximately 4:45 p.m.. We hadn't even made it to Schneider arena yet before we were questioning ourselves. Were we really doing this? Was it worth it?

"Are you sure you know how to get there Pat?"

"Yes I'm sure (I wasn't), and

yes I'm hungry (I was), so let's move." Sometimes the stomach tells the brain to do stupid things (other parts of my body also tell my brain to do stupid things, but that's another story). We discarded logic somewhere after CVS, and continued on. This had become a mission.

By now it was very dark. Off in the distance, we could see the highway. I knew Branch Avenue intersected that highway, and McDonald's was somewhere on Branch Ave. Had we come this far only to catch a glimpse of the Holy Land and be turned back? After three left turns in a row, we found a man shoveling his driveway.

"Is there a McDonald's around here?"

"Why, yes there is!" the wise man answered. "Head that way, then take your second right. Follow that road straight down the hill."

After 45 minutes of walking, we were almost there. By now, we had broken into a slow jog, despite the heavy snow. Was that it at the bottom of the hill? It was! I've never been so happy to see those ugly red and yellow arches.

Thinking we had won, we confidently walked up to the door and tugged on the handle. It was locked. The people inside seemed to be laughing at us. They were closed? They had no right! I was ready to break the glass and cook the damn McNuggets myself when suddenly: "Hey Pat, I think the Dunkin' Donuts across the street is open."

And so, we settled for hot coffee and all the stale, end-of-the-day donuts we could eat. We walked back to Bedford full and happy. We hadn't completed our original goal, but we were warriors none the less. For it was more than a just a walk to McDonald's, it was a journey into manhood.

The Wisdom of Oz

by Pam Marchant '96
Features Writer

Looking back on my four years at PC. I realize that I have been like Dorothy was in *The Wizard of Oz*. As strange as that may seem, the similarities are almost scary.

In September of 1992, I arrived at what might as well have been Oz - it was PC. It was live in technicolor and it was completely foreign to me. I looked around in awe, just like Dorothy did, and absorbed all the activity buzzing around me. Like Dorothy clung to Toto, I grabbed my doll Chipples and treaded hesitantly onto campus.

Munchkins appeared in many different varieties. Remember, the Munchkins gave Dorothy advice on how to begin her journey. My RA, Katie, was the first Munchkin I met, and she pointed me in the direction of my yellow brick road that lead me to McVinney 814.

Along this road, I met my Scarecrow - Erin. She is not the Scarecrow because she didn't have a brain, but because she was my first friend that I met on my journey. She was not just a roommate, but the friend who was afraid like me of the road ahead (and she didn't play with matches.) Like Dorothy and the Scarecrow, Erin and I did not expect to become great friends. However, we linked arms together, sang a song and danced cautiously down the yellow brick road - together.

My Tin Man was my now boyfriend, Mike. Unlike the Tin Man, Mike *did* have a heart, but wasn't sure what to do with it. During my time in Oz, Mike, like the Tin Man, realized how to use his heart to love, while remaining logical and rational (most of the time!) Now, at the end of our journey at PC, he not only has a heart of his own, but

he has mine too. And even now, after almost four years, I hold the oil can for him just in case he rusts up.

The Cowardly Lion of my journey was not a specific person, but rather a part of myself that surfaced occasionally in times of doubt. I suppose we have all had those times when even a little dog can scare us, or times when we have wished to be the "King of the Forest." The Cowardly Lion represents those times when I just didn't think I could make it; I'd shuffle my feet and say, "Put 'em up, put 'em up!" but still end up whimpering in the corner.

The witches and monkeys at PC were just as vicious as they were in Oz. In all of our journeys, there are witches who interfere with your fun and try to steal your

do it herself. Similarly, we cannot rely on our "Wizard" to magically propel us to greatness; we must use what we learned on our journey and get home the way Dorothy did.

On May 19, the class of 1996 will have a moment as Dorothy. As we step up on the stage to receive our diplomas, our friends and classmates will cheer and applaud, just as the citizens of Oz did for Dorothy before she made her departure.

After that moment, most of us will return to our own Auntie Em and Uncle Henry, who have been biting their nails in worry and anticipation for four years. Ironically, we will all enter a whole new Oz, whether it be graduate school, the work force, marriage, volunteer programs, or any other new experiences. The cycle will begin



shoes, and then there are the monkeys they brainwash to do their dirty work. Witches come in all shapes and sizes, and the only way to deal with them is to throw water on them and watch them melt (metaphorically, of course.)

The Wizard of Oz is my diploma: the ultimate goal of my journey. Like the Wizard in the movie, the diploma is not a guarantee of success, but rather a stepping stone to bring you closer to it. The Wizard did all that he could to help Dorothy back to Kansas; but in the end, Dorothy needed to

again.

Over the past four years, PC has become my second home. In fact, I sometimes slip and refer to PC as "home." I guess this makes sense: home is where you are surrounded by people who love you, home is where you sleep at night, and home is where you are always comfortable to be in your Garfield nightshirt from the eighth grade (even if it's all these things to me and much, much more.) So it's easy for me to look back on my time here and say, with confidence, "There's no place like home."

Mar Topping-Dulzseb

by Asher Schofield '96
Features Writer

When I was seven, I had two goldfish named Sam and Frodo. They were named after Tolkien's characters from the *Lord of the Rings* and frankly after a while I grew pretty bored with them. On my father's advice, the two of us went down to a small pond that was about a half a mile into the middle of the woods. We threw them into the pond, their bright little bodies swimming out of sight.

One time, before I even owned Sam and Frodo, I was playing around that pond and several yellow jackets stung me. My dad was with me and I can remember him smearing mud all over the stings to help ease the pain.

I always had a problem with bugs in my childhood.

When I was three years old, my parents pulled over to the side of the road to let me out so that I could pee. Hundreds of red ants crawled up my legs and into my underwear and all over my little testicles, biting me in just about every place possible.

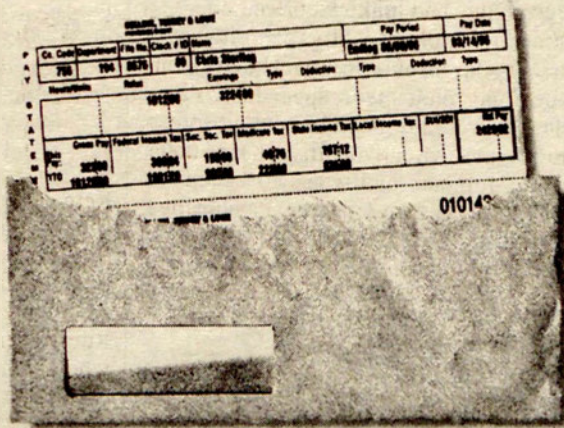
One time, I was eating strawberries, when I heard a strange crunching noise. I spit them out, and half a June bug came with them.

In junior high I ate a grasshopper for a dollar.

Anyhow, I went back to that small little pond in the woods a year after I'd relocated Sam and Frodo there. I saw two full-sized carp with the same white markings that they had swimming around. In fact, it was the same two guys, only much bigger. I thought that maybe everybody grows with each new stage in their life. When I asked my dad about it, he didn't answer.

Life is constantly flirting between the analogies of being either getting beaten up by the school bully or having to talk to someone who you don't like and whose name you can't remember. But, I guess you can sort of pick the analogy you want.

Good-bye yellow jackets. Good-bye red ants. Good-bye half eaten June bug. Good-bye grasshopper. Good-bye Sam and Frodo. I'll see you later.



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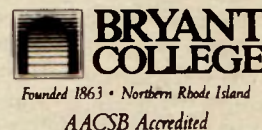
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Swinging in Newport

by Gladys Ganiel '99
Sports Writer

The PC golf team finally had sunny skies and green grass at last weekend's Newport-Green Valley URI Invitational, and the Friars finished tied for fifth out of 13 teams. Freshman Rob Brennan, who registered a two-day score of 156, good for sixth place overall, led Coach Joe Prisco's club.

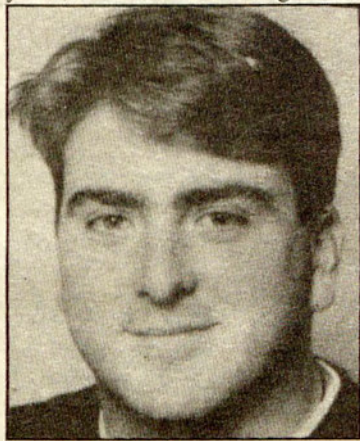
The Friars were sixth after the first day of competition, and Brennan was in a groove. He had shot a 73 and stood second, just two strokes behind the leader. Teammates Jeff Magee (79), T.J. McDonald (84), Rick Dichard (85), and Chris Buteau (89) pitched in for PC's total of 321. And although the Friars combined for a 324 on the second day, they still picked up a place in the standings. PC wound up 24 points behind the victorious URI Rams and four points out of fourth place.

Dichard, another freshman, paced the Friars on the second day. Magee (82) and Brennan (83) added support. Brennan's two-day total put him just four strokes behind the winner. Magee, a senior, had nothing but praise for his younger teammate. "Rob's playing great right now. The way he's matured and improved is unbelievable." Brennan's Green Valley performance exemplified his progress. "He's really stepped up," Magee continued. "He'd been playing number three in the lineup. And as a freshman, it's hard

to keep your head focused."

Magee and the Friars are primed for this week's New England Championships. "We could place there, we could even win, but everyone has to play well. It's been a struggle this year, though. We had two rain-outs, and we only have eight guys, so the supporting cast isn't as strong. My freshman year we had 10 or 11 guys, and they were all solid."

There is still time for improvement, however. And with freshmen like Brennan and Dichard ready to tee off for the next three years, the future looks bright.



NEWPORT GREEN-VALLEY RESULTS: Team Scores: URI 621, Central Connecticut 630, Bryant 639, UConn 641, **PC 645**, Bryant II 645, BC 645
PC Scores: Rob Brennan 156 (73/83), Jeff Magee 161 (79/82), Rick Dichard 161 (85, 76), T. J. McDonald 169 (84, 85), Chris Buteau 172 (89, 83)

Going the Extra Mile

by Jon Caparso '97
Contributing Writer

Patriot's Day, 1996. For most PC students it was just another day of classes, but for a few it was the pinnacle of months of rigorous training. On April 15, 1996, the 100th running of the Boston Marathon was held. It was a great ending to what seemed to be endless hours of training for some and just the beginning of a great love of

audiences as well as its runners. For me it was one of the greatest highs I have ever experienced. The half-million people cheering you on as well as the fifty thousand other runners right there alone with you made the 26 miles so much more bearable. Not to say that it wasn't a struggle, because it was one of the toughest accomplishments I have ever achieved. As Rob Newton '97 put it, "It was great to be a part of history." And



"The Bandits" (L-R): Dan Thiery, Sam Tombarelli, Rob Newton, Doug Feliciano, Jon Caparso, Jackie Nett

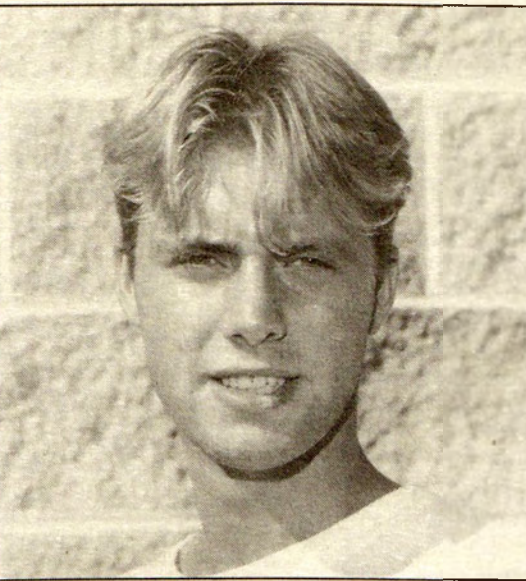
running for others. Among the runners from PC were: Rob Newton, Sam Tombarelli, Dan Thiery, Kirk Souza, Jesse Ricardo, Alease Wysocki, Rick Tremble, Doug Feliciano, Jen Dopart, Adam Crook, "Wacky" Jackie Nett, athletic trainer Kevin Keenan, Ian Paskowski, Jason Martin, and myself. Paskowski, former co-captain of the PC hockey team, ran the 26.2 miles in an incredible 2:54, and is currently training for the Hawaiian Iron Man Triathlon next year.

Over the last century the Boston Marathon has captivated its

it will certainly go down in history as one of the largest marathons ever run.

All of the people from PC who started this year's marathon finished. That was a great accomplishment in itself. We all trained hard and have success as well as sore legs and feet to show for it. I believe that I speak for all of us when I say that all of the long hours of training were worth it. April, 15, 1996 will be always be remembered as a glorious day for the few runners here with a desire in their hearts, and wings on their heels.

PC ATHLETES OF THE WEEK



Jamie Williams '99
(Middlesex, England)
Men's Tennis

Jamie posted a 3-1 mark in the number one singles position last week, including a 2-1 showing at the Big East Championships that led the Friars to a third place finish.



John McDonald '96
(East Lyme, Connecticut)
Baseball

The shortstop was on fire last week, going 16 for 30 (.533) with 4 homeruns, 2 doubles, a triple, 11 RBI's, 14 runs and four stolen bases, pacing the Friars to a 4-2 record (4-1 in the Big East).

Moving On

by Keith Christensen '96
Sports Czar

The winds of change are blowing through the world of PC sports. Patricia Nicol, the Senior Women's Administrator and Compliance Officer, departed for a similar position at the University of Maryland, and Bridgette Lyons, the Academic Advisor to Student-Athletes, took a comparable post at Virginia Commonwealth University. No permanent replacements have been named.

"Both moved to advance their careers," commented Athletic Director John M. Marinatto, who has already begun the search for Nicol's replacement. "It's going to be difficult to replace them with people of the same caliber."

While Marinatto has already begun soliciting applications to fill Nicol's slot, the search has not yet begun for Lyons' replacement. Her position falls under the auspices of academics, and Dr. Sally Thibodeau, the Associate Vice-President for Academic Administration, will meet with Marinatto to discuss Lyons' successor.

"We are in the process of evaluating how we are going to go forward," explained Thibodeau, who praised Lyons' efforts. "She spent long, arduous putting together a great program. She's going to be a tough act to follow."

Lyons left after helping to revamp the Athletic Academic Services Program in order to return to her alma mater, VCU. In addition to her duties with student-athletes, she will also have the opportunity to pursue a doctoral degree in administration.

"If it hadn't been VCU, I probably wouldn't have left," commented Lyons. "It was obviously the opportunity to return, to have a full staff under me, and to pursue my doctorate that led to my decision."

Lyons also noted that it was ironic that she and Nicol left at roughly the same time, because "we worked very closely together. It was the type of thing where they're unrelated, except for the timing."

The dual departures leave a sizable hole that is being filled by stop-gap measures for the remain-

der of the semester. Marinatto is handling Nicol's compliance duties with the help of a couple of other Athletic Department members, while Thibodeau has named two graduate students — Michael Janecki and Jennifer Dullea — to fill Lyons' role for the remainder of the semester.

"We're patching it together for the rest of the year," said Thibodeau. "Both people are familiar with the position and have worked with Bridget in the past."

Marinatto praised both in parting. "Both are going to be sorely missed. They were instrumental to helping fulfill our mission here."

Volleyball coach Debbie Matejka, while saddened by the departures, appraised, "You just can't pass up opportunities like these."

Echoed Thibodeau, "Objectively speaking, it was the best thing for Bridget."

By September, two new people will be sitting in those offices, and the winds of change will once again be blowing in Alumni Hall.

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Youngins

by John Carchedi '98
John Carchedi

It is impossible for freshmen to come in to a top-notch program and be successful. Nope, no way, forget it, don't even waste time thinking about it. It's just too hard to make the transition from competing against snout-nosed fifteen-year-old high school kids to world-class athletes.

Fortunately for Providence College Track Coach Ray Treacy, no one's told that to his freshmen.

The younger Friars were the highlights this past weekend in Storrs, CT, where PC took on regional powers UConn, Boston College, Army, Brown and URI. The meet acted as the final tune up for this coming weekend's prestigious Penn Relays.

Freshman Sarah Dupree easily outdistanced the 3000-meter field with a time of 9:59, her first victory of the spring and first clocking under ten minutes. Teammate Heather Couture grabbed second, crossing the line at 10:11.

Not to be outdone by understudies, senior Caroline Preece recorded her second win of the season by winning the 5000 in 17:58. Treacy was also quick to laud the efforts of super sophomore Maria McCambridge. The Dublin native out muscled the field and heavy wind to place first in the 1500 with a speedy 4:29.

"On the women's side, we pretty much dominated the distance races," noted Treacy. "We got pretty good performances. Maria looked very good. It was a windy day and she ran 4:29 and looked very, very strong. I think she can run a very good 3000 at this stage."

In the 800, junior Susan Murnane took third in 2:14.8, just ahead of graduate student Moira Harrington's 2:16.2. The mark was a personal best for Harrington and earned fifth place.

Freshman Zach Ventress garnered the only victory on the men's side, capturing the steeple chase crown. Although just his second time competing in the event, the Spokane, Washington, native crossed the line in an admirable 9:13, good enough to qualify for the IC4As.

"(Zach's) making good progress at it," Treacy said. "He certainly has a great future in that event."

The steeple chase is an interesting thing, virtually unknown to high school harriers. That's why Ventress took a shot at it this spring.

"I kind of pushed Ray (Treacy) into letting me try it," said Ventress, who first competed in the event two weeks ago at the Yale Invitational, where he also placed first. "It's not something everybody gets to do. I went to track camp and tried it there, so I had some

knowledge of it, it wasn't totally unfamiliar.

"It's definitely something I'd like to continue with if I keep improving," expressed Ventress. "I need a lot more practice at it. I have confidence going over the hurdles, but I don't know what my technique's like."

Other Providence point scorers included junior Steve Myers, who continued a strong 800 season with a fourth place time of 1:53.01, senior Jose Libano, a step behind Myers in the 800 at 1:53.5, and sophomore Paul McNamara with a second place clocking of 14:48 in the 5000.

Treacy was also pleased with the performance of freshman Carl Mauro. Although his time of 3:53 was out of the placing, it fell just one second shy of IC4A qualification.

"I'm very happy with Carl and Zach, the way they're running," admitted Treacy. "They've certainly made a great transition from high school to college running, improving every week. They definitely should be huge factors next year."

"And now at this time we're looking to get Carl qualified for IC4As. It's certainly something that he should do in the next couple weeks."

There comes a time when runners can no longer hide behind the veil or excuses of inexperience. Before long and before you realize, the expectations rise dramatically. This time sneaks up on you, unless you sneak up on it and perform above the expectations freshmen usually carry.

"They were the one's who stood out," Treacy remarked of the freshmen trio of Dupree, Ventress, and Mauro, and sophomore McCambridge. "It's good to see the younger people standing out. It's nice to see them picking up now. There comes a time when you have to do that."



Sarah Dupree '99

So Close, Yet... Lady Friars Drop a Pair of Close Ones

by Cory McGann '98
Heir to the Throne

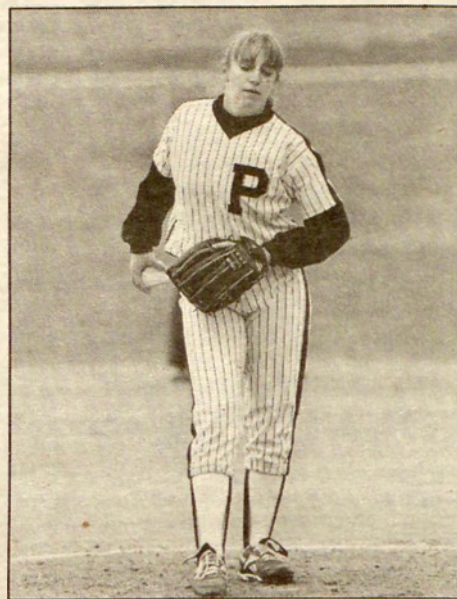
Intra-state rivals always cause problems. The contests become that much more heated. The athletes seem to make themselves much faster, stronger, tougher. Close games are a given, down to the wire games a must.

So it was when the University of Rhode Island softball team came up from Kingston to play a doubleheader against our very own Providence College. The Friars dropped (literally) a tough opener, 1-0, then were outgunned 2-1 in the finale.

The first game saw sophomore righthander Lauren Smith toe the mound for the Friars. With help from stellar defense behind her, she silenced the Ram bats right up until the fifth inning. URI second baseman Heather Reifinger opened up the top of the fifth with a walk. After advancing to second, she was moved along to third by a well placed sacrifice bunt by Ram senior Jeanne Ferrier. A passed ball allowed Reifinger to scamper home, representing the winning run.

The game could have gotten even more out of hand, as URI opened up the sixth inning with a double to center field. However, head coach Michelle Fagnant made a quick pitching change, inserting ace Amy Kvilhaug. The senior quickly dismissed the Rhode Island offense, striking out five out of the seven batters she faced and closing out the game for the Friars.

The second contest saw Kvilhaug take the mound once again for PC. Rhode Island got on the board first with a run in the



Lauren Smith '98 filled in admirably as a spot starter

top of the third. Yet the Friars countered quickly, notching a run of its own in the bottom of the fourth. The score stayed at 1-1 until the seventh, when Reifinger led off the inning with a single, and then was brought home by a single delivered by Kellie Cookus.

Providence drops to 16-15-1 overall for the season, while the Rhode Island Rams improve to an even .500, 19-19. PC traveled to Harvard today to play a doubleheader against the Crimson. On Friday, they will return to the Ocean State to battle Brown University. The Friars' next home game will be against St. John's on Saturday at 1:00.



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...Into the Night

by Keith Christensen '96
Sports Czar

When I applied to The Cowl two years ago, I asked for "the chance to write about the people, the places, and the games." Now that my time with *The Cowl* is at an end, I'd like one last chance to make sure that I've written about the people, because I'm sure I've written about the places and the games.

Like a lot of folks, I've watched sports for most of my life. This does not, however, mean that I was absolutely ready to write about sports when I began. Without the help and tutelage of a multitude of individuals, little I wrote would have sounded informed or intelligible.

On the first beat I covered, I was at a slight disadvantage: Not only didn't I know what most of the sport's terminology meant, but I didn't know how to say the coach's name. After asking around for Coach Ma-tej-ka for an hour or so, someone let me know that it's pronounced Ma-te-ka. Once I found her office, she answered most of the rest of my questions, and tolerated my ignorance and inexperience with patience and a smile.

Even the parents of the players, who had been watching volleyball for years, patiently tutored me in the game's subtleties and shared their insights with me. Their knowledge helped my articles come to life.

No one, however, helped me more than the group of people whose fingerprints are all over almost every article written about PC sports, but whose names and

faces are virtually unknown to the population at large: the Sports Information Department. Wonder how a writer happened to know that someone just moved into the 8th slot on PC's all-time scoring list? It wasn't diligent research, but information provided by SID.

Not only do the folks in SID come up with lots of neat stuff; they revel in their anonymity. I've asked to write stories about them before, but been turned away with a simple, "Write about the kids."

One member of Sports Info in particular has made writing not only easier, but more fun: Tim Connor. He taught me how to watch a hockey game, not clap, and still enjoy what I saw. He taught me how to recognize a great player, even if the player didn't score once that night. He reminded me that the players are people, and they are the story.

This is the short story of a basketball player. At nine, he decided he wanted to play in the NBA. At 18, he signed a letter of intent to attend Notre Dame, and his dream was that much closer. Within three years, he had knee and hurt surgery, and his goals were a lot different.

"I'd like to play one more year and then maybe teach," commented Keith Kurowski, before politely excusing himself to sign an autograph for a little kid. "I'll never be the player I was before, but that's all right."

Then he disappeared into the night, little kids trailing him, arm around his girlfriend.

Two years later, my task complete, I say thanks for the chance, and will disappear into the night, arm around my girlfriend.

Tennis Triumphs in Tropics

by Pieter J. Ketelaar '97
Sports Closer

The men's and women's tennis team returned this week from a successful run in the Big East Championships in Miami, having placed third and ninth, respectively.

After a first round bye, the men's team faced Georgetown on Friday. The Friars dominated the Hoyas, shutting them down and out, 4-0. With the win, PC moved into the quarterfinals on Saturday. Providence's next foe was host Miami.

"We felt we could beat Miami going in, but we were not up to the task," said first singles Jamie Williams. "We had a good chance to beat them, but we fell short."

Miami welcomed the Friars to Florida, and then proceeded to blow them away 4-0. Although the score does not indicate it, the match was a lot closer than it would seem.

"We kept it close, but we lost our doubles point and it cost us dearly," Williams added. "The format for the Big East Championships is that the match stops after one team reaches four points. We were within reach, but the doubles point proved vital. It was a very close match."

With the loss to Miami, Providence dropped down to the loser's bracket to face Rutgers in a battle for third place in the tournament. The Friars triumphed by a 4-1 margin. With the defeat of Rutgers PC made good on its #3 ranking, copping third place honors.

The eleventh-ranked Providence women began action in Mi-

ami on Thursday pitted against Syracuse in the first round. The Orangewomen made short work of the Lady Friars, 4-0, and PC fell into the losers bracket just as the men had. The Black and White would next face the team that had beaten them shortly before the tournament, Connecticut, on Friday.

In a strong showing, the women avenged a 4-3 loss by routing UConn 4-0. The win propelled Providence into a pairing with Georgetown, who had tackled Pittsburgh en route to their meeting with the Lady Friars. On Saturday, Providence put it all together and beat the hapless Hoyas 4-3. The victory ended the season on a positive note, locking up ninth-place in comparison to their eleven-ranking. The Lady Friars finish with a 15-9 record (8-6 in the spring).

"We did well in Miami," said Monica Martinez. "We entered the Big East Championships seeded eleventh and finished ranked number nine, so we had a good tournament. The team played really well. We're happy the season is over and now we can relax until the fall."

The men came one step closer to completing their season, defeating Massachusetts 5-2 Wednesday. Next up is the final task for the Friars, the New England Championships. The men stand at 19-6 overall with a 17-5 spring mark.

"We've had a very good season," said Williams. "We should win the New England Championships. The next best team is Hartford and we already beat them without even breaking a sweat, 6-1, earlier this year."

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same mistakes over and over again," commented Asst. Coach Jim McGovern. "It's the transition that we really need to work on. We play really well six on six for both offense and defense, but we lose the ball a lot in the midfield transition."

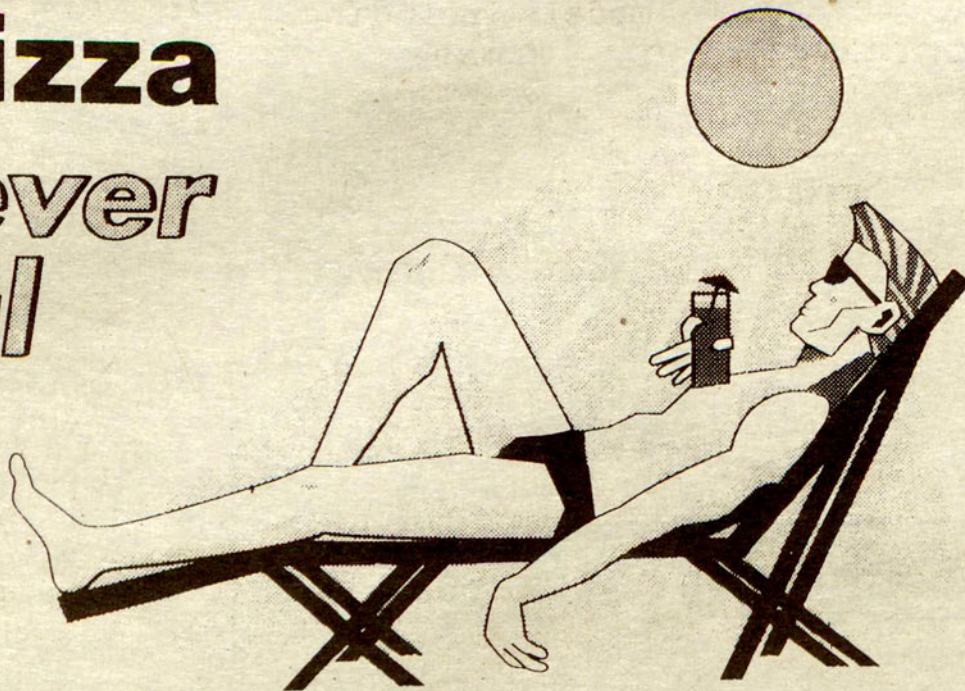
Fortunately, yesterday's loss was not to a MAAC rival. Unfortunately, this was not the case in last Saturday's game against top ranked MAAC foe Fairfield University. It was an important game for the Friars, who entered the game with a 3-1 league record. But first ranked Fairfield proved too great a challenge for PC, and the final score read 15-8 in favor of Fairfield.

Thomas Borgiorno led the Friar effort with three goals, and Gibney, Michael Merrick, Pym, Jason Hanrahan, and McMulty each contributed a goal.

The Providence lacrosse team now stands at 3-6 overall, with a 3-2 MAAC record. Of the five remaining games, two are against MAAC rivals: Marist and Sienna. Though the title may be out of reach for this season, the Friars still have the opportunity to finish with good standing in the conference.

With unpredictability a prominent characteristic of the season, it's hard to say what this weekend's MAAC games will bring. It is a strong possibility that the Friars will, as they have done before, turn their losing streak around and notch two victories.

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Slugging in Pittsburgh

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pitching has continued to struggle; but that is not entirely true. The nine, twelve, and eight runs given up to Pittsburgh were the result of a Fenway-like field. With a short left field wall, short gaps, and a freakish infield playing surface, the Panther field was abused by Providence and Pittsburgh batters alike. Coach Kostacopoulos summed up the field conditions by saying, "Brutal! It's the tiniest field we've ever played on. We

gave up five homers in one game, but here they probably would have been three fly-outs and two doubles." Kostacopoulos also commented on McDonald and Tamul's performance. "John and Bryan are both consistent players. With them getting on base, you almost know Tucci or Friedholm are gonna bring 'em in." The coach might have been happiest about his team's base running. "When your team's not hitting very well, you have to look to do different things to generate offense. As a coach,

that's really something that makes me happy." Now that the Friars are hitting well, that aggressive base running should come in handy.

Providence played a double-header against Boston College last Wednesday. Todd Incantalupo started the seven inning top half and pitched yet another gem, giving up three runs on seven hits while walking only two batters in another dominating complete game performance. This was Tamul's big game in which he hit

two solo shots and had four total runs. Scott Friedholm went three for three with three RBI's. The final score was 8-3, Providence. In the second game, the improving Mike Macone started and continued to approach the form that won him the Big East Pitcher of the Year Award last year. He gave up five runs on ten hits while striking out eight. McDonald's three hits and Friedholm's four RBI's helped provide the necessary offense, and the Friars completed the sweep, winning 9-5.

On Thursday the Friars lost a heartbreaker to the in-state rival Rhody Rams. Providence led 4-1 in the seventh before giving up seven runs in that and the next inning. Poor fielding and lack of effective relief led to a total of eight Ram runs including three unearned, which ended up being the difference as they won 8-5. McDonald went three for five in the losing effort. Mike Galligan recorded the loss despite pitching one of his best games. He allowed zero earned runs on only two hits while striking out six and walking none.

The big series of the week came against Pittsburgh. It was the Panthers who upset the Friars in last years Big East Tournament and Providence was thinking revenge. The first game on Saturday was a slugfest, with a total of eight homers and seventeen runs. Pittsburgh led from the beginning, scoring seven runs in the first three innings. The Friars made it interesting though, scoring eight runs in the last three innings, but it wasn't enough. The final score was 9-8, with Andy Byron recording the loss. Byron pitched the entire seven inning game, giving up nine runs, all earned, on thirteen hits. Pete Tucci went two for four and Pete Vafiades went three for four.

In game two, sloppy Friar fielding, partly due to the poor Pittsburgh infield, ruined a good start by Jim O'Brien who only gave up six earned runs on nine hits while striking out eight over eight innings. The Friars redeemed their gloves with their bats. McDonald, Tucci, Friedholm, and Ryan Kinski each homered. McDonald had a day, going five for six with three RBI's. Friedholm and Mike Harrington each went three for five. The fourteen Providence runs were just enough to beat out Pittsburgh's twelve, and Todd Incantalupo came in to nail down the win with his first save of the season.

Sunday's game featured a whole lot of Providence pounding. The Friars hit five home runs. Junior right fielder Mike Harrington hit two blasts and had four RBI's. McDonald, Tucci, and Friedholm all homered again and the eighteen runs were more than enough support for the Friars star pitcher, Todd Incantalupo. Incantalupo was dominating early, before slipping in the middle to late innings. He admitted feeling sore after the previous day's relief appearance. Ryan Ricciardi pitched two and two thirds perfect innings to record the save and the Friars won 18-8.

Incantalupo commented on his run support. "It sure makes it easy for me. They always go out there and put up ten, twelve, thirteen runs. Then I just have to make good pitches and make the batters hit me balls to our fielders, who are great."

The Friars will hit the road for all but one of their last nine games before the Big East Tournament, and they seem to be improving from their mid-season slump. Incantalupo commented, "Last year, everything came so easy for us. Now, if we have an off day, we lose, plain and simple. Now we've tasted losing, and none of us like it. So, those tough losses might have done some good. We have four games this weekend and I really think we can win all four."

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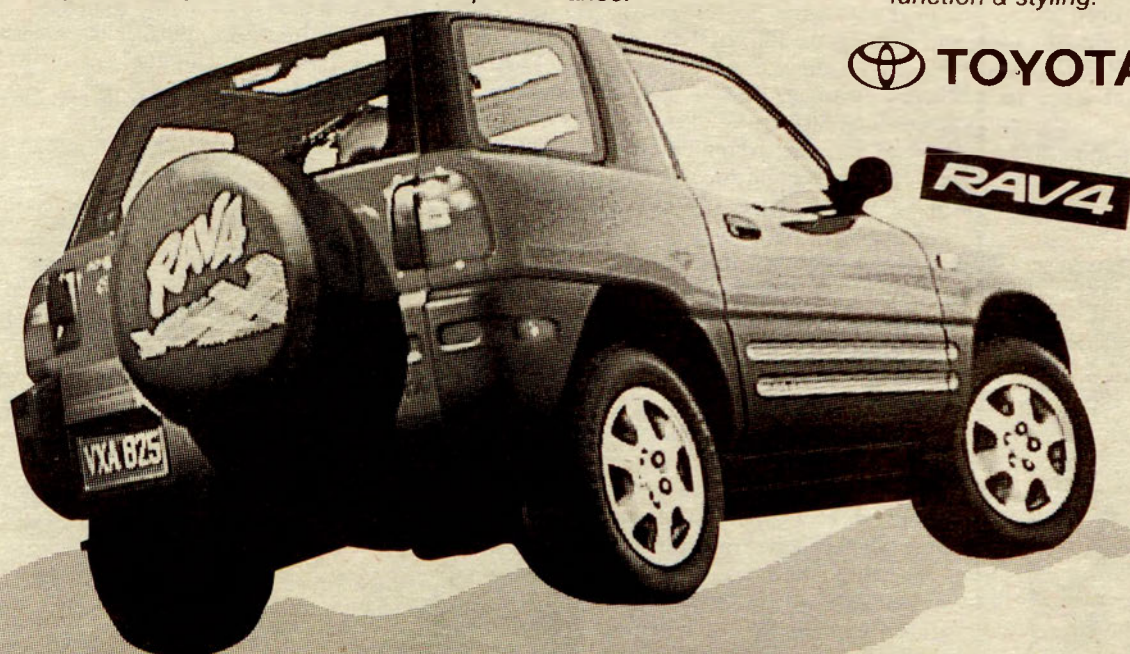
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A Fair Shake?

Two Players Comment on Coach Foley's Departure

by Pieter J. Ketelaar '97
Sports Stopper

With the resignation of women's basketball Head Coach Bob Foley nearly two weeks ago, the Lady Friars have been left without a coach, and some feel it was the players themselves that led to Foley's departure.

After the events of the past weeks, several members of the team were approached for comment and respectfully declined, as was their right. Two players, however, decided this week to break the team's silence and come forward to defend their now departed coach. Senior tri-captains Jen Malone (Greenwich, CT) and Sarah Miller (Killingworth, CT) volunteered that, in their opinions, Foley did not receive fair treatment and they in no way blame him for resigning.

Both players disagreed with the title of last week's article in *The Cowl* entitled "Foley Steps Down."

"I don't feel so much that he is stepping down, than he's moving on to a better situation than he had here," said Malone, "no matter where he goes."

Malone disagreed with the way the situation was handled, both by the athletic department, and by her teammates.

"Basically my teammates went

over Bob's head to Patricia Nicol and, eventually, to John Marinatto. As far as I'm concerned Marinatto has more loyalty to the athletes than to the coaches."

Malone and Miller charge that members of the women's basketball team opened a dialogue with Patricia Nicol, formerly an Associate Athletic Director at Providence, now Senior Women's Administrator at the University of Maryland. The discussions concerned Foley, his coaching methods, and their [the players] problems with those methods. They claim that Marinatto also had conversations with certain players concerning Foley's tactics.

"My teammates were not satisfied with Bob as a coach," remarked Malone. "Some of the reasons they had were legitimate, some were not. Bob was a winning coach here for a long time. He had a great winning percentage, but people gave up on him after he had a couple of bad seasons. When he was pushing us and we were winning, he was seen as a great motivator. When we were losing and he pushed us, he was viewed by members of the team as a tyrant."

Foley guided the 1991-92 incarnation of the Lady Friars to a 21-9 record, finishing in a tie for second in the Big East. In '93 the team fell off somewhat, compiling

a 15-15 mark, but turned it on in the post-season, making it to the Championship game of the Big East Tournament. The following two seasons saw Foley's squad go 23-36 (.390) with no success in the second-season. The '95-'96 team featured a 12-15 record before they bowed out of their first game in the conference tournament to Seton Hall after winning the first ever Big East 7 crown.

"The players who wanted him gone signed here and knew what they were getting into"

"The players on the team who wanted him gone signed here as freshman and knew exactly what they were getting into. It's not the coach's job to make them happy, it's up to them to find their own happiness. I feel there are a lot of players on this team who were born with their foot on third base, and missed the meaning of hard work. People never made an attempt to get to know him on a personal level. They didn't know the person who gave eleven years to this program, who had five children and raised his whole family in Rhode Island so that he could build this program. They should

have taken that into consideration. By no means should anyone feel sorry for Bob Foley. He's a great man and he's destined for great things, and I'm sure wherever he goes he'll be better off."

"My teammates had no faith left in Coach Foley," added senior forward Sarah Miller. "They didn't face him with their problems. That's something that I don't agree with. They owed him an explanation. They had issues that they were justified in feeling but they lacked the faith to go to him with them, nor did they give him a chance to address the problems. Bob wasn't getting respect. Overall, there was a serious problem with respecting each other on the team. Bob handled himself well throughout the Big East [Tournament] and the Banquet considering all he had gone through. We really had a shot at the Big East and Bob was behind us, but certain players put themselves first before the team."

Malone described the manner in which the team distanced itself from Foley.

"The team approached Bob with the fact that they had been talking to Pat Nicol for a couple of months immediately before the Big East Tournament. They dropped this bomb on him and pretty well indicated to him that they wanted him gone. How does

that feel as a coach?"

Malone commented on Nicol and Marinatto.

"One of Pat Nicol's interests was to see Bob leave before she was done here. John Marinatto never made an attempt to know our team in the four years I was here. They will not know what they had until they realize the coach that Bob is. The program has taken a huge step backwards in letting the players dictate policy. I am one of the few that can say I care about my coach, his future, and his family. I wish him well."

Miller also had a difference of opinion in the way the situation was handled with the Athletic Department.

"I wasn't pleased with the way Pat Nicol handled things. She should not have offered her negative opinions of Foley to players. It was wrong. I wouldn't have gone to the administration before going to Bob. I'm happy for Coach as he moves on and gets out of a bad situation."

Marinatto responded to Malone and Miller's comments saying, "The team met with me three weeks ago and we handled thing there. I don't want to get into a he said/she said situation. This situation is three weeks old and I want to put it behind us. We're moving in a positive mode right now and would like to keep it that way."

Just Shy Offense Reborn

by Colleen Pappas '99
On Loan

From the onset of the season, the Providence College lacrosse team has been anything but predictable. After losing the first two games of the season, the Friars rebounded to defeat two MAAC rivals in a row. The rest of the season has, in turn, echoed this unharmonious pattern.

Yesterday's home game against Holy Cross was no exception. Though the Friars started off strong, a solid lead was never maintained, and the game ended in a disappointing 12-7 loss.

Providence led after a strong first quarter, scoring three goals to the Crusaders' one. Holy Cross came on strong in the second quarter, though, and the score at the half showed a 5-4 lead over the home team.

The Friars struggled in the third quarter as well, scoring only once while Holy Cross widened their lead with four more goals, bringing their total to nine entering the last quarter.

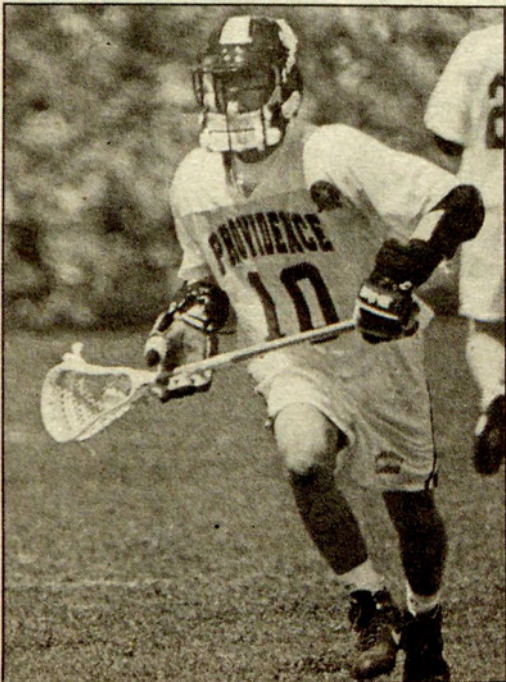
Though the Friars made an honest effort to-

wards the end of the game, with co-captain Chris McManus and freshmen attack Matt Pymm each netting a goal, there was not enough time for the Friars to close the gap.

Other players who contributed in the fight against the Crusaders were Matt Gibney, who netted a hat trick, and Mike McNulty, who offered two. McManus was also credited with two assists and goalie Rob Chambers turned in an impressive 16 save performance.

"The game was a lot more frustrating because we're making the

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do you want fries with that?

Every once in a while, folks forget things: their car keys, their books, their phone number. Wednesday, the Friars' baseball team forgot their bats, losing, 5-2, to woeful Boston College at Hendriksen Field.

The Black and White, now 23-12-1 (10-8) on the year, managed just eight hits off Paul Bibbo and Craig Katz as the Eagles won a conference game for just the third time this year. Senior Mike Macone suffered the loss as his season-long struggle continued. The lefty surrendered ten hits, issued four walks and hit a batter while going the distance.

The Eagles jumped on top in the second, scoring a run without getting a hit. With one out, Macone hit Eric Olson, then walked the next two batters to load the bases. A ground out to second pushed the first run home.

The one-out jinx hit Macone again in the third, when BC strung together three singles and a walk for two more. PC got out of the inning when Macone rang up one of his ten strike outs, and Jeff Waldron grounded to second.

The Friars finally struck in the 7th, after BC had tacked on another run. Pete Vafiades followed Corey Bike's two-out single with a double, and pinch-hitter Rudy Mauritz drew a walk to fill the bases. John McDonald ripped a ground-rule double down the left field line to score two, but Brian Tamul flew to center to end the threat. The Eagles added a run in the eighth to finish the scoring.

In the past week, the bats have

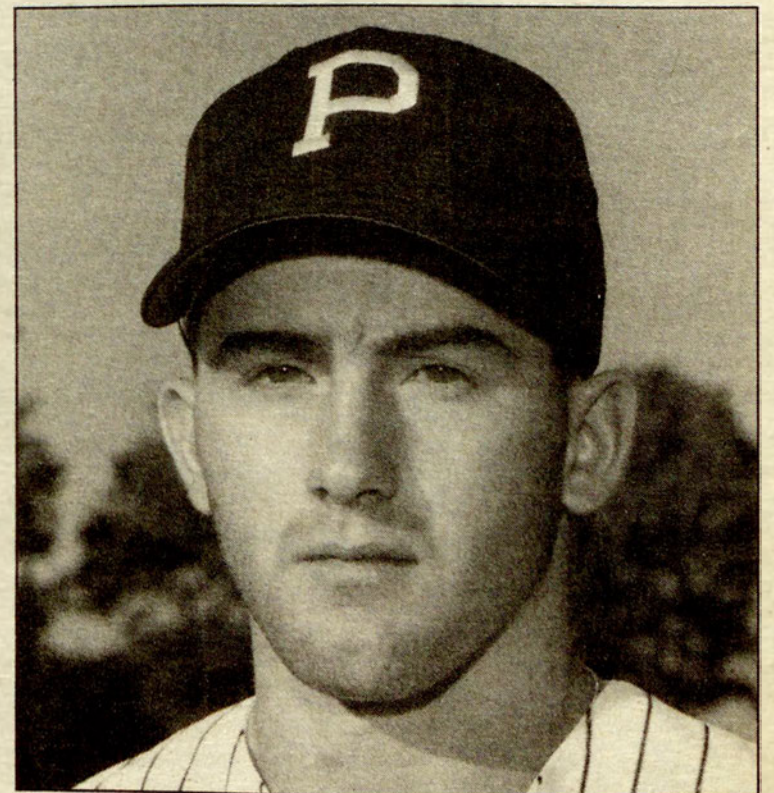
come alive for the Providence College baseball team. In the six most recent outings before Wednesday's Boston College game, the Friars have averaged 10.3 runs per game, including 32 total runs in the last two games. The team batting average has soared to .349 on 13 hits a game, including sixteen home runs, during the stretch. The Friars have been led by senior shortstop John McDonald. The leadoff hitter who's usually known more for his fielding and speed than his hitting, has hit .533 for the past week with nine RBI's, five home runs, four stolen bases and eighteen total bases. McDonald has ac-

counted for 16 of the 76 Friar hits over the week.

Bryan Tamul and Pete Tucci have also helped the cause. Tamul had an incredible day against Boston College last Wednesday, in the top half of a double-header. He reached base safely all four times he stepped up to the plate via two solo home runs and two walks. Tucci has held up his torrid pace, going 11 for 22 with nine RBI's and six stolen bases, including four in one game.

A quick look at the line score might lead one to believe that the

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Brian Tamul '97 led PC to victory with two homers against BC