Welcome
New P.C.
Faculty!

by Adair Rommel '98
News Editor

As the Class of 2000 descends upon the campus of Providence College, some might think they are the only people who think Providence will be a new experience. However, each year as Providence grows academically, new faculty members are added to the list of professors. Each new professor adds a bit of diversity and experience to the college, and increases the benefits to the student body.

This year the Theology Department will be welcoming two new professors, Fr. Bill Marquis, O.P. and Dr. Robert Barry. History majors would not consider much of new comer, as he attended Providence College during the fall of 1973. He commented that he “really liked” the experience, and would have continued his introduction to the New Testament or second year CIV had he remained in Providence. He has a wide background in teaching; he taught theology in the West. He also took the economics, a subject he considers highly practical (and hopes to eventually teach it here), for five and a half years at Ohio Dominican College for five years. He also took the economics, a subject he considers highly practical (and hopes to eventually teach it here), for five and a half years at Ohio State University.

Two Education classes, Introduction and Characteristics of Individual with Special Needs, and “Language Arts and Special Study Methods,” will most likely be taught with a novel approach this year. The reason for this is that Dr. Jeri Gergich. This Trinity professor, will be teaching these courses. Dr. Gergich, who came to Providence because she “liked the setting and the philosophy of the school,” had previously been the Director of the Academic Resource Center at Roger Williams College. Dr. Gergich considers reading and language arts her specialties.

by Colleen E. Pappas ’99
Asst. News Editor

While students undoubtedly have noticed the differences in the food presentation in the Raymond Hall and Alumni Cafeterias, they may not have noticed that no changes were made to the actual meal plan program itself, which has remained the same despite the limitations it may present to the student body.

Prior to returning to campus this September, students received a letter from Fr. J. Stuart McPhail, O.P., Vice-President for Student Services, explaining that Sodexo, a food service management company, has been retained by the school to manage the food services here at PC. The letter stated that aside from changes implemented in previous years such as access to alumni cafeteria and Mural Lounge on the meal plan during the ’94-’95 academic year, and the introduction of the Alumni cafeteria, the limitations understood more could be done.

During the month of August, Sodexo made physical changes to both the Raymond Hall and Alumni cafeterias. In a brochure accompanying the afore mentioned letter, Sodexo described the variety of selections they planned to offer the student body, including new entrees and more selections at each meal.

While many students are pleased with the dining facilities, some feel as though there is still room for more improvements. John Noonan ’99 noted, “I don’t think the quality is horrific, but the variety is weak. If you’re going to have a solid offering for lunch then they should have more entrees.”

Ellie Fantini ’99 remarked, “I think the selection is better but the selection on the weekends is far too limited.”

“But I think that Alumni has really improved,” continued Fantini, “I like the set-up better and the quality of the food is better as well.”

New School Year, New Food Choices

“Culinary Classics” and “American Grill” are among the new selections in Raymond Cafeteria.

By Laura Marquardt ’99

PC carefully selected these new professors to serve in new resources to the college community. Father Robert B. Bond O, P., Dean of Undergraduate Studies, complemented the acquisition of new professors this year in saying that the new teachers have been “thoroughly screened, in sometimes national searches, and have been appropriately recommended by their respective departments. They have been approved and recommended to the president by the Committee of Rank and Tenure. We wish them the best of luck.”

Jancek, who is ansbatical that season, Prof. Harris will be here on Mondays and Wednesdays, teaching "Monotype.

Ryan Kennedy ’00 agreed, “I think the quality is decent, but it seems that they can’t go a week without repeating the same selections.”

Joe Valenzano ’00 added, “I won’t touch the pasta because for one, it’s not Italian and two, it’s always pasty.”

Another noticeable change is the increase in the prices for individual selections in Alumni Cafeteria. According to Mark McGovern, Director, Central Purchasing and Receiving, one of the administrators that worked in bringing Sodexo to PC, “The equivalency under the meal plan was raised from $4.75 to $5.00; we felt that would make for a better selection and variety for the students.”

Concerning the price increase in Alumni Cafeteria, McGovern stated, “The overall menu items, some of them may have increased, but I don’t think it was a significant increase there.”

Some students, however, feel that the price increase for selected items has lessened the value of their meal card.

Dave Trainer ’00 remarked, “I think the food is pretty good,”

Food choices for the College of 2000

by Matthew F. Stauf ’00
News Writer

About 250 members of the Class of 2000 finally made it to Newport after Hurricane Eduoard postponed the original date of Labor Day. This time they had to deal with the toned down wind and rain of Tropical Storm Fran.

If it had occurred on Labor Day, the class would have had access to the Newport Yachting Center, which is right on the water. There would have been a barbecue and a DJ from 12-4 PM.

Sharon Hay, Head of Student Services, said she “hoped students could use it as a central location for going to the beach, shopping, or walking up to the mansion.” Unfortunately, due to the rescheduled time, the Board of Programmers was not able to get the Center again.

Many freshmen wish it had gone as scheduled, such as Jeff Scaia ’00, who had happened on Monday the freshmen would have gotten to know each other quicker...and come together as a class. I wish it could have happened on Monday when more people could have gone,” he said.

Another complaint was the lack of public transportation. Students found it difficult to get around the city in a timely fashion. Others expressed disappointment that the trip could not have taken place on Labor Day when they would have had a chance to go to the Newport Yachting Center. Many felt they would have had more time to explore and to experience the day as an entire class.

Many people saw it as a very good experience. They saw it as a good time to bond and get to know the people with whom they will be sharing the next four years. Others saw it as a good time to buy posters and other things to decorate their rooms, or just shop for clothes. It also provided an opportunity to escape the food of Raymond Cafeteria.

Newport Welcomes the Class of 2000

by Kevin E. Poulin ’99
News Writer

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PC Receives
Highest U.S.
News Rating
Ever

U.S. News and World Report’s 1997 Guide to America’s Best Colleges, published in the September 16, 1996 issue, ranks Providence College second in the North among “Regional Universities,” second only to Villanova. Be sure to check out next week’s Cowl, which will take a look at the ratings and explore what our school is doing to improve its standing.

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**Inside Congress**

by Michael J. Walsh ’97

Student Congress President

I would like to extend a warm welcome to all the new students here at PC and welcome back returning students. I’m Mike Walsh and I am your Student Body President, for the students, and that is what I and the entire 47th Student Congress will do for you this year. This is our first, our only, and our first Congress meeting this past Monday in Moore Hall and we are off to a great start!

At the top of our agenda were some very important topics. We discussed Voter Registration in Providence, police presence in our off-campus community, changes in the food services and the revival of student spirit at Providence College athletic events.

This year we are pushing for increased voter registration to give the students at Providence College a greater say in local, state, and federal government. If we do not have a voice, we do not have a vote! Our relations with the Mayor’s office and the off-campus police would greatly improve if even half of our student body registered to vote right here at PC. The Mayor, the State’s Legislative offices, and the City Council cannot ignore a united and politically aware group of voters such as ourselves because we are the voice of tomorrow. If you are interested in getting involved, please contact the Student Congress lobbyist, Jim DeNenato ’97, or myself. Our mailboxes are in the Student Center.

The Athletic Department is also working with the Student Congress to boost the spirit in the student body at all athletic events. This focus group will also examine student voting in the elections and if you are interested in please contact Christopher Klivak ’97. He also has an office located in the Congress Office.

Our congress meetings are held every Monday night in Moore Hall and our meetings are open to the entire college. This year there have been elected representatives to Congress and they bring a new voice to the students. The Student Congress is much more accessible to you, the students. We have tried to make adjustments to encourage student body participation. The meetings begin at 5:45 pm and from 6:00-6:30 pm we will be holding an open forum where up to 15 people from your class to be the opportunity to address the congress for up to two minutes. If you wish to address the congress, we only ask that you arrive early and address Congress in an appropriate and professional manner for a maximum of two minutes. This will not be a time for debate, only time for statements made by you to Congress.

We look forward to your active participation throughout the year.

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**Welcome Father Vincent!**

by Jessica Cotrone ’99

News Writer

The arrival of the new school year brings many new changes to PC. Congress, B.O.P. and RHA began with many new faces and even Raymond Cafeteria is undergoing a change. It’s important to be aware of these changes and also have a new, very important member. The staff is pleased to announce Father Vincent DeLucia as new faculty moderator. Fr. Vincent was born and raised in New Haven, CT. Deciding to dedicate his life to God, he entered the Dominicans in 1988. Wash.

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**The Lighter Side...**

London, England—Ah, the smell of Kebab House in the dead of summer. Ad execs at Young & Rubicam are hoping that their chip for the London buses will ignore the exhaust of their miniature Cirrus Twist franchise. As the sun sets on the city’s busiest bus shelters. As passengers approach, infrared beams detect the presence of tiny fans in a box on the roof. Fans then force air through fragrance-soaked pads. And in just moments, the fruity-looking photo starts to smell of - well that depends on whom you ask. "I’m trying not to breathe," says Mabel Pierce, 69, waiting recently at the Oxford Street stop. "It smells like my husband’s arm pits." (from Newport, September 9, 1996)

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**University Gives “Macarena” The Nod**

(National Student News Service) - With "The Macarena" sweeping the country as the national dance craze, students at Baylor University are showing that change. The new policy allowed students to select a dance partner in groups of four for the first time in the Texas school's history.

Although the administration is concerned about the subject of dancing, alcohol and obscene movements are still taboo on the dance floors of Baylor.

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**Hints for Papers**

How do you cite the MLA in a bibliography? The MLA Handbook for Writers of Research Papers, the style bible for most college students, won’t have full guidelines for 1999. But if you want to get involved with the school, your class, and a lot of people along the way, the freshmen class elections to Student Congress are approaching fast. The actual election will take place in early October, but start thinking about running now. There are the four traditional seats open: President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer, in addition to five freshmen representatives. There will be an informational meeting with specifics at some point this week. Keep your eyes out for signs posted around campus with all the info. If you have community service campus wide. An overwhelmingly successful Cornelia South program has more than 500 interested volunteers. There are 22 committees with a wide array of duties. All who commit themselves shall be active participants for the entire semester. Those who have not yet signed up may still do so by simply contacting the PSC/CM Office located in slit 211 or at 865-2440.

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**P.S.O. and Campus Ministry General Meeting Draws A Crowd**

Over 500 people attended Monday evening’s general meeting.

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by Christopher Golomb ’97

President, P.S.O.

and Marta Makac ’97

Student, Campus Ministry

After an intense summer program the Pastoral Service Organization and Campus Ministry have come full speed into the fall semester. Students, alumni and parents are in agreement that this is a new start and that they want this fall semester to be a great one.

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**University News Briefs**

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by Yvonne M. Arsenault ’99

News Writer

Well they’re finally here...the college years. You probably never thought you would come here and you are, a week behind already. You (supposedly) been to all of your classes, have Ray and Alumni figured out, and probably have a number of new friends. Now, here comes the next step: it’s time to get interested in the new people within your residence hall and try something new. The elections for Resident Advisor, RA, hall director, or contact the RHA office, located in McDermott basement, 2-165.

But let us not forget the most obvious way to get involved: volunteering. Student Congress and many other organizations and clubs on campus need volunteers to do all sorts of things. It’s an easy way to get involved and you don’t have to go through any election process. Or if you do run for an office and don’t win, don’t think that’s the end of your career in student government: there’s always volunteering.

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**The Corner...**

If you would like to do something closer to home, think about running for office in the Residence Hall Association (RHA) elections. Each dorm elects a President and Treasurer, who become a liaison between the dorm and the residence hall and staff. It’s a great opportunity to get involved with the new people within your residence hall and try something new. For more information, talk to your RA, hall director, or contact the RHA office, located in McDermott basement, 2-165.
Balfour Center Offers Alternatives To Ignorance

by Tammy A. Ledoux '99

When white students visit the Balfour Center they usually get a little shocked; they find out that the African-American, Asian, and Hispanic students do not hang out there are not much different from themselves.

Involving students of European ancestry in Balfour Center activities is the new mission of the program and of Willese A. Comissiong, Dean of Multicultural Students.

The program’s purpose was to support the varied needs of African-American, Hispanic, and Asian PC students. While still accomplishing this task, the center is expanding to improve the lives and education of all PC students.

"I feel committed to educating everyone in my sight," said Comissiong. "We realize how far behind we are. People who are going to succeed in the 21st century can’t have limited skills. We will work with the young person who wants to be culturally advanced.

The new mission statement is still in its infancy, but meetings and focus groups are being scheduled to facilitate its progress. Comissiong hopes to randomly pick majority students from the PC community who will express their views on how best to include white students in multicultural activities.

"I would like to have white students come in and give me input. I welcome suggestions," stressed Comissiong.

In the meantime, Comissiong urges students to drop into the office, located in Harkins 310, at any time. The center is available to all students and can many times serve as an informational resource. Multicultural magazines are waiting for an inquisitive mind or a research paper in need of help. Comissiong also invites students to comfortably converse with racially diverse students about their country of origin or ethnic activities. And of course, if all else fails, the Balfour Center is always a place to relax, converse, and make new friends. "The students here are very friendly," commented Comissiong.

In addition to working on the new mission of the center, all involved have been busy planning activities for the coming months and keeping up with the record 37 new scholarship-receiving freshmen.

The general meeting for all scholarship recipients was held on September 5. In addition to welcoming the class of 2000, two new staff members were introduced. Rev. Albino Berra, O.P. is the new director of the Cunningham Southeast Asian Scholarship and Ms. Serei Tan is also working with the Cunningham Program overseeing student activities. She is in charge of the Asian-American Club and volunteer activities. "We are very pleased to have them on board," said Comissiong.

Saturday night the Balfour Center and the BMSA held a "welcome night" for the class of 2000 at Siscoch. A lecture on African-American Art given by Gwendolyn Everett of the Smithsonian Museum was held on Tuesday night. The event was co-sponsored by the Balfour Center, the Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs, the Black Studies Program, the Asian Studies Program, and the Art History Department. "We were very fortunate to get someone from the Smithsonian," stated Comissiong.

September 15 marks the onset of Hispanic Heritage Month. Beginning the 15th an exhibit of Spanish artists will be displayed in Slavin Center. On October 10, best-selling author Esmerelda Santiago will be speaking about her book and her life experiences both in the United States and Puerto Rico. Comissiong expressed the hope that the lecture is for everyone. "Hispanic students know about the culture, it is others that will learn the most from the event." Comissiong stressed the definition of the term multicultural. "It is not all about people of American minority races. Multi means many, and many includes all, minority and majority."

The Meals They Are A Changin'...

In many such programs, students may not be required to conform to eating each meal during a specifically required time, as can be the case in PC's own meal plan program.

McGovern maintains, though, that here at PC, "It’s an ongoing process, just the fact that we’ve made these changes, which are significant, we think. There’s still a need for some additional changes."

"As far as the committee that the college has," continued McGovern, "student feedback will be very important to us as was last year when we went into looking at the changes that you see are now in place.

There are plans to establish a food committee this year in cooperation with Peter Chopaciak, General Manager of Food Service about the Sodexo. To that end, McGovern said that he will give students the chance to relay their suggestions and comments concerning meal plans.

Cafeteria Hours 1996-97
Raymond Hall Weekdays breakfast 7:30 am - 10:30 am lunch 11:00 am - 2:00 pm dinner (M-Th) 4:30pm - 7:30pm dinner (F) 4:30 pm - 6:30 pm Weekends brunch 10:30 am - 1:15 pm dinner 4:30 pm - 6:30 pm
Alumni Hall Weekdays breakfast 7:00 am - 10:45 am lunch 11:00 am - 2:45 pm dinner (M-Th) 4:00pm - 6:00pm closed weekends
Mural Lounge Sun.-Thur. 7:00pm -11:00 pm Fri. - Sat. 8:00pm -11:00 pm

by Kelly Jazikoff '99

Vinyl sliding and awnings greet diners in Raymond Cafeteria
**News Column**

*by Colleen Pappas ’99  
Ass. News Editor*

**神通广大的新学生会主席**

今年入校的新生们并不是唯一的新面孔，上任的也是新学年的第一任学生会主席，Dr. Canavan。他所说的这个行政职位就是学校的主要学术官，以及是所有学术事务的负责人。担任这个职位的他，会与学生会的主要成员和学院的行政管理代表共同工作，以确保学生会的事务和学术工作能够顺利进行。

“我知道这样来说可能会有点抽象，但是从我自己的经验来看，这样的一种管理可以确保所有学术事务的顺利进行。”Dr. Canavan说，“对我来说，这样的职位可以让我更好的了解学生，以及帮助他们解决学术上的问题。”

Dr. Canavan的前任是Drexel University的Faculty，也曾在学院的行政管理中担任过重要的职务。他将在学院的学术事务中继续发挥重要的作用。

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IN OUR OPINION...

Building A Better Raymond

Recent years have brought promising changes to Providence College. Among the most important has been the transformation of dining arrangements on campus. The changes were subtle at first, beginning with more flexibility in the meal plan. As a result of this flexibility, students flocked to Alumni Cafeteria and Mural Lounge. This made it clear that drastic changes were needed to the anachronistic Raymond Cafeteria. We are pleased that this message was received by the administration, and that they have responded.

While it is too soon to fairly judge the performance of the new food service company Sodexo, dining on campus seems to be headed on the right track. In their first week of operation, Raymond has offered an increased variety and quality of food. Also, the new decor adds some much-needed atmosphere.

Despite some concerns on issues ranging from efficiency to the new no-smoking policy, we are encouraged by the progress in this area. This should by no means be the end to the modernization of our dining services. The service must continually be examined, and other improvements - such as a point system - should be considered. While there will always be nay-sayers when it comes to food that isn’t home-cooked, some of the major concerns have been addressed. The administration has made an auspicious step toward making PC better.

PC Goes Hog Wild

Kudos to the Board of Programmers for pulling off one of the most successful on-campus events in recent memory. The 1996 Pig Roast was an excellent way to enjoy the waning summer weather. Part of the reason for its success was the length of the event. Unlike some other events, this one lasted until midnight, demonstrating that students need not stray off-campus to have a good time on the weekends. We hope that the BOP will continue to plan similar on-campus events, and we hope that the student body will support their efforts.

"In Our Opinion" is a weekly column expressing the views of The Cowl Editorial Board, which includes the Editorial staff and the Editor-in-Chief. The opinions here do not necessarily reflect those of the entire Cowl staff.

Since There Are No Ashtrays Inside...

To the Editor:

Since Father J. Stuart McPhail, O.P. and Mr. Michael V. Frazier, Vice President of Finance and Business at Providence College are both respected and objective administrators, I wish to comment on their letter (5/9/96) to the students of Providence College. They wrote, "second hand smoke is a health hazard." As a result, smoking is not permitted in any area in which food is regularly served, that is Raymond Cafeteria, Alumni Cafeteria, and Mural Lounge. Being objective myself, I respect their anti-smoking position. However, I think this smoking ban is too paternalistic and morally tainted. I also think it has overtones of treating students and other people on campus who enjoy smoking as Kindergarteners. Several examples will make clear what I mean.

We know that most air pollution results from economic activity. Inefficient internal combustion engines are responsible for most emissions of hydrocarbons. Carbon Monoxide is a colorless and odorless gas that also poses serious health problems. We also know that with the rise of the environmental movement, the basic tenets of industrial society are being challenged; and the oil industry is at the top of the list.

Providence College owns and operates a variable assortment of combustion engine vehicles, lawyer-smokers and snowplows that utilize gasoline and oil. Hundreds of other privately owned vehicles appear on the PC campus almost every day of the week that are operated by students, faculty, employees and visitors. PC also has a power plant facility on campus and at the heart of it is fire. And if that fire uses gas, oil or coal as fuel, it releases poison gases into the air that can also be considered a health hazard on the PC campus.

Since Carbon Monoxide and poison gases are unfortunately necessary for Providence College to progress into the twenty first century, is the smoking ban in these three mentioned facilities really necessary?

Kieran Lalor '98
Editorial Writer

A Binding Situation

With tuition costs set well over $20,000 per year, why has the administration and the faculty conspired to further drain our wallets by forcing us to pay top dollar for required text books? The administration-faculty coalition has the power to provide the student body with discounted books yet refuses to do so. If the college was committed to its students, as it should be, and not to its wealthy tenant Barnes and Noble, each student could save a lot of money per year. Literature, if the faculty did not have a conflicting interest, and made a minimal effort to help the students get the best price on books, a fortune could be saved.

Under the current conditions, our faculty tells the bookstore in Slavin, Barnes and Noble, what texts they will be requiring and exactly how many books will be needed. The Off-Campus Bookstore is left blindly guessing what books need to be ordered, a task impossible to complete correctly. The end result of this process is a poor selection off campus and a bigger book bill on campus. If the faculty would answer repeated requests by the Off-Campus Bookstore to make arrangements to inform them what books will be required, students would have the opportunity to walk a few blocks down the street and purchase books at a much cheaper price. Some thoughtful professors do place orders with the Off-Campus Bookstore, but they are a minority. If every professor took five minutes out of his or her busy schedule and sent the Off-Campus Book Store a list of required textbooks the students of Providence College would benefit enormously. Instead, for years our faculty selfishly ignores the Off-Campus Book Store's repeated requests for book orders, thereby ignoring the students and increasing our already unbearable financial burden.

Our uncaring professors further deplete our economic resources by forcing us to purchase books they have authored as they reap the financial rewards. Certainly the author of a book holds the copyrights and can distribute photo copies to whomever they want. Why doesn't the faculty send their manuscripts to the copy room to be Xeroxed and save their students money in the process?

Unfortunately, the faculty does not seem to care about the students. The college's administration is a willing partner. Nowhere does the student handbook make mention of an alternative to the mega-monopoly Barnes and Noble for the purchase of books. Furthermore, you will never see signs anywhere on campus advertising the Off-Campus Bookstore because the administration will not allow it. Some years ago the school's administration went so far as to deny the Off-Campus Bookstore access to our Friar boxes for the distribution of flyers. It should be the goal of the administration to provide students the opportunity to save money, and it should not be the school's objective to funnel students' money into the pockets of Barnes and Noble, as is the case now.

None of the blame for this lac- eney lies with Barnes and Noble; they are in business and their pri- ority is themselves. However, the administration and faculty of this college are culpable in this crime because their loyalty should lie with their students. It sadly does not.

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PROVIDENCE POLICE ARE LOOKING FOR TROUBLE!

The Providence Police Dept. will be in full force this weekend (again), and will be looking for students violating open-container policies, under-age drinkers, and loud parties. Since late August when students began returning for the year, more than 15 people have either been arrested or documented for illegal activities.

Please, please be forewarned and be careful when you are strolling the streets off-campus. Porches and backyards are considered private property, but SIDEWALKS ARE NOT! Also, take note, there are people that live in the surrounding neighborhoods and have done so for many years. Unfortunately not all of them are the most hospitable to PC students.

Be sure to look at next week's Cowl for more information regarding our bad press in the off-campus areas.

by Jamie Lantinen '97
Editorial Editor

As a presidential advisory committee examines the possibility of a U. S. attack on Kuwaiti marsh oil fields at the end of the war, intentionally set by the retreating Iraqi army, the fires were tremendously difficult to extinguish and millions of gallons of precious oil were lost. The environmental impact left by the fires and oil-dumping into the Persian Gulf will not be felt for generations to come. Despite all of this, Hussein is still in control and living as lavishly as he ever has.

Since the end of the Gulf War, Saddam has been engaged in possible human rights violations, including the hanging of two sons-in-law. He has continued to violate United Nations mandates and as a result has subjected his people to years of economic sanctions. I do not wish to take up the argument of sanctions here, but mention them only to highlight the ambivalence of United Nations policy. On the one hand, the U. N. has condemned Hussein and even led oil sanctions, but on the other hand it has refused to back the United States, as Hussein builds up his military in northern Iraq.

The world has thus far appeared to be content with the fact that Hussein retained his position of power, despite his pillaging of the tiny Arab nation. The United States maintained its human rights violations, and his war crimes. As long as oil is used in Kuwait, the U. N. will not take action.

Last week, Hussein sent tens of thousands of troops to northern Iraq, and attacked the Turkish town of Islab. The Turks, who have been oppressed by Saddam's government, have been hoping to break away from Iraq, capitalizing on Iraq's defeat in the Gulf War. The attack was an attempt to scare the Kurds into submission and to test the international community. Would they respond with forceful condemnation? The international community failed this test in their refusal to back the United States.

In response to Iraqi belligerence, the United States engaged in retaliatory measures, aimed at making the minimal threat by Hussein as a tactic of protecting the Kurds. Despite the widespread support the U. S. received five years ago, Great Britain is now voicing support for the United States. The two countries have been faced with "impassable opposition" in their effort to get the United Nations to simply condemn the actions of Iraq. Meanwhile, Russia, France, India, South Africa, several Arab countries and many others have criticized the military action against Iraq.

The histories of international leaders must be terribly short. The assaults by American armed forces may not have been flawless, but they have induced Hussein to back down for now. Without multi-lateral support against Iraq, however, there is no telling what Hussein has in store.

The cowardly destruction of Kuwait by the Iraqi army must not be forgotten. The suffering Kurds have suffered greatly. Thousands of Americans lost in the Gulf War and those 1,100 Americans who may have been exposed to nerve gas and other possible warfare hazards. The legacy of Saddam Hussein must be stopped. In response to yet another display of Iraqi belligerence, the United States has once again moved forward, politically and militarily. This time, however, the world has averted its eyes. Now that the target of Saddam's aggression is a helpless band of Kurds, and not the world's oil reserves, no one will stand up to the dictator.

The nations of the world must readjust their priorities. The actions of the United States last week against Iraq should not be critiqued. It is the responsibility of Hussein and the tyranny of his regime must be held accountable.

Feinstein Service Is Enlightening

by Kristen Martinue '98
Editorial Writer

We are all back on campus and summer vacation is now only a memory. This summer I had a wonderful experience working under a grant from the Feinstein Institute for Public Service. I had the opportunity to work at the Boys and Girls Club in Warwick as a camp counselor. I was very excited about my summer job, but I had no idea what was happening.

My experiences were eye-opening. People say that the experiences I had here at Providence College have had opportunities that children at the Boys and Girls Club will never have. What was most amazing was the fact that these children and their families live ten minutes from me. This proves that you are never isolated from poverty and misfortune. It is so easy for all of us to go through our everyday lives and not even consider that there are people, especially children, who are underprivileged.

I started off the summer by working with the after-school program. Most of the children came from broken homes where the single parent was forced to work in order to make ends meet. The children were so open and honest and willing to share stories about themselves and their families. At times, their stories were so heart-wrenching that it was nearly impossible to listen. One twelve year-old boy told me how he watched his father die of a drug overdose and there was nothing he could do to stop him. This same boy lost his mother in an accident. Now he lives with his aunt and slowly gets living for better for him. After he told me his story the only thing I could do was cry. The issues these children have to deal with are incredible. They have seen more abuse and violence in their short lives than I will ever see.

This summer I felt as though I made a difference in some young people's lives. Just as importantly though, they made a huge difference in my life. I learned so much about what exists in the world beyond Providence College. There is so much heartache that exists, and the victims are unfortunately children.

Without the Feinstein Center at PC, off-campus job opportunities, such as the one which I participated, would not be available.

It is so easy for all of us to become engrossed in our own everyday schedules and not give a second thought about those who are less fortunate than ourselves. However, as a student of the sciences, we cannot ignore the needs of others. We all have the ability to give of ourselves and change the lives of others. As students, it is up to us to be willing to invest some time and effort. The most effective way to become involved in community service is by getting through the Feinstein Center. The staff is very helpful and supportive. After working at the Boys and Girls Club this summer, I hope to continue to appreciate the opportunities that I have been given. Fortunately, I was lucky enough to give of my self to the community through the generosity of men such as Alan Shawn Feinstein.
"No-Smoking" - It's a Drag
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Why is cooking smoke in these three facilities acceptable and not in the respective dining areas?

Have you noticed that Roman Catholic in Hankins Hall in 1925, I firmly agree with the statement that President Phillip Smith, O.P. exposed in his 1994 inauguration address. He said, "Providence College's future will rely on fairness and morality." Taking this into consideration and because Providence College has no other choice but to participate in today's hydrocarbon society, I suggest that the college compromise and allow twenty percent of the floor space in these three facilities to be designated as smoking areas. Incidentally, tobacco taxes help to pay for the maintenance of the streets and roads that are approachable to Providence College. By the way, there are still many restaurants throughout southeastern New England that are patronized by both smokers and non-smokers of the PC community that have designated smoking sections. As a footnote, I quit smoking my pipe and cigars after 50 years for no apparent reason in September 1995. I don't feel any better because of my abstention from tobacco and I haven't gained any weight of weight. I still walk five to ten miles a day as I did before I quit smoking.

Most sincerely,
Russell P. Demco '73

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Editorial Policy 1997

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Commentary

Domestic Violence Should Be A National Issue

by Amy Rodrigues '97

Asst. Editorial Editor

In the upcoming months we will all be inundated with issues and problems that politicians will claim are the most important, and the most likely to affect "you." And, surely enough, many issues will. However, there is one issue that has come to our attention more so in recent months, an issue that has been in the shadows of political discussion for too long. After spending many years as a District Attorney's office for the past two summers I have come to the realization that domestic violence is one of the most troubling problems affecting women today, as well as future generations.

As can be imagined, what I witnessed throughout my internship opened my eyes to a world of crime and violence that affects so many lives every day. The implications that this abuse has on our culture and society, especially those that feel the direct effects of domestic violence, are truly astonishing and at times frightening.

The majority of victims that go through the Victim/Witness office, the office where I interned, are victims of some type of domestic abuse. Victim/Witness Assistants aid victims of crimes through their court proceedings, and provide various counseling services. Contrary to what many think, men as well as women are victims of abuse; mothers, fathers, siblings, grandparents, children, homosexuals, and ex-girlfriends and boyfriends all continue to seek protection from those they love, and who supposedly "love" them. However, even women make up the vast majority of victims, and this has a profound effect on the everyday relationships that people count on for stability, love and support.

Day after day, women would come in, children in tow, some freshly beaten, and seek protection from their husbands, ex-boyfriends, and the fathers of their children. Some would deny anything ever happened, others would be extremely upset and angry, and for others it would be the first of many visits to the office. I would shake my head in disbelief at what increasing abuse and violating those we love and care for.

Domestic violence has come to be a serious problem for thousands of people. Unfortunately, public awareness is extremely low for the implications that this problem has on society in the future and today. OJ Simpson, and his abusive relationship with his wife, brought the issue to the limelight; however, even then it caused the sensational media hype that realistically does not accompany traditional, everyday

day lives of women who are abused. For average women attempting to raise children, and working at their jobs, no one is knocking down their door for an interview or helping them file a million dollar lawsuit against their aggressor. Domestic violence is not new to our world, it is only finally reaching the stages of acknowledged and concern that has progressed in the past decades, with the realization that domestic violence and other learned behavior against women is a true epidemic that will continue to gnaw away at the basic elements of our society. The consequences of a generation growing up witnessing and believing that hitting those you love is a normal act of loving relations will have serious and grave implications in today's family and tomorrow's world.

And so I am wondering where this will take us, and who will finally realize that violence in our homes should be a number one priority for all of us, even those it does not directly affect. Because sooner or later, someone who learned by experience that hitting their mother is acceptable, will certainly not have a second thought as to hitting someone they do not "love," or know. Each of the major candidates in the coming election discussed family values quite extensively but neither truly addressed a concern for the fact that a growing number of our home experience violence against or brought on by those they love. Domestic violence is one issue that has failed to make its mark in the world of politics, and that is truly disturbing. It is impossible to think of perfecting or even improving family values and relationships without first addressing the problem of violence in our homes. Until we come to this realization, and until politicians and those in power see the connection between violence in our homes and a breakdown of family values, we will still be shaking our heads in disbelief at this utterly sad epidemic of American society. A child will never learn the basic values of love, honesty, and respect as they hear the screams of their mothers being beaten by someone that "loves" her.

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by Elizabeth L. Duryea '97

Editorial Writer

One of my friends was just recently ordained a priest. I was quite excited to have the opportunity to attend the ceremony and share in the celebration. However, I did not know what to expect, never having been to an ordination.

Awe and wonder might best describe my emotions as I observed the Rites of Ordination and the response of the ordinands and their families with confidence, happiness, and assuredly, great faith that these monks presented themselves before the Archbishop to be made sacred and dedicated themselves to the service of God. What was overwhelmingly evident to me was the assurance that the monastic monk represented that surety in their responses and expressions. I looked on in admiration as my friend knelt in front of the Archbishop. With his head held high, he responded "I am and I do" with a firm tone of voice and a satisfied smile to each question asked of him. As I reflected on the experience, I began to consider my own sense of spiritual confidence and how I express it.

Many of us do not express our faith as well as we fervently as we might like and as in my case, admire others who seem to embody the spiritual confidence that I wish we could impart. To me, spiritual confidence is something as simple as not holding back our voices as we sing the entrance hymns at Mass so that it does not sound flat and dull. It is a feeling that enables you to pray together with your family, even if it is only grace at meals or an "Our Father" at the start of class. It is the outward signs as well as the inward sense that we are doing something for someone else without reservations.

I know that the way in which I express my beliefs to others is as important as knowing exactly what those beliefs are. I also know that despite my hesitation or anxiety or lack of detailed understanding of my faith, I feel satisfied and at peace with myself after leaving Mass or after prayer. How can we, who have less spiritual confidence, learn to express ourselves better or more clearly?

The Providence College community is obviously centered in our faith and whether you choose to participate and share your faith with others is up to you. If you are willing to get involved with people and activities which are centered in faith, there are numerous opportunities to do so. If, like myself, you are interested but apprehensive, now is the time to test your confidence. EVERYONE is feeling some sort of anxiety at the start of the new year, and what better way to relieve yourself of those fears than sharing them with others, especially in prayer or service? Now is the time to take a risk and express your faith with others in a way you never have before. You are far less likely to fail when your faith is involved. With success you may just get the boost of confidence that you were looking for.
Private Education is a Luxury, Not a Public Responsibility

by Mike Sullivan ’97

Editorial Writer

"You want to solve the education crisis? Then get the government out of it. Private schools do it the way. One hundred percent. I'm serious... How long are we going to tolerate what's going on? Oh, you can't find a school? Oh, we abolished all your schools, you can't find one? Then home school. Teach your kids at home."


Over the past few years there has been a growing sentiment in our country that we can blame all of our educational ills on the government. Many people ignorantly and arrogantly assume that no matter what the government does, some private institution can do it much better. Nowhere can we see this more clearly than in the debate over whether public funds in the form of vouchers should be used to send children to private schools. Proponents of school vouchers argue that such a program is the only way we can improve the education of our young. They claim that private schools do a better job of educating children than public ones do, and that parents should have the right to send their children anywhere. They also expect the taxpayers to foot the bill. The truth is that school vouchers are not a solution; they are a sham.

First of all, believe it or not, private schools do NOT do a better job at educating students than public schools. In Milwaukee, where there has been a school voucher program in place for over four years now, the students who switched from public schools to private ones did not do any better than they had done before. There was no change in their reading scores or their math scores. God only knows how much badly needed money was taken out of the Milwaukee public school system just to send these kids to a private school where they were not going to do any better. The problem with private schools is that they get to choose which students they want to teach, while the public schools have to educate whoever shows up. As a result, private schools end up with more highly motivated students and involved parents than do the average public schools.

If you look at the public schools that do get to choose their students, you would be surprised at what they accomplish. For example, Thomas Jefferson High School in Fairfax County, Virginia, is a magnet school where students need to apply to gain admission and is very competitive. For the past six consecutive years, more National Merit semi-finalists have come from Thomas Jefferson than from any other high school in the country. If private schools are so much better than public ones, why does any of them produce as many National Merit semi-finalists as Thomas Jefferson High?

There is nothing wrong with wanting to send your kids to a private school. However, there is something wrong with expecting everyone else to pay for it. Everyone pays taxes, whether they have children or not, to support public education. When parents choose to send their kids to a private school, they have to realize that one consequence of that choice is that they have to pay tuition. Public education is a public responsibility. Private education is a private responsibility. School vouchers would only succeed in giving a luxury to the few, at the expense of the many. The only realistic way to improve education is by raising academic standards, creating more magnet schools and providing more books, computers and teachers to help get the job done.

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A Dearth of Diversity

by Michael P. Sabolne ’98

A&E Editor

When I was a young boy, I grew up in a predominantly white town. There were very few minority families in our town, so needless to say, I was raised with minimal exposure to minority groups. Even so, my parents did a good job of teaching me to respect everyone and everything. I never really grew up thinking that because of my color, I was better than any other person, for we all were human beings.

As I progressed in years, I became more aware that my high school lacked diversity. My friends and I realized that we had been brought up in a slightly sheltered way. Sure we all had the opportunities to travel and meet other people, but on the whole our high school was not diverse. The first time I came to PC I immediately noticed that it felt just like my high school. Now that I'm a Junior, I realize just how much PC is like my high school (it's not just the fact that a gauzelle came here from my high school, including 3 out of the 24 people on my floor) in both the familiar faces I see and the lack of diversity.

I must admit that PC seems to be changing its ways. It does seem that there is more diverse student body on campus, which makes me very happy. However, as I wandered aimlessly in Lower Slavin recently, I came across graffiti that had the potential to reverse all of the good work that Admissions had been doing.

On the Game Room signs, as well as a couple of posters for other groups, someone had written "KKK" and also drew a Nazi swastika. Whether the author of this was a student or just a passerby, I don't think they realize what they have done. I was left wondering, "Are people really ignorant?" How would you feel if you arrived at a new school and during the first week you noticed signs in the student center that read "got hate, white, Catholic, middle class yuppies?" What exactly is the need for senseless graffiti? If one thought, "Hey, I think it would be really cool if we wrote KKK around PC, so people would think that we are bigots," then one would not only be an idiot, but one would have picked the wrong group. Just as a point of fact, the KKK dislikes Catholics as well. It never ceases to amaze me at how thick headed people can be. I don't know if they just think they are being funny, or if they are just that ignorant. It doesn't matter whether it's scralling racial slurs in Slavin, or writing "Problems Pigs" in shaving cream on the side of Gzman. I always took it for granted that discrimination -- whether it is social, gender, race or religion, is foolish. I guess some people just like to feel superior, no matter what they have to step on along the way.

When I first came to PC, I'll be happy in the knowledge that I at least tried to treat everyone kindly and not to judge anyone before I got to know them. Our school isn't perfect, but we are trying. We try harder than whoever decided to put their ignorance up for all to see.

A New and Improved Raymond

by Lori Andrade ’98

Editorial Writer

It seems that the latest buzz around campus centers on Raymond Cafeteria. Where I go I no longer fail to hear, "Hey, have you eaten at Ray yet? It's so good now! It's unbelievable!" One might think there was a celebrity on campus with all the ecstatic reactions responding to this popular question this year. Raymond has improved far more than anyone might have expected. Compared to last year, it is the next best thing to having a celebrity on campus. When you go into Raymond, you never know what to expect.

It is like an entirely different world in there. You may think you left the tiny premises of Providence College and beam over to a mega-mall food court with one swipe of a card. The hustle and bustle of confused and excited faces is amazing. Once inside, there is a world of possibilities to satisfy almost any craving. If you feel like Italian home cooking and wish your mother were here to make pasta for you, do not fear. Pastabilities is there. If you feel like an all American dinner like chicken and mashed potatoes, Spiffies may be the place for you. For all of you health fanatics, Tasty Lite Cuisine is calling your name. Travel to the deli or to the Main Event line, I am sure you can find something there that will make both your taste buds and tummy happy. Even the ordinary salad bar is unfortunetly made. The fresh vegetables actually look fresh now, and the variety in the salad bar is wonderful. Finally, students have something to look forward to when they are hungry. No longer will students starve themselves or eat carobord mashed potatoes.

Granted, the price has been jacked up a little, but I think it is worth it. Even if it causes us to gain a few pounds, the new food plan has made students and parents a lot happier, and that is what counts. Providence College is a private institution working to get ahead and look good. They, of course, will not get ahead without hard working students who use their brains and talents (and their wallets) to give this college a better name. We are now getting something in return for all our hard working and we are all grateful to the school.

On behalf of the entire student body who loves food as much as I do, thank you for improving the cafeteria. No more will we complain about Raymond and the brown lettuce in the salad bar!
**sebadoh:**

**HAPPINESS IN "HARMACY"**

by Michael P. Sablone '98

A&E Editor

On Wednesday, in the 12th hour of a six-day tour, sebadoh awarded a solo songwriting prize to the singer/producer of the year. The former Dinosaur Jr. bassist’s main project sebadoh (not to be confused with Barlow’s side project Folk Implosion, which did most of the music for the movie Kids), has just released its fourth album, harmony. This album further cements my theory as Barlow produces one pop gem after another, mixing incredibly catchy hooks with ready-to-hum melodies for one of the best albums put out this year.

For harmony, sebadoh decided not to skimp on the material: 19 songs clock in at a total of 50 minutes. This is a great dose of sebadoh considering that just recently Folk Implosion had begun to pop up everywhere. This album has the potential to build on the popularity of Folk Implosion and sebadoh’s 1994 indie success Bubblegum.

sebadoh’s line up usually followed one of two paths. When they stick to the formula of Barlow on vocals and guitars, Jason Lowenstein on bass, and Bob Fay on drums, they are amazing. Unfortunately, they do not always stick with that. When they switch to Lowenstein on vocals and guitar, Barlow on bass and Fay on drums, the band does a 180 and most of the time leaves the listener confused. Most of Lowenstein’s songs are furious guitar crunching punk songs, like “crazy gypsy,” in contrast to Barlow’s catchy pop melody’s. Put “crystal gypsy” next to Barlow’s sweet, subtle lead track “On Fire” and you could split harmony into two different albums, by two different bands.

“Ocean,” the current radio single, is a classic example of a Barlow song. Most of Bakedale dealt with girl-harshly dumping boy on his rear, but this time the boy’s doing the dumping. When Lou Barlow sings “I wish I had a way to make it better” To rearrange the world to make you smile! But it’s hard to think I have that power. Besides, we have not been that close in a while,” it is bittersweet to hear, but it sounds like something you don’t feel bad. “Ocean” is one of the best singles of the year, and I do not even have to worry about R.E.M.’s New Adventures in Hi-Fi (conveniently reviewed by Pat Carbone on page 10).

“Perfect Way” is another standout cut with the same theme. “Askle deep in your personal concern’s love it or leave it it’s all the same.” That perfect way to keep you happy/there’s always someone else to blame/that perfect way to keep you angry. It almost makes you want to cringe, for he sets you up thinking that he is going to end by saying something that will make every one feel better — then he says: “share that perfect way to keep me happy,” and you realize that he has found his own bitting form of revenge in songwriting. His words are not about making you feel like a million bucks. His voice seems to be in fact it has a refreshing, innocent, sad quality to it, that Barlow pulls off without sounding like a complete wimp.

On the flip side, take a listen to “Mindreader.” When Lowenstein belts out “You’re a baby / I’m not a MIND Reader / you’re going have to TELL ME” he puts the accent on “mind” and “tell me,” so it sounds like Johnny Rotten. Except not as funny. Or as good. On “love to fight” he triumphantly sings “I love sleeping / I love eating / when its boring / I love to fight / long confusion, illusion, bull****.” After I heard this song, I wanted to go up to Jason and say “Yeah. Exactly. Super. Uh huh, I understand completely.” The really confusing part is that the song is pretty good, until he gets to the words. Then it all falls apart into a punk mess. Lowenstein just needs to work on his lyrics, and throw away his fuzz make. It’s bad enough that he sounds like he’s singing in a box. I do not need all this fuzz around. He has a far way to go in order to catch up to Barlow, but his songs still have an edge that gives them some substance.

Lowenstein’s problems put behind us, one can see that overall harmony is a great album. Every one of Barlow’s songs are incredible. Some of Lowenstein’s are passable (for instance, “hillbilly II” starts off with a great country guitar riff, but soon falls somewhat flat, to rebound again) and poor Fay, he’s only used once so “kroandsi!”, an instrumental ditty that is pretty solid.

It most likely won’t happen, but if Spin ever decides to have all the songwriters of this decade mix it up in a battle of the bands, then Oasis would win if the teenyboppers voted. However, if people took the time to listen to Barlow’s quiet, sulky, voice coupled with the sometimes money, sometimes haunting, always catchy music then they might find out just who deserves the title of songwriter of the year.

If you really enjoy the Folk Implosion stuff on the Kids soundtrack and you’re in the mood to be swept away, then check out harmony — all the band, none of the attitude, and a whole lot less of the blatant Beatles references. Plus it is just plain hard not to like Barlow. On harmony, he comes across as a good friend of yours who comes over every now and then to strum a song he wrote about his troubles. Do yourself a favor — sit down and listen to the guy, after all, he is your pal and as he casually says on “too pure” “you can never be too pure or too connected.”
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OF BOARS AND BOGMEN

by Pete "Shaggy" Keenan '99
A&F Writer
(his only does some advertising)

The Bogmen with Morgan's Tale (a.k.a. "the purple "PC" band") at PC last Friday night

It was quite invigorating to return to the TV House, which had been sitting at PC last Friday night. I was not here for 24 hours before I saw friends on BOP posting notices about some pig roast which took place last Friday. I was busy though, with what I was doing and all, so I did not pay much attention to it. Later that day, my roommate checks in and first thing out of his mouth? No, not "Hey, Shags, how was your summer?" Instead, I was greeted with "Shags, didja see, the Bogmen are playing here on Friday?" Ah yes, the Bogmen. Rob turned me on to them last year. Since then, I have seen them perform in Providence, twice in New York, and now they were playing on my campus.

Enter stage left: Life Starts at 40 Million. Not your everyday debut length album. Catchy tunes, radio-friendly songs, and even a near-o multimedia program that would have made my dad jack glade to his Penguins for as he perused pictures and heard digital in-"The thing that struck me about this row disk was the pack- t. To see that BOP was aging. It reminded me of an awful lot of Automatic for the People. I also, the top part of the CD itself has nothing written on it. That made me say "Wow, what a clever record!" The CD opened and there was nothing on that side. So if you put it in and suddenly think your CD player is broken, flip the CD over.

The Board of Programmers deserves a lot of credit for getting their act together so quickly, and putting together such an eclectic event. It was well organized and had something for everyone. Even if Morgan's Tale and the Bogmen are not your style, there was still enough pig meat and beer to turn anyone's frown upside down.

However, time for critique. It appears that PC students still haven't realized that you don't need to hurt other folks to have a good time. Moshing was rampant at the show, even after Bill Cham- pain, the lead singer, pleaded with people to stop the senseless viol- ence. All the while, drunken pigs "wanna be frat boys," as Mike Sablone put it so nicely last year, continued to slam and mosh and punch and kick. If you really have that much energy to work, you should be seeking help, not attend- ing a show. Premeditated moshing is something my sister's high school peers do.

In short, this was the best I have ever seen the Bogmen perform. The rhythm section was tight, Champion was on key vocally, and the new songs sounded great. The pig tasted good, and it was nice seeing people who I had not seen all summer. Crappy crowd, though.

by Patrick Canole '97
On loan from Features

R.E.M.
New Adventures in Hi-Fi
11/29/96 (out of six)

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Having been recorded on the road during their recent tour, I came in guessing that travel would be a theme (even the cover photo- graph, a picture in motion). The album starts with a mediocre little number called "How the West Was Won and Where It Got Us." It sounds more like something Sting left off of his "Still on My Mind," rather than a single. It also works the other way. "Super- nite!! What's a joke? See ya, don't wanna be ya." From "The Wake- Up Bomb" is quite a daisy possibly (at the end). The normal course of events with a new R.E.M. song is that I pick up a few words of the chorus and start singing what I think they are and stumble the rest. Here's an example: What's the Fre- quency, Kenneth? is your some- thing, uh oh... is it? I sang after the first few times heard that song. But on Hi-Fi, Stipe sings quite clearly and is easy to understand lyrically (what a song may specify), though open to a hundred different interpreta- tions, as usual) instead of his char- acteristic odd pronunciations and syllable dropping. Water imagery pervades the album (a pleasant "I'm drowning") is the refrain from

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“Underdog”, and with song titles like “Leave,” “Departure” and “So Fast, So Numb,” it's obvi- ous that being on the road for so long has had an affect on them. One of the few problems I had was that several songs seemed to end abruptly, leaving me wanting more. I'm not sure why. It's almost as if they are trying to sound hurried-up, obscured with the idea of doing a road album. The exception is the final song on the album, "Electrode." I was easily moved by Stipe's voice singing "I'm not scared, I'm outa here." It is a nice ending to the whole thing.

If the album has any faults, it's that it is not as diverse and challenging as some of R.E.M.'s best work. But their usual toilet paper is more interesting and dynamic than Pearl Jam's best work. Also, considering that it wasn't some- thing they spent years in the studio working on, it's hard to com-
WELCOME BACK

THE PIG ROAST

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I.A.B. Fall Sports
Men's and Women's Soccer
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Basketball
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I.A.B. is also looking for experienced referees for a variety of sports.

If interested, go to the Intramural Athletic Board in Lower Peterson
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Outdoor Movie
B.O.P. presents
Mission Impossible
Slavin Lawn
Sunday, Sept. 15 at 9 pm

Coffeehouse

80's night
in Quarts
w/ pizza
Tuesday, Sept. 17th

Attention All Students
Anyone interested in entering more fully into the Catholic Church through Baptism, First Holy Communion, or Confirmation is encouraged to join the PC FIRE group for this academic year. The sessions will begin on Thursday, Oct. 3 at 7pm. For information, please contact Fr. Vincent in the Chaplain's office, Slavin 211, ext. #2216

Do you have a little time and a BIG heart?
If so, you would be a great PC Pal!
Make a child's day a little brighter and come to the informational meeting on Thursday, Sept. 19th, 7pm in '64 Hall.
See you there!

New Weekend Mass Schedule 96-97...

| Saturday | 4:30 pm | Guzman Priory
| Sunday   | 11:00 am | 4:30 pm | Guzman
|          | 7:00 pm  | Aquinas
|          | 9:00 pm  | Guzman
|          | 10:30 pm | Aquinas

Chris Farley Night!
Wed. Sept. 18th
Tommy Boy AND Black Sheep
Wed. Sept. 18th
8pm & 10 pm
Moore Hall 1

Don't Forget about the Stag!!
Friday, Sept. 20th
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TICKETS ARE $2 IN B.O.P. OFFICE
BUSES LEAVE PETEERSON AT 9AM
Get cash!! Get T-shirts!!

**B.O.P. Twister Tournament**
Friday, Sept. 13
Be on Slavin Lawn from 4-7
Beer w/ proper ID
Sign up in the B.O.P. office

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**Attention All Freshmen**

Be a part of the solution,
Become a peer educator
Come to the
Step 1 info session
Wed. Sept. 18
11:00-1:00 p.m.
and
4:00-6:00 p.m.
You can make a difference!

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**The JRW is only a couple of months away!**
Make sure that you and your friends are part of the JRW video!
Bring your pictures to LOWER SLAVIN on Mon. Sept. 17 between 12 and 4

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**Become A Big Sister**

PC's Big Sister Program is looking for role models for 7-14 year-old girls in Providence.
To learn more about this exciting program, attend an informal meeting:
Wednesday 9/18 at 6 pm in Slavin rm. 120

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**R.N's Hours:**
7:30AM-7:30 pm
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**Medical Doctor's Hours:**
12 noon on Mon. Tues., Thurs., Fri.
Sign-up is 11:45-12:45
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FEATURES

My Last Summer Ever
by Patrick Canole '97
Features Writer
Hey you!
How was your summer?
Mine was pretty good. I certainly am glad to be back at school, though. I'll probably be sick of classes in a week, but I miss the whole routine when I am at home.
Also, my allergies aren't as bad in the city. I had a scorching case of bronchitis this summer.

Classes started for me at 8:30 last Tuesday. I haven't taken a class that early since I was a freshman, and I soon remembered why. But it was definitely good to be on campus again that first day. Imagine the embarrassment of the 1100 female students who all wore white shirts, tan shorts and sandals that day.

Remember all that work I did last spring, sending out resumes and looking for a summer job? Well, I ended up back at the same job I worked at every summer throughout college. The pay is good, but I'm darn sick of the place. I really would have liked to have been able to try something else. But I got some good experience interviewing and my resume looks swell. Bring on those recruiters.

Did you watch the Olympics at all this summer? Sure it was overly commercialized and all that, but when you watch the athletes in action, it was quite impressive. At one point I thought to myself, "In 20 years, China will probably win everything."

"Aside from convincing me that I'll never be in really good shape, watching the Olympics this year also convinced me that all the dentists of the world live in the United States.

My major purchase this summer was a vehicle. It's a big old car that (just barely) runs, but it's got a lot of character. If I'm driving it on a daily basis, I need about $25 per week just for gas. Over the course of the summer, repairs cost me four times what the car cost. But you know what? It was all worth it because freedom kicks ass.

I'd just like to say that those Duracell Battery People commercials frighten me.

Did you watch any of the MTV Video Music Awards last week? I thought the best videos of the year were from Beck, Björk and Foo Fighters. They each won something in minor categories, but it irritates the heck out of me that Alanis Morissette and Smashing Pumpkins won everything else (I was half-surprised Smashing Pumpkins didn't win Best Rap Video). One of my roommates flipped out when Alanis won her ninth statue (he literally left the room screaming. I turned to him and said "Isn't it ironic...?"). Also, every band in the Best Alternative Video category on the MTV awards show won something (come to think of it, every band on BRU is on a major label). I know I shouldn't let these things bother me (I lost my MTV awards show innocence when "Sabotage" and "Everybody Hurts", easily two of the best videos of the decade, lost in the Best Video category to some Aerosmith piece of cheese-rock crap a few years ago), but somehow, Billie Corgan whining a lot and passing it off as being sensitive really bugs me.

My apartment is O.K. so far. Great view. But when I find out who did it, I'm going to kick the crap out the person that put the cheap toilet paper in the bathroom.

Talk to you soon.

Love,
Pat

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A Touch of Fiction

Understanding the Rain

by Lori McCrean '99
Features Editor

I found her staring out the window watching the rain fall. I knocked before walking into the room, but she didn't respond. She knew I was there, but she was silent. I stood for a moment staring out the same window, but it was not as captivating as she seemed to be. There were two students playing and splashing in the rain. They were drenched, but they were thoroughly enjoying themselves. It almost made me want to go out into the downpour and join them.

"Do they smile because they want to or because they have to?" she asked me with her gaze still fixed on the people below.

I looked at her trying to read her, but it was useless. I didn't know the answer to the question, nor did I attempt to make one up. There was so much I wanted to say to her, but at that moment I was at a loss for words. Without a sound she got up, grabbed her jacket, and walked out. I watched her for a minute, but then I followed her knowing that this was not time for her to be alone.

Instinctively I knew where she was going. I told her she drank too much coffee, but she justified it by saying that the only way to survive a caffeine addiction was to make sure that you drank enough of it. It always seemed ironic to me. Regardless, I followed her to Dunkin' Donuts. Upon getting her cup of coffee she held it very tightly. She took a sip every couple of minutes, but it was still too hot for her to enjoy. I thought about getting a cup for myself because it was going to be a long night, but I dismissed the idea knowing that at some point I would like to sleep.

"I'm tired of smiling and pretending that everything is okay," she told me. She offered no other explanation, so I knew it was my duty to extract it from her.

"Nobody tells you that you have to be happy all the time," I rationalized. "You are the one that forces it upon yourself."

"Just don't want anyone to ask any questions. I don't want them to know."

"Know what? You have nothing to hide," I tried to tell her.

She thought nothing of herself, but there were many people that there was no need for her to be sorry for the life that she was given, yet she was.

She led me to her room and she crawled into bed with her wet clothes still on. She was never going to sleep with all of that coffee running through her, but it was the only thing that she could think of doing. Now all she needed to do was sleep the feeling off. I searched her bookshelf for the literature book that I had to read for tomorrow. I read as she stared at the wall.

I awoke and scanned the room for her. Her bed was made, and her teddy was placed in the center of her pillow. The shades were open, letting the sun stream in. It called me to get up. I stood and circled my head around trying to get rid of the stiff neck that the cramped chair had created. I looked for a note explaining her absence, but there was nothing. I was mildly perturbed until I heard the door knob turn.

She walked in with a big smile on her face and two large cups of coffee.

"A present for my angel," she said as she handed me one of the immense styrofoam cups. There was no thank you, just an understanding that for now it was all right. It would begin again soon, but for now the sun was smiling with us.
FEATURES

Back to School
Blues and Bonuses
by Ellen Mastrostefano '99
Features Writer

Well, what can I say? It’s time to discard those fashionable summer job uniforms and put that bottle of tanning oil back in the closet. The summer of '96 is officially over. During the last couple of months, we’ve participated in victory tours at the Olympics and were grief-stricken at the sight of airplane wreckage. Although this summer has been unforgettable, it is time once again to get back onto the fast track of things. To aid in this transition, I’ve devised a list of the good and the bad of going back to college in order to jar those fried beach brains.

The Bad: 1. Getting up for that 8:30 am class (this one is obvious). Okay, you know how it is. You received the absolute worst quarter for your fall courses. In a wave of desperation, you decided to sign up for that 8:30 Advanced Calculus class for fear that you wouldn’t get into any classes at all. You thought it would be good for you to get an early start on your day, right? Now, as you stumble out of your bed to shut off that horrible alarm, you’re wondering—what was I thinking? 2. Syllabi. This can be referred to as a large stack of papers, the contents of which will restrict your social college life to having time for meeting with class study groups to discuss exam material. It can sometimes seem overwhelming, but just remember that you’ve got the rest of the semester to do this work and there are twenty-four hours in a day.

3. Fire alarms. There’s nothing I enjoy more than standing out in the middle of the quad in my jammies and Garfield slippers while having a dozen of my fellow students of the opposite sex liners to remind me of the fire alarm. But just remember it is your duty to mention it does indeed

Features Writer

Overenrolling in classes, forgetting your mailbox combination, waiting in line for an hour to get a new shampoo, being yelled at by your landlord, buying all the fall three hundred dollar hill for books you do not want, having to listen to all of your archived voice mail messages from last year before you can hear any new ones. What do all of these things have in common? These are all the typical aggravations which students must deal with, at the start of the school year. Aside from these usual hassles, there is another category of problems to be encountered which have nothing to do with school. For instance, I will categorize them as "people relation problems." These are the situations that arise due to the fact that everyone has been away from each other for three months.

Problem number one: you forgot almost everyone’s name. The faces are all familiar, but for some reason, name recall is nowhere near the wallet. Don’t forget to show your school spirit with a PC baseball cap.

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Fun Times in Fennell

by Brian Kenney '99
Features Writer

Another year has come which means that a new band of freshmen guys will be experiencing the wonders of Fennell Hall. Living in Fennell is like being in the army: when you get out you’re never the same again. Here are some experiences and observations that someone new to Fennell can expect to encounter.

Yes, Fennell is the only dorm which boasts the fact that the elevator will be broken at precisely the exact time you really need it. My favorite was when I came back from Christmas break carrying in all my bags only to see a sign that said the elevator was out of order. The one good thing that I can say about the elevator is that it does not usually breakdown while your riding in it.

Another important fact that people living in Fennell should know is that you have to walk a lot further than your other friends who live in dorms on upper campus. This means they will be too lazy to come down and see you. So if you want to hang out with them you’ll probably have to walk up to see them. You may think that the walk isn’t too bad right now, but wait until winter. I would advise becoming good friends with the shuttle driver because he is key on those snowy winter mornings.

The lounge in Fennell is not the prettiest on campus. Last year about half the ceiling tiles were missing, exposing a maze of pip ing. It gave the lounge a sort of haunted house effect. In fact, to this day one of my good friends from home thinks that the lounge is one of the scariest places he has ever seen at night.

When it gets cold you’ll be relieved to find that you have a heater in your room which you can control. That’s one thing that Fennell has over most dorms. At least you can control the heat to a certain extent. But just when you think you have conquered the elements inside of Fennell, go and try to take a shower. For the first month of school only one out of the three showers on my floor worked. Soon after they were fixed, one of the showers somehow was unable to turn off and began to spit out steaming hot water. You felt like you needed a skin graft after coming out of it. Fennell is not all bad. Despite some of the problems I had with the dorm, I still managed to have a lot of fun. I also met a lot of great people in Fennell. You share a common bond with the people who live there who know what you are going through because they are going through it themselves.

Nothing is Easy

by Sarah Valente '99
Features Writer

Civ. We all know what it stands for. We’ve all been in Moore Hall at least once and for many, once was probably enough. Half of the student body is finished with Civ forever, while the other half still must endure the grueling five-day- a-week routine of literature, philosophy, history, and theology. For me, this is my second, and last, year of Civ. I must say, I had my doubts in the beginning of freshman Civ, but after a few weeks I settled in for the long haul. I quickly re-learned how to take notes and how to “put things into context” (a favorite phrase of team D). Once it made it through my first exam, I realized that Civ was not so bad after all.

Looking back on my first year of civ, I thought I’d take this opportunity to share some helpful information with those of you who are just starting your two year journey in a course known simply as civ.

- If you don’t read anything all year, you’ll probably still pass the course, but just barely. Professors like detail, especially if it comes from the reading. Anyone can spit back information from the lectures but if you throw in a line from The Odyssey or a statistic about the plague, you’ll probably make a good impression. Also, if nothing else, you should read the literature because it’s pretty interesting.

- Go to class, especially seminars. If you think the lectures are bad, try listening to them on tape. Chances are you’ll be in class the next day!

- Dr. Jackson plays good music before his lectures!!

- Learn how each of the four disciplines relate to each other, and contextualize, contextualize, contextualize.

Civ is not, by any means, an easy course. It requires hard work and the ability to see beyond names and dates to the civilizations that shaped our world. So, try to learn something from Civ. You never know if you’ll be on Jeopardy.

COME TO THE GROTTO MASS

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COOKOUT AFTER MASS

A lot of campus rapes start here.

September 12, 1996

by Michael Sablone '98
A&E Editor

The other day, as I was questioning my existence I realized that life isn’t as easy as noone tells you it’s going to be. Every now and then you get pitched a curveball and you gotta read that sucker like the reading you put off until the last minute. Fast. Once that nasty curve starts to break, you snap your wrists even harder and smash it out of the park. But not too far out of the park — just enough to break the window of the affluent lower-middle-class family that lives in a one bedroom-cold water flat. Sure it may interrupt their dinner, but food tastes better with leather. Even if they do get angry it’s not at anything that can’t be fixed with a little elbow grease, duct tape and pink flamingo’s in the yard. Not Scotland yard, but a nice, lush lawn with no visible blemishes. Not that visible blemishes are bad, just that they are visible and... Life would be easier if we could teleport and be invisible. I wouldn’t use my powers of invisibility for evil; I would use it for the supreme good of the salad. Sort of like Justice League, except not as wholesome. They only major drawback is if you are Billy Joel and sing “Only the good die young.” That should point him in the right direction, but if he doesn’t believe that death is a good thing, then he’s up the creaking floorboards without WD40.

Like Zaphod Beeblebrox, I’ve got a towel and that’s all I need. Well almost all I need. Remem ber, wherever you go, there you are. Maybe.
Chaplain's Corner

Follow your Conscience

by El. Joseph Barranger, O.P.
College Chaplain

Part one of a two part column.

Everybody has one. Sometimes it would be wisest if we didn't. Conscience is an important thing, and yet many people use the word without knowing what it means.

You may hear people todayjustifying their actions and their ideas by appealing to their conscience. They say things like: "Well, I just don't feel that such and such is wrong." It is true that we follow our conscience. We must. However, because we are obliged to follow it, we are obliged to have (1) a clear, accurate understanding of what a conscience is and (2) a properly informed conscience.

Unfortunately, there is quite a bit of misunderstanding about conscience. Some, in fact, seem to identify conscience as "a little voice inside me"; others think of it as simply "the way I feel." Many people go beyond this by appealing to their conscience as a complete guide. They feel that what a conscience is. The word "conscience" (or "conscience") comes from two Latin words: "con" (meaning "with") and "scire" (meaning science or a knowledge acquired through study). Science is not something that we are born with. We gain experience through study and investigation. We are not content to simply rely on our feelings about something.

A fairly accurate definition of conscience could be "a judgment concerning right versus wrong human conduct." Since it is a judgment, it comes with something that will not affect our emotions or our feelings. Sometimes our feelings or emotions can be in conflict with our conscience. For example, we may know that abortion is wrong and yet feel sympathy for a pregant girl who decides to have an abortion.

We are not born with a conscience. We are born with the ability to form one (just as we are not born with a language, but only the ability to learn to speak one). Consequently, our conscience is something that we must develop ourselves. It is a product of education.

The question is: What information forms our conscience? Whose information, whose "scientia" about morality do we seek? The church's? Society's? TV's? Our parents? A good case could be made for all four.

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by Sarah Antonello '98
Features Writer

For my first Cowl article of the year, I wanted to put out something amazing, intellectually stimulating features article that people would read and say, "Wow, that is pretty smart, and this article just changed my life," and then they might Scotch tape it above their pillows so that it was the first thing they saw as they awoke in the morning. Nothing too elaborate, just something amazing and profound that would help make the world a better place. So, as I sit here in front of the computer screen, forming in my mind all the clever little sayings and insightful theories on the significance of life and existence, I realize I don't have a stinking clue on what to write about for this issue.

All I know is that I did not want to write an article on what I did on my summer vacation or some "cool" thing about my roommates and the fun we are having adjusting to being juniors on the happy campus of Providence College.

Rather, I am interested in writing about how stupid the meal plan is either, because I have a sneaking suspicion that the Cowl is already going to be filled with articles on this. Besides, the way I see it, no one, not even full old Ray, when it doesn't make sense.

But, the more I sit here in this uncomfortable chair staring at a half empty computer screen, the more tempting an aticle is about the stupid and ungodly in our apartment becomes.

So, here it is. I'm living on the sixth floor of Mal Brown, 604 to be exact. Okay, so my roommates are going to kill me for giving out our room number but I'll just tell them that if there were some seamy stalker person out to get me, he or she would just have to look up my name on the bulletin board with all the little pictures of us and front hobs of Mal Brown anyway. Or, better yet, just dial 2444. They'd tell you, I'm sure.

The Smithsonian was bequeathed in a will in 1827 to the United States. A British scientist named James Smithson donated his estate "for the increase and diffussion of knowledge." After a considerable period of red tape, the Smithsonian Institute was established on the Mall in Washington, D.C. The institution was primarily to form one for scientific research. Over time, however, these buildings collected treasures from the American public, acquiring objects of national and international acclaim. Today, the institution preserves more than one hundred million objects and six thousand museums. The National Zoological Park is also a part of the Smithsonian. Objects range from Rodin's sculptures to valuable gemstones to the first telegraph. More than twenty million people visit the Smithsonian each year at no cost.

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The Smithsonian Institute is a treasure trove of knowledge, prompting Secretary Ripley to refer to it as a "temple of learning." It is fun and interesting to visit, and we should all take advantage of this valuable opportunity we have the chance. "America's Smithsonian" will be at the Convention Center under September 30th. Admission is free and the show is open daily. Find time to make the trip, and say hi to Kermit for me.

I can't figure out how this school can have such strict fire hazard regulations and then let me loose in a kitchen on its campus. I mean, even my mother doesn't let me use the oven at home.

Sites of the City
The Nations Attic

by Kait Fournier '99

Features Writer

When I heard that the Smithsonian would be traveling around the country, I was very doubtful that I would see it. I live in Maine, where it is a rare treat to have anything or anyone enormously famous venture over the New Hampshire border. So, I re- signed myself to the fact that I would not get to the traveling museum. You can imagine how ex- cited I was when I found out that Providence was a host city for the world's largest museum.

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Once, an week I can’t handle a bag of anything. I can’t even ask my roommates, ‘They’ll tell you.’

I can’t express how excited I am about the security channel. You may think I’m kidding, but I’m not. I could spend hours watching people go in and out of the build- ing. I’ve just recently discovered the exciting act of clicking the door buzzer over and over again and watching random people jump and look around at the front door which is making all kinds of noise. If you haven’t lived in the apartments yet and don’t know what I’m talking about, then you have something to look forward to. Just be careful
Welcome Back

"OFF" CAMPUS

By Dave Gere

Mr. I told you not to come and visit every day!

Scientifically Speaking...

"Professor, it's been an hour and my experiment still hasn't reacted."

First day of class blues...

Hey - anyone going to Accino?!!

Where the *#@!# is Accino?!!

Daniele Castillo... '98
Women's Soccer

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The backfield suffered another blow this week when Kelly Galligan went down with an ankle injury. The seniors, sporting crutches, gave Lynch some side- line company at the UConn game.

Wynn is most concerned now with her squad's fitness. She notes that her team seemed to run out of energy in the second half, and her defenders often resorted to lunging at the ball, rather than playing solid position defense. Signifi- cantly, Patricia Moore, the team's top returning scorer, is still working her way into top shape while recovering from a summer ankle surgery.

So with no victories in four tries, PC is at a critical crossroads. The Friars can lose confidence, let down and give up, or they can dig in and keep fighting against the Big East bulls. Wynn expects her team to rise to the top.

"It's certainly not a lack of ef- fort on our part," says Wynn. "I think it will still all fall into place.

remaining home games

Brown
9/18
3:00

Rutgers
9/29
1:00

New Hampshire
10/10
3:30

Rhode Island
10/16
3:30

Syracuse
10/25
5:00

Villanova
10/26
12:30

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WIN With The New: PC Optimistic With New Head Coach
by Ken Martin '99 Sports Writer

Change has been a popular word recently in Providence College athletics resulting from the addition of new head coaches in the baseball, women's soccer, and women's basketball programs. The Providence Women's Volleyball Team also sailed the winds of change by welcoming Karen Mendes as head coach to their program. With the addition of Mendes it could be said the Lady Friars have found a popular word all their own... optimism. Evidence of this new found optimism was obvious this past weekend as PC captured the University of New Hampshire Invitational Tournament. "Overall, it was a great weekend for the Lady Friars" commented Coach Mendes, on her team's one-sided victories over Marist (3-1), Holy Cross (3-0), and New Hampshire (3-0). "PC was great individually as well sending three players, junior Kristen Kam, freshman Colleen Lee and senior Becky Loftus, to the all-tournament roster. Loftus, the team captain, was also named the tournament's most valuable player." "We played really well at UNH. The older players seemed to play with confidence and the younger players stepped up tremendously. That's the kind of consistency we will need to do well this year," remarked Loftus. By winning the tournament, Providence improved their overall record to 4-3 and gained momentum as they prepared to travel to California to compete in the prestigious St. Mary's Tournament. PC will take on such traditional western powerhouses as St. Mary's and San Jose State. "We want to make a name for ourselves out west by winning some games and at the same time improving as a team," noted junior setter Kristen Kam. "If we take pride in ourselves and play consistent only good things will come to us." Earlier in the month, however, things weren't all positive as PC won only one of four games at the Reebok/UMass Invitational in North Amherst, Massachusetts. The Black and White lost tough decisions to Tulane (2-3) and UMass (0-3). Despite the losses, PC captain Loftus was named to the tournament team and freshman outside hitter Rachel Doxeter was nominated for the Rookie of the Week award for the week of September 1st. "We didn't play up to our potential and the other teams excelled very well," I don't think they were necessarily better but they played that way in those matches," exclaimed Loftus. "I think we will take those losses and turn them into positives as we move into the next stage of the season." PC will try to improve on last year's 16-16 record and eight place finish in the Big East with the help of seven returning letter winners and four new freshmen players. Seeing that they have that new word optimism hanging around, it seems there is no reason they won't improve. DIG IT? Becky Loftus' seniority will lead the Friars to Victory in this year's tournament.

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Women's Soccer: The Young and the Restless
Lady Friars Open Season With Positive Attitude
by Gladys Daniel '99 Sports Writer

The Providence women's soccer team ended its three tough losses in its first three games, losing to its foes West Virginia and once on the road in West Virginia. Although the Friars don't have a win under their belts yet, the new coaching staff and young team are using each setback to learn and improve.

"The longer we play together, the better we'll get..."

Providence traveled to West Virginia on Saturday and fell 4-0 in their second Big East game of the season. The Friars were outshot 13-8 by the Mountaineers, who racked up all four goals in the first half of the game.

Assistant Coach Moira Harrington noted that the windy conditions and the novelty of playing on turf, rather than grass, may have worked to the Friars' disadvantage. "Ball skills are harder to control on a turf field," Harrington says, "and it's a quicker game on turf." Harrington says that Providence would prefer to play a slower, ball control game, but that has been difficult in the Friars' first three contests. Against non-league for Providence on Saturday, for instance, the visiting Stags kept the ball in their half of the field and prevailed 4-2.

Providence had built a 3-0 lead when Stag goalie Abigail Allen booted one home at the 68:20 mark. Just 26 seconds later, though, PC's Jesse Ricardo fed Liz King to the left of the goal and King knocked in a 10-footer for the Friars' first goal of the season.

Head Coach Liz Wynn's club gained confidence with King's goal and struck an early property thereafter. Sophomore Kelly McCallister got the ball to Shyanne Wynn on a breakaway and Ross, a freshman out of Whitman, MA, shocked her defender with a cross over move. She then kicked it firmly by the Fairfield keeper and closed the gap to 3-2 with just under 10 minutes remaining.

But Fairfield answered with a Colleen D'Onnor goal less than five minutes later, cementing their 4-2 victory. The Stags had 11 more shots than PC, despite the goal with 24 attempts.

Senior captain Amanda Lynch, who injured her knee during warm-ups and couldn't compete against the Stags, was still optimistic. "We're young and it's early in the season," she said. "The longer we play together, the better we'll get..."

But we have to concentrate harder on going all out for 90 minutes. We had some mental lapses today.

Even if the Friars had had as much concentration as Larry Bird and his Celtics, that wouldn't have been all they needed. In their August 31 season opener against defending Big East and NCAA champion Notre Dame, PC had their Big East foe on their home field for the well-valued Fighting Irish machine played as if it owned the field, holding the Friars without a shot, cruising to a 14-0 win. Coach Wynn says that she expects the #2 ranked Irish to repeat as NCAA champions.

Wynn realizes that it will take some time for her young squad to mature and grow. Wynn, who graduated from PC in 1992, started four sophomores, three juniors, two freshmen and two seniors in the home opener against Notre Dame. The backfield of this player box has even fallen on the young shoulders of a freshman, Betsy Burke, who has started all three games.

But just because over half of the Friars' starters still take Civil doesn't mean that the rest of the Big East isn't taking notice. Recent PC 6 starters, including sophomore Patricia Moore.нако rocked up 15 up elsewhere last year and is the club's top returning scorer. Seniors Lynch and Roberto Macfarlon anchor the backfield and midfield, respectively, providing leadership and a calming influence. "Our outlook looks very good," says Lynch. "We have a positive attitude right now, and we should do well in the Big East." The Friars are looking forward to when Lynch, who also sat out against West Virginia, can play again. The Friars expect Lynch to be back on the field as soon as her inflamed knee ligaments heal.

Lynch also appreciates Wynn's and her team's growth. Harrington (PC '95). She says she has been impressed with the enthusiasm of Wynn and Harrington, who have offered confidence-building support despite the Friars' early losses.

Both Lynch and Harrington agree that the free time the team is still learning to play together. When it finally comes together for this young team, look for some wins out on Gulf Field.

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Serving For Success

PC Men's Tennis Aims To Repeat Last Year's Winning Season

by Kim Gallipeau '99
Sports Writer

Moving into PC at the beginning of September had most of us anticipating all the usual things: becoming reacquainted with old friends, meeting new people, starting classes, etc. Carl LaBranche's men's tennis team, however, not only had these things to think about, but had to jump right into practice again to begin what the team hopes to be another successful season.

Beginning his tenth year coaching the Friars, Coach Carl LaBranche is greatly looking forward to the upcoming Fall season. "I have high expectations for the team, and the players also have high expectations for themselves," commented LaBranche. This is understandable especially after last year's successful 20-6 season, that included victories over both Nebraska and Georgetown, as well as countless other Big East and Region I schools. "Last year's schedule was difficult as well as ambitious, and this year we've added more difficult teams making it even more ambitious.

The composition of this year's team just adds to the positive outlook for the '96-'97 season. "They're a very talented, veteran group of kids," says Carl LaBranche. According to LaBranche, last year's #4 singles player, Paul Gagliardi, was "the only one of any impact that we lost." Regarding the loss of Gagliardi, junior Dylan Williams says that now "the rest of the team needs to step up" and is confident that they can do so. Though the seeds for the singles players haven't officially been decided yet, the coach has a general idea of who will be playing where. Dylan Williams and his brother, sophomore Jamie Williams, alternated back and forth last season between first and second singles. Junior Felipe Vivar, who played primarily third singles last year, has become "at this level" according to LaBranche and will also volley for one of the top spots. The rest of the seeds will eventually be chosen among seniors Captain John Weber and John O'Neil, junior Kevin Ryan, and sophomores Chris Wolken. Senior George Adanas and sophomore John Moog are also in the running.

The doubles teams are complete with Dylan Williams and Vivar remaining in the top spot, Jamie Williams and Wolken becoming the second doubles team, and O'Neil and Ryan taking the third position. Rounding out the rest of the roster are senior Mike Taylor and sophomores Clement Tamariz and John Pulawski.

Also worthy of noting is the tremendous invitation made to first doubles partners, Williams and Vivar. They have been chosen to compete in the National Clay Court Championships set to take place in Baltimore, Maryland during the last week in September. "I'm pretty excited about going," stated Williams. "It's definitely a good opportunity." The two players are the first students from Providence College to ever make it into this tournament. Williams and Vivar were invited into the National Championships based upon the fact that ranking third in the Region last year, they are the highest ranking doubles team to return again this year. In addition to their doubles play, Williams and Vivar also get the chance to qualify for the tournament as singles players earlier in the week of the tournament.

Coach Carl LaBranche has begun to set his goals for the upcoming season. "Rather than ending 26-0, I'm more interested in being in the Top 100 in the country," says LaBranche. "We need to beat the Ivies; the more we beat, the higher we'll finish." The main battle this fall is for Regional success. "We need to focus on the ECAC Championships which decide the Regionals. We placed ninth last year which is the highest ever, and now we hope to be in the top seven.

The ECAC Championships take place the second weekend in October, but up first is a match against UConn on Thursday, September 12th. LaBranche says that his PC men's team has "more talent than UConn." "There may be some match-ups, but we will need to be worked out before the Yale Invitational, but as a veteran group, they shouldn't be that nervous." Talent, determination, and experience seem to be the key parts of what this team is all about as well as what they need for a successful Fall season.

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WOMEN'S X-COUNTRY TEAM BOASTS PRE-SEASON TOP RANKING

CROSS COUNTRY TEAMS TAKE FIRST STEPS IN MIRRORING LAST YEAR'S SUCCESS

By John Carcich '98
Ass. Sports Editor

"They could be a team that could end up being one of the best we've had..." What do you do when you've reached the pinnacle, achieved a monumental feat and the goal of all your competitors? You take another shot at it.

The defending National Champion Lady Friars cross country team took it's first step toward a second consecutive title last Saturday, easily grabbing the first six spots at the Central Connecticut Invitational.

Granted, our favorite warriors were once again competing against the Kenyan National team, but the coach was happy with how dominantly they were.

"I'm very happy with the way things are to tell you the truth," explained Coach Terry Healy. "The girls' meet went exactly as I had hoped. To run that fast on a course that was slow and wet on a rainy day... They all ran pretty much around the time Moira Harrington ran on the course last year, and the meet by All-American, by the end of the season, we have to feel pretty good about that." Meanwhile the men's squad was also victorious Saturday, with senior co-captain Mike Donnelly's second place finish leading the black and white just past UNH and Northeastern.

"We're solid, from number one to number ten," noted Donnelly. "There's no superstar, but Dave [Healy] will be leading the rest of the pack will be right behind him. That's what you need in cross country."

"In the big meets, when we're running against 200 people, if we can get our pack of five in the top sixty then we'll score very well," agreed sophomore Zack Ventress. "The whole pack has just improved and that tightness will earn us a lot of points." So while the girls' will earn the headlines, the guys could be the more intriguing story. The men have lost Mark Carroll, the nation's second best runner last fall and Olympic qualifier, as well as steady captain Andy Weldake. However the boys have come back to Providence having done the work this summer.

"They could be a team that could end up being one of the best we've had, if everything comes together," said Tarcy. "I think it's a team that's as good as last year's team in terms of where they're going to finish at nationals (top eight). It's just a matter of making sure everyone stays healthy over the next six or seven weeks while we train hard. We need to get them into the Big East in one piece."

As Healy cut out this past weekend the Friars officially headed the Friar pack, falling just six seconds behind Wildcat Al Birney's first place finisher. Both teams suffered an injury last summer that allowed him only two weeks of training in the fall. The season of '96 was injury free and the Somerset, Mass. native is off to a fast start.

Barring out the Friar field in New Hampshire were junior Paul McNamara (4th, 24:35), Ventress (5th, 25:03), senior Steve Myers (7th, 25:20), freshman Larry Montesky (8th, 25:33), and sophomore Ben Nead (10th, 25:39).

In Connecticut, the pack of six Lady Friars ran together for the first two miles before str stringing out of the last mile. Just 19 seconds separated first place finisher Marie McMahon and sixth place holder Dana Ostrander. The kicker is that Ostrander was out a minute ahead of the nearest challenger. "We were a big pack working off each other," admitted sophomore Gladys Gryczan who took third place behind McMahon and senior Heather Couture, and just ahead of senior Kristy Hasake, sophomore Sarah Dupre and Ostrander, respectively. "We couldn't have followed Tarcy's directions any better." Plus the Friars could have easily had the first eight spots but junior Marie McCambrie and senior Susan Manseau put out. Obviously the squad is deep, and also talented enough to earn the number one ranking entering the season.

"They know, and I've been telling them, they're as good as anyone in the country, but they have to take care of business themselves," said Tarcy. "They have to be in Indonesia. If they get to the line in Arizona (site of Nationals) knowing that they've done all the right thing in the three months before that, they will be very hard to beat. They're not going to fret about it the 24th of November and I'm not either." But there are a lot of things that go into a road to Arizona, and all Tarcy and company will allow them to see is look ahead to the very next.

"We'll fret about the little things in the meantime, the snow backs and the sore shins and the twisted ankles," replied Tarcy. "Because that's all it takes. A bad cold the week before and all of the sudden you could go from number one contender to number three real fast. So you just can't be thinking about it too much. Anything can happen."

Mike Donnelly '97

The Husky Assignment

Women's Soccer Drops to 0-4

by Gladys Daniel '99
Sports Writer

"Every elementary school has its bully. He's the jokerette who sits in the back row in class and pulls your pigtail, pokes you with his pencil, and steals your lunch money. When recess rolls around, his favorite pastime is teasing the younger kids with a rough and tumble game of keepaway."

The University of Connecticut women's soccer team looked just like that bully, September 11, playing a frustrating brand of keepaway soccer that kept the ball far from the Lady Friars' feet. The undefeated Huskies, the NCAA preseason #1, peppered their hosts' goal with 45 shots and chalked up a 10-0 victory.

It only took UConn, currently ranked #4 in the nation, 2:10 to get on the board. Even though the Huskies would score four more goals in the first half, PC Coach Liz Wynn was pleased by her team's performance in the first 45 minutes. "In the first half we played with them physically," says Wynn, noting that the Huskies have bigger and taller players than the Friars. "In the second half we were more fatigued, but I'm proud of our first half."

Coach Wynn says that despite their 0-4-0 mark, PC remains optimistic. The Friars have had an unusually tough schedule, facing both UConn and second ranked Notre Dame in the first two weeks of their season. "The team realizes that our schedule has been tough," Wynn commented. She says that the Friars are looking forward to a tour name in Miami this weekend, where PC has a more "realistic" chance to win.

Senior back Amanda Lynch did not suit up against the Huskies. Lynch, whose injured knee caused her to miss games against West Virginia and Fairfield, is expected to return to the field this weekend and continued on page 21

Amanda Lynch '97

A Steve's Fall

New faces, New attitude, New Heights

by Cory R. McGann '98
Sports Editor (aw, yeah!)

Head Coach Brian Alexander brought something very special to the Providence College Men's Soccer team last year, their first Big East victory since 1992. Although they finished that season with a 2-16 mark, and aren't picked to finish in the upper echelon of Big East teams, they are thought of as the possible surprise school in the league.

That first win will play a major role, too. The team will use it in a turning point in their rise to soccer stardom. As neighbors University of Rhode Island and Brown's University battle for state supremacy, the Friars look to build on the positives from last year, kill the negatives, and pull some upsets.

The team has started out with a 1-1-1 record (0-1-1 in the Big East). North Dakota smacked the Black and White with a victory off a Chris Mathis score. The Friars exacted revenge against hapless victim Fairfield. The guys called upon grad captain Jonathan Crawford and junior Robert Kruse for a couple of goals to seal a 2-0 victory. The extra tally was unnecessary as Daniel Furs gathered seven saves to go towards his shutout and subsequent first win of the year.

On the eighth, PC made the trip to Pittsburgh to battle the Panthers. Robert Kruse put in the Friars' first goal, but left the heroics to freshman midfielder Andrew McConville. The Big East rookie of the Week scored with only ten seconds left to force the game into overtime, and subsequently force the tie.

Providence looks ahead to what will be a very difficult battle at state rival University of Rhode Island on Saturday which is ranked in the top 20 in the nation.