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Welcome New P.C. Faculty!

by Adair Rommel '98
News Writer

As the Class of 2000 descends upon the campus of Providence College, some might think they are the only people for whom 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. However, Fr. Marquis might not be considered that much of a newcomer, as he attended Providence College for one semester during the fall of 1973. He commented that he "really liked" the experience. Those taking "Introduction to the New Testament" or second year Civ will have the opportunity to be taught by Fr. Marquis. He has a wide background in teaching; he taught theology, Western Civilization, and mathematics at Ohio Dominican College for five years. He also taught economics, a subject he considers his specialty (and hopes to eventually teach it here), for five and a half years at Ohio State University.

Two Education classes, "Introduction and Characteristics of Individuals with Special Needs," and "Language Arts and Social Studies Methods," will most likely be taught with a novel approach this year. The reason for this is that Dr. Jeri Gillin, the new Education professor, will be teaching these courses. Dr. Gillin, 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. Gillin considers reading and lan-

New School Year, New Food Choices

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 seven meal plan, "the college 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

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."



"Culinary Classics" and "American Grill" are among the new selections in Raymond Cafeteria

don't think the quality is horrific, but the variety is weak. If you're going to have a solid offering for

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,

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guage arts her specialties.

Dr. Thomas Kriger, the new Political Science professor, comes to Providence from St. Lawrence University. He has spent the past three of his ten years teaching there; however, he was looking to move to a more metropolitan area. Providence's "liberal arts atmosphere... and emphasis on teaching" attracted him. He will be teaching "Introduction to American Politics" and "Empirical Research Methods" this fall. During the spring, he will be teaching a course on Environmental Politics, which he considers his major focus of study.

The Art Department also will have a new face among their faculty. Prof. Christi Harris will be guest-lecturing for Prof. James

Janecek, who is on sabbatical this semester. Prof. Harris will be here on Mondays and Wednesdays teaching "Monotype."

PC carefully selected these new professors to serve as new resources to the college community. Father Robert E. Bond O. P., Dean of Undergraduate Studies, complimented 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."

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 Uni-

versities," 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.

Newport Welcomes the Class of 2000

by Matthew F. Stauff '00
News Writer

About 250 members of the Class of 2000 finally made it to Newport after Hurricane Edouard 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 mansions." Unfortunately, due to the rescheduled time, the Board of Programmers was not able to get the Center again.

Many freshmen wish it had gone on as scheduled, such as Jeff Scaia '00. "If it 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 ex-

plore 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 Caf-

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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. My job is to serve you, the students, and that is what I and the entire 47th Student Congress will do for you this year. We just held 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 vote, we do not have a voice! 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 Legislature, 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're interested in getting involved, please contact the Student Congress lobbyist, Jim

DeDenato '97, or myself. Our mailboxes are in the Student Congress office located in Slavin 109.

The Athletic Department is also working with the Student Congress to boost school spirit in the student body at all athletic events. This focus group will also examine the new Friar mascot. If you are interested in this please contact Christopher Klivak '97. He also has a mailbox 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 efforts to make the Student Congress more accessible to you, the students. We have tried to make adjustments to encourage student body participation. The meetings begin at 6 pm and from 6 - 6:30 pm we will be holding an open forum where up to 15 people will have the opportunity to address the congress for up to two minutes a piece. If you wish to address the Congress, we only ask that you arrive early and address the 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 the Congress.

We look forward to your active participation throughout the year.

Mike

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 Friars began with many new faces and even Raymond Cafeteria is unrecognizable. *The Cowl* is not immune to these changes and also has a new, very important member. The staff is pleased to announce



Father Vincent DeLucia

the appointment of 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-

ington, D.C. is where he was located, studying at the Dominican House of Study there.

Two years ago, Fr. Vincent became the Assistant Director of Campus Ministry at Providence College. His duties include running the retreat program and the religious education group FIRE (Faith, Initiation, Religious Education).

FIRE allows students who have yet to become confirmed do so, or helps those who are interested in becoming Catholic. Last year, nine students were confirmed during the Easter vigil.

Last semester Fr. Vincent was asked to become faculty moderator for *The Cowl*. "I was excited about it, but Dr. Manchester did such a good job, I knew I had big shoes to fill."

He accepted, though, and is looking forward to "continuing the fine tradition" *The Cowl* exhibited.

"I'm very happy and proud to have been asked to this position. *The Cowl* is the mouthpiece of PC. I hope we do as well, maybe even better, than last year."

The Lighter Side...

London, England--Ah, the smell of an urban bus shelter in the dead of summer. Ad execs at Young & Rubicam are hoping straphangers awaiting their London buses will ignore the exhaust and take a whiff of Citrus Twist fruit-flavored cola instead. To that end, they've installed a brand-new breed of beverage billboard in 10 of the city's busiest bus shelters. As passengers approach, infrared sensors detect their presence, activating 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 shelter. "It smells like my husband's armpits."

from Newsweek, September 9, 1996

University Gives "Macarena" The Nod

(National Student News Service) - With "The Macarena" sweeping the country as the national dance craze, students at Baylor University now can join in the fun without getting in trouble.

Recently the Baylor administration voted to allow student dancing on campus for the first time in the Texas school's history. Official policy prohibited dancing or dances at the Baptist institution for more than a century.

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

Hints for Papers

How do you cite the Web in a bibliography? The "MLA Handbook for Writers of Research Papers," the style bible for most college students, won't have full guidelines for the Internet until its next edition, out in late 1997. "The Web wasn't around when we did the fourth edition," says MLA executive director Phyllis Franklin. But don't wing it until then. These two Web sites give good stopgaps: Beyond the MLA Handbook (<http://falcon.eku.edu/honors/beyond-mla/>) and Janice Walker's MLA-Style Citations of Electronic Sources (<http://www.cas.usf.edu/english/walker/mla.html>).

from Newsweek, Sept 9, 1996

P.S.O. and Campus Ministry General Meeting Draws A Crowd in '64 Hall



courtesy of the Publications office

Over 500 people attended Monday evening's general meeting.

by Christopher Golomb '97
President, P.S.O.
and Marta Makuc '97
President, Campus Ministry

After an intense summer program the Pastoral Service Organization and Campus Ministry have come full speed into the new school year. There are a host of new programs being offered to accommodate the growing interest in

community service campus wide. An overwhelmingly successful General Meeting harvested more than 500 interested volunteers. There are 22 committees with a wide array of possibilities. 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 PSO/CM Office located in Slavin 211 or at 865-2440.

Corner...

by Yvonne M. Arsenault '99
News Writer

Well they're finally here...the college years. You probably never thought they would come and here they are, a week behind you 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 involved.

It sounds easy, doesn't it? Just go and sign up for this or that, right? Almost. First, you have to decide *what* to sign up for. Start with your interests, including your possible major and minor. There are clubs associated with just about every department at this college, from art to political science, economics to chemistry. Then there are other clubs and organizations that aren't directly linked to a department, but rather to an interest, such as WDOM, Providence College's radio station, the Pastoral Service Organization (PSO), or *Veritas*, PC's yearbook, to name just a few.

But if you want to get involved with the school, your class, and meet 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

any further questions, the Student Congress office is located in Slavin 109, x2419.

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 residents within the residence hall and the staff. It's a great opportunity to get involved right off the bat, to meet new people within your residence hall and try something new. The election will occur simultaneously with the Student Congress election in the beginning of October. For more information, talk to your RA, hall director, or contact the RHA office, located in McDermott basement, x2165.

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 sort 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.

This is the time to get involved. Getting out and meeting new people, being involved in something that helps better Providence College while learning a lot yourself, and just having a good time will make this your home rather than the place you chose to come and study. So, go for it and don't be afraid of checking out your options. Remember, you're not alone...there are 900 others just like you.

Balfour Center Offers Alternatives To Ignorance

by Tammy A. Ledoux '99
News Writer

When white students visit the Balfour Center they usually leave a little shocked; they find out that the African-American, Asian, and Hispanic students who 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 Willesse A. Comissiong, Dean of Multicultural Students.

Traditionally 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. They can't be intimidated by skin color or language. My generation has to be the last monocultural generation. We will work with the young person who wants to be culturally advantaged."

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 of-

fice, 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 Berrera, 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 Stuarts.

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 that the lecture is for everyone. "Hispanic students know about their 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'...

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there's a better selection, but you can't get very much for your money."

Lisa Difonzo '99 agreed, "You really can't get as much as you used to. Things have definitely changed since last year."

Aside from which, the brochure describing the food service changes informed students that they should keep their daily schedules in mind when choosing their meal plan for the year.

A paragraph entitled Selecting Your Meal Plan reads as follows, "When choosing a Meal Plan, think carefully about each selection available before making your decision. Consider your daily routine. Will you often miss breakfast because of morning classes or sleeping in?...Anticipate answers to these questions and others concerning your time spent on campus to select a meal plan that best fits your lifestyle."

In light of this statement, the brochure went on to state that the meal plans offered this year are in fact the same choices that were offered the previous year. Under the current program, students once again have the choice of either the seven, fifteen, or nineteen meals offered plan. Even though a student pays for a certain number of meals per week, the amount of meals they actually receive for their money depends on whether they adhere to the time period restrictions on the meal plan program.

For example, if a student on the fifteen day meal plan oversleeps or misses breakfast during the week, not only have they lost the money from those meals but they cannot get other meals in the place of those that were missed.

In that case, the student will be

able to receive only ten meals, even though they have already paid for fifteen. This results from the inability to have missed meals carry over into other time periods in the Raymond and Alumni cafeterias.

The current meal plan program may prevent some students from

ing at changes; at what additional changes could be made to help benefit the food service program," he explained.

When asked about implementing a new meal plan program here at PC, McGovern stated, "What we do not want to do is make a random quick change and have it not

meal plan on the part of the administration at PC may not take place for some time, Sodexo has much experience in working with colleges and universities that offer different meal plans for their students.

For example, Stonehill College in North Easton, Massachusetts

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 them as it 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 Chojnacki, General Manager of Food Service at PC for Sodexo, that will give students the chance to relay their suggestions and comments concerning food service changes.



by Kelly Spillane '99

Vinyl siding and awnings greet diners in Raymond Cafeteria

receiving the full number of meals they have paid for if their daily schedules or extra-curricular activities will not allow them to eat each meal before the given time period expires.

McGovern adds, however, that the introduction of Sodexo is just the beginning of changes to the Food Service program.

"We still have a committee spending this academic year look-

really serve the purpose, so we are going to take some time and effort to find out from everybody what needs to be done and then we will customize the meal plans as to what PC really needs."

A committee consisting of faculty and administration, has been established to look into improvements throughout the academic year.

Though a restructuring of the

also retains Sodexo to manage their food services, but offers their students a declining balance meal plan.

In a declining balance program, students pay a certain amount or fee that provides them with a number of points to use towards their meals. With this program, students can eat, or use their points, whenever they want, with no time period limitations.

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 - 7:30 pm
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 - 3:55 pm
dinner (M-Th) 4:00pm - 6:30pm

closed weekends

Mural Lounge

Sun.- Thur. 7:00pm - 11:00 pm
Fri. - Sat. 8:00pm - 11:00 pm

Providence Welcomes New Vice President

by Colleen Pappas '99
Asst. News Editor

This year the incoming freshmen were not the only ones on campus starting the year in a new school. It was also the first year at PC for the new Vice-President of Academic Administration, Dr. Thomas Canavan.

The holder of this administrative position is the principal academic officer of the college, and has the responsibility of all matters concerning faculty personnel. The Vice-President of Academic Administration serves on major committees of the college and is the administration's representative at all meetings of the faculty senate.

Stepping into the position from which Fr. McGonigle retired from last year, Dr. Canavan is pleased to be a new member of the PC community.

"I would say that it is always interesting when you move into a new position," remarked Dr. Canavan, "especially learning about the culture of the institution, the way it operates and getting a sense of its character."

Originally from Brooklyn, New York, Dr. Canavan holds degrees from both Fordham College and Columbia University.

Dr. Canavan has much experience in academic administration, having been employed by Hunter College, which is part of the City University of New York; Temple University, and most recently Drexel University in Philadelphia.

"I had been at Drexel for 17 years and I had decided almost a year ago that I really wanted to move on," explained Dr. Canavan, "my goal was a position of provost or vice-president of academic administration and I also wanted to move on to a different kind of institution."

Having already been employed at a large city college as well as a state related university, Dr. Canavan wanted to move on to a college that, as he states, "was dominated by the liberal arts and that has a real tradition of introducing values to undergraduate education."

Dr. Canavan first learned of the available position here at Providence through an advertisement in Higher Education Chronicle. He was also approached by the president of the search firm that the college had employed to find a qualified individual for the position.

There are many things that are different here from the experiences that I've had before," noted Dr. Canavan, "There is at Providence College much more of an emphasis on teaching and the interaction of students and faculty than was the case in any of the institutions where I had been before."

The location of our campus was another factor that Dr. Canavan found appealing, and he

remarked, "The campus, although part of a city, is really almost self-contained and you don't have a sense of being part of an urban environment. Actually you have much more of a sense of being away from an urban environment, and I think that in that sense the campus provides the best of two worlds."

According to Dr. Canavan, this year will be an important one for both faculty and students. He explained that the work of the faculty on program and curriculum review will gain momentum this year.

There will be consideration of curriculum in the faculty senate and that curriculum review will have an impact, very dramatically, on the lives of the faculty and the lives of the students, stated Dr. Canavan.

Continued Canavan, "By the end of the year the college hopes to have in place the curriculum that is literally going to carry the college into the next century, which is an important challenge."

Dr. Canavan added that these changes will have a lasting impression on the future curriculum, and can become complicated at times.

It means that you have to think about the future and what the future is going to demand its students know."

It also means that you have to be true to your heritage and your traditions and so you can't in this process lose your sense of self-identity. You have to try to see that you maintain that which is important to the identity at the same time as you introduce those things that students are really going to need in order to be successful in their adult lives."

Another endeavor into which Dr. Canavan will also be devoting much of his time will be the completion of the college's self-study process. This is in preparation for the re-accreditation of the college by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges.

As Dr. Canavan explains, "Next year in the fall there will be a visit by the accreditation teams. Prior to the visit the college has to complete a self-study that includes all aspects of the college life, not just curriculum but all aspects of student life, student support services, financing and fundraising."

Dr. Canavan is also looking forward to meeting more of the student body as the year goes on.

I think it is very important that the Vice-President of Academic Administration has frequent interactions with students leadership and the student body in general."

Dr. Canavan concluded, "What I like best about the institution is the emphasis on teaching and the importance of the students' place on campus."

It is an institution that recognizes that we are here for the education of students and that the students have a primary position in the institution's thinking."

Regional Universities		
North		
Rank/ School Name (State)	Overall Score	Academic Reputation
1. Villanova University (PA)	100.0	1
2. Providence College (RI)	98.8	3
3. Fairfield University (CT)	96.0	3
4. Loyola College (MD)	95.0	3
5. University of Scranton (PA)	94.4	9
6. Rochester Inst. of Tech. (NY)	93.3	2
7. College of New Jersey	92.9	6
8. Ithaca College (NY)	92.7	6
9. Simmons College (MA)	92.2	13
10. SUNY Col. Arts & Sci.-Genesco	91.6	6

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'00 Takes On Newport

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eteria and try some of the local cuisine. Others, such as Greg Whitney '00, saw it as "a good chance to relieve myself of cabin fever after a strenuous first week of classes."

Some saw the weather as a hindrance to any sightseeing. They spoke of fog preventing a view of the water from the Cliff Walk. Others tried to get the

most out of it, like Marisa Jackson '00, "The weather was lousy, but we, regardless, had a good time."

There were originally 750 freshmen signed up to go on Labor Day. For compensation of the trip being canceled on Labor Day, the B.O.P. will give everyone their t-shirt, a free ticket to the Stag for all those who paid, and gave them the option to go to Newport on Sunday, September 8th, at no extra charge. For

all those who have not received their t-shirt or Stag ticket, they can be picked up in the BOP office in lower Slavin.

Those who participated hope that future classes will also be offered the opportunity to take the trip to Newport. Patrick Conway '00 said, "Newport is an awesome thing for freshmen to do. The bus ride is a great way to meet people, and the first week of school, this is all I want to do!"

Student Organizations Gear Up For 1996-97

by Kristina Newman '99
News Writer

The major student organizations on campus have several plans for the fall.

The Student Congress held their first meeting this past Monday night. Committee assignments were decided and the changes in the food plan were discussed. The issue of off-campus security received attention as well. In addition, the Congress is busy planning the freshman elections. By December, the Congress plans to have drafted a new school constitution.

In addition to giving campus tours to prospective students, the Friars Club worked at the convocation for the new school year yesterday. The club is also involved

with poll running for the Providence Journal-Bulletin. This task involves collecting vote tallies for the delegates during elections from the voting booths and reporting them to the newspaper.

The Board of Programmers has numerous events planned for the month of September, including tomorrow's Twister Tournament from 4-7pm, complete with a cookout and a DJ.

B.O.P. Film starts the year off with several movies, including Rocky Horror Picture Show, Mission: Impossible, and, on "Chris Farley Night," Tommy Boy and Black Sheep. The Over 21 Committee has a trip to Foxwoods Casino in Connecticut planned for Thursday the 19th. Friday night, September 20th will be the annual

Stag Dance. Tickets will be on sale the week before the dance as well as at the door.

In conjunction with Student Congress, B.O.P. has planned a trip to Newport for the Class of 1997, scheduled for September 21 because the original trip was canceled three years ago. On Thursday the 26th, there will be a trip to Fenway Park in Boston to see the Red Sox play the New York Yankees. Keep your eyes out for ticket information. On Saturday the 28th, the Fine Arts Committee is sponsoring a trip to Boston for \$2. Participants will be able to go to the Museum of Fine Arts or just spend time sightseeing. Fine Arts is also planning a trip to New York City to see the musical Grease.

You Can Help The Fight Against Breast Cancer

Making Strides Against Breast Cancer, a five mile walk to raise awareness of and funds for the Rhode Island Division of the American Cancer Society's breast cancer detection programs, will be held Sunday, October 6 at Providence's India Point Park.

Registration will open at 8:00 a.m., and walkers are encouraged to travel the five-mile course at their leisure. A brief ceremony will be held at 10:00 a.m., and walkers (whether starting or finishing) are encouraged to attend! Last year, more than 1,000 team and individual walkers raised over \$87,000 that will be used solely for

breast cancer programs.

Every woman is at risk for breast cancer: our mothers, daughters, sister, neighbors, and friends," said Shakay Kizian, director of breast cancer detection programs for the ACS, and coordinator of Making Strides. "Breast cancer will strike approximately 1,000 women in Rhode Island this year. To participate in Making Strides Against Breast Cancer, simply call the ACS at 1-800-ACS-2345 for a sponsor form. Walkers are encouraged to collect donations for their participation and turn them in on October 6 (No Pre-Registration is required). Making Strides 1996 is

sponsored by Breast Health, Ross-Simons, Women & Infants, Rhode Island Medical Imaging, Toll Gate Surgical Associates, 93.3 WSNE FM, WPRI TV, and Blue Cross Blue Shield of Rhode Island.

The American Cancer Society is the nationwide community based voluntary health organization dedicated to eliminating cancer, saving lives and diminishing suffering from cancer, through research, education, advocacy and service. For more information on breast cancer or any American Cancer Society programs, call 1-800-ACS-2345.

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.

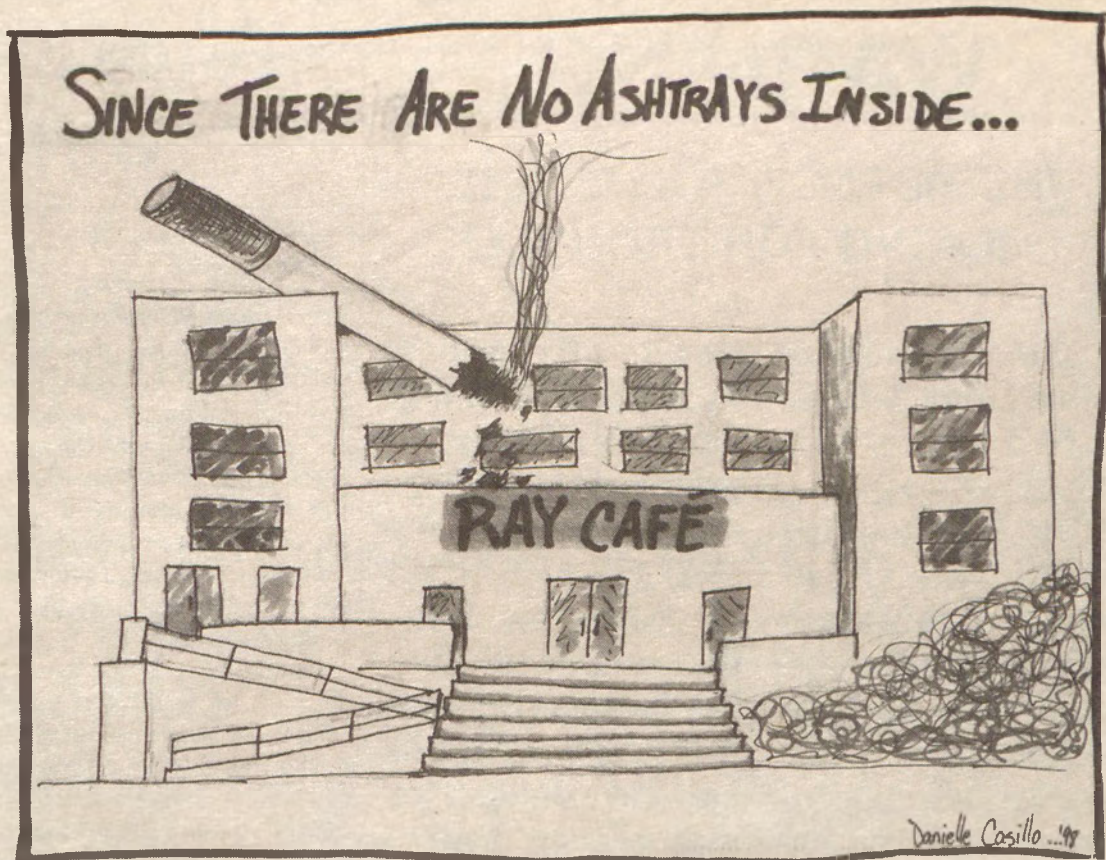
While it is too soon to fairly judge the performance of the new food service company Sodexo, dining on campus seems to be headed on the right track. In their first week of operation, Raymond has offered an increased variety and quality of food. Also, the new decor adds some much-needed atmosphere.

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.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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 (5/6/96) 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 antismoking 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 Kindergartners. 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,

lawnmowers 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?

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A Binding Situation

by Kieran Lalor '98
Editorial Writer

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. Likewise, 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 privy to none of this vital information. Consequently, 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 management 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 the slim minority. If every professor took five minutes out of his or her busy summer 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 operate alone in this. 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 fliers. 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 its students' money into the pockets of Barnes and Noble, as is the case now.

None of the blame for this larceny lies with Barnes and Noble; they are in business and their priority 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.

WARNING

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.

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American Forces Deserve U.N. Support In Iraq

by Jamie Lantinen '97
Editorial Editor

As a presidential advisory committee examines the possibility that United States troops may have been exposed to Iraqi nerve gas during the Gulf War, the U.S. is simultaneously facing unfair criticism for action taken against Iraq last week. The two events are a sad indicator of misplaced priorities and short memories on the part of United States allies.

It was just five years ago that most of the world was pitted against Saddam Hussein and his Iraqi army. The United Nations condemned Hussein's actions against Kuwait and sought to remove the dictator from power. While the ensuing war was quick and decisive, only half of the coalition army's objectives were achieved and Hussein still remains in power.

Hussein decimated Kuwait and has not been held accountable for his actions. Fires raged in Kuwaiti 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 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 his two sons-in-law. He has continued to violate United Nations mandates and as a result has subjected his people to years of devastating sanctions. I do not wish to take up

the argument of sanctions here, but mention them only to point out the ambivalence of United Nations policy. On the one hand, the U.N. has condemned Hussein and enacted 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

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to be content with the fact that Hussein retained his position of power, despite his pillaging of the tiny oil-rich nation of Kuwait, his human rights violations, and his war crimes. As long as the oil in Kuwait is safe, the UN will take very little action.

Last week, Hussein sent tens of thousands of troops to northern Iraq, and attacked the Kurdish town of Irbil. The Kurds, 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 stopping the military buildup and tacitly protecting the Kurds. Despite the widespread support the U.S. received five years ago, Great Britain is the only country supporting the United States. The two countries have been faced with "implacable 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 memories 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 struggling Kurds must not be forgotten. The lives of Americans lost in the Gulf War and those 1,100 Americans who may have been exposed to nerve gas must not be forgotten. The demagoguery of Saddam Hussein must be stopped. In response to yet another display of Iraqi belligerence, the United States has led the way 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 criticized. The actions of Hussein and the tyranny of his regime must be held accountable.

Feinstein Service Is Enlightening

by Kristen Martineau '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 to happen.

My experiences were eye-opening to say the least. Many 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 pro-

gram. 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 life is getting 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 in 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 I learned this summer, we cannot ignore the needs of others. We all have the ability to give of ourselves and change the lives of other people. We simply need to be willing to invest some time and effort. The most effective way to become involved in community service at PC is through the Feinstein Center. The staff is very helpful and supportive. After working at the Boys and Girls Club this summer, I have learned to truly appreciate the opportunities that I have been given. Fortunately, I was lucky enough to give of myself 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?

Having been baptized a Roman Catholic in Harkins Hall in 1925, I firmly agree with the statement that President Phillip Smith, O.P. espoused 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 nonsmokers 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 abstinence from tobacco and I haven't gained an ounce of weight. I still walk five to ten miles a day as I did before I quit smoking.

Most sincerely,
Russell P. Demoe '73

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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 my attention more so in recent months, an issue that has been in the shadows of political discussion for too long. After interning at the Cape and Islands 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 each 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 extremely 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 throughout 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, 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

increasingly abusing 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, along with it came the sensational media hype that realistically does not accompany traditional, every-

generation growing up witnessing and believing that hitting those you love is a normal act of loving relationships 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 homes 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 mother being beaten by someone that "loves" her.

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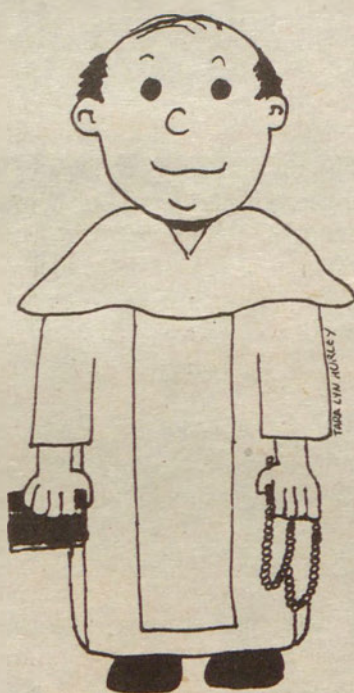
people would fight over, and what would escalate as the argument progressed. As my knowledge of the issue deepened I soon realized that this problem is one that does not result from bad tempers, misplacing car keys, or a long day at work. Rather it stems from a learned cultural belief that control, abuse and forcefulness is an appropriate behavior against those you love. I realized as I saw victim after victim come through that door that the issue of domestic violence reflects a sad reality of our society. It is a very serious problem when we not only abuse and violate complete strangers, but we are

day lives of women who are abused in their homes. 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 acknowledgment 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

HAVE FAITH IN YOUR FAITH

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. It was with confidence, happiness, and assuredly, great faith that these monks presented themselves before the Archbishop to be made sacred and dedicate themselves to the service of God. What was overwhelmingly evident to me was their assurance and how each 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 or as fervently as we might like and as in my case, admire others who seem to embody the spiritual confidence that we wish we could impart. To me, spiritual confidence is something as simple as not holding back our voice as we sing the entrance hymn at Mass so that it does not sound flat and dull. It is a feeling that enables you to pray together with your friends, 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 faith-based, 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. Privatize it. All 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."

-Star Parker speaking before a Christian Coalition Conference September 8, 1995.

Over the past few years there has been a growing sentiment in our country that we can blame all of our problems 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

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 don't any of them produce as many National Merit semi-finalists as Thomas Jefferson High?

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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

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.

A Dearth of Diversity

by Michael P. Sablone '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 gazillion people 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 a 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 sign, 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 *that* 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 said, "we 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 scrawling racial slurs in Slavin, or writing "Freshmen Fags" in shaving cream on the side of Guzman. 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 who they have to step on along the way.

When I leave PC, I'll be happy in the knowledge that I've 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. Wherever I go I never 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 beamed 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,



by Kelly Spillane '99

PC students get a little "TLC" in the newly-remodeled Raymond Cafeteria.

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, Spitfires 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 has undergone an unforgettable make over. 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 cardboard 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 work 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

sebadoh
harmacy

1 1/2 (out of six)

I believe it was *Spin* magazine that once said that Noel Gallagher (from the pompous pop band Oasis) was this decade's best songwriter. I'll admit that the Brit bad boy writes a pretty catchy tune, but I think that they didn't do their homework completely. They seemed to have just skipped over America's hardest working musician: Lou Barlow. Why was he left out of the picture? Was he not cute enough? Was it the fact that most sebadoh songs are not power sappy lyricall ballads? Was it because Lou Barlow and his band mates aren't mean to everyone and people really do find arrogance to be cool? Was it because both bands know how to get to their point, unlike

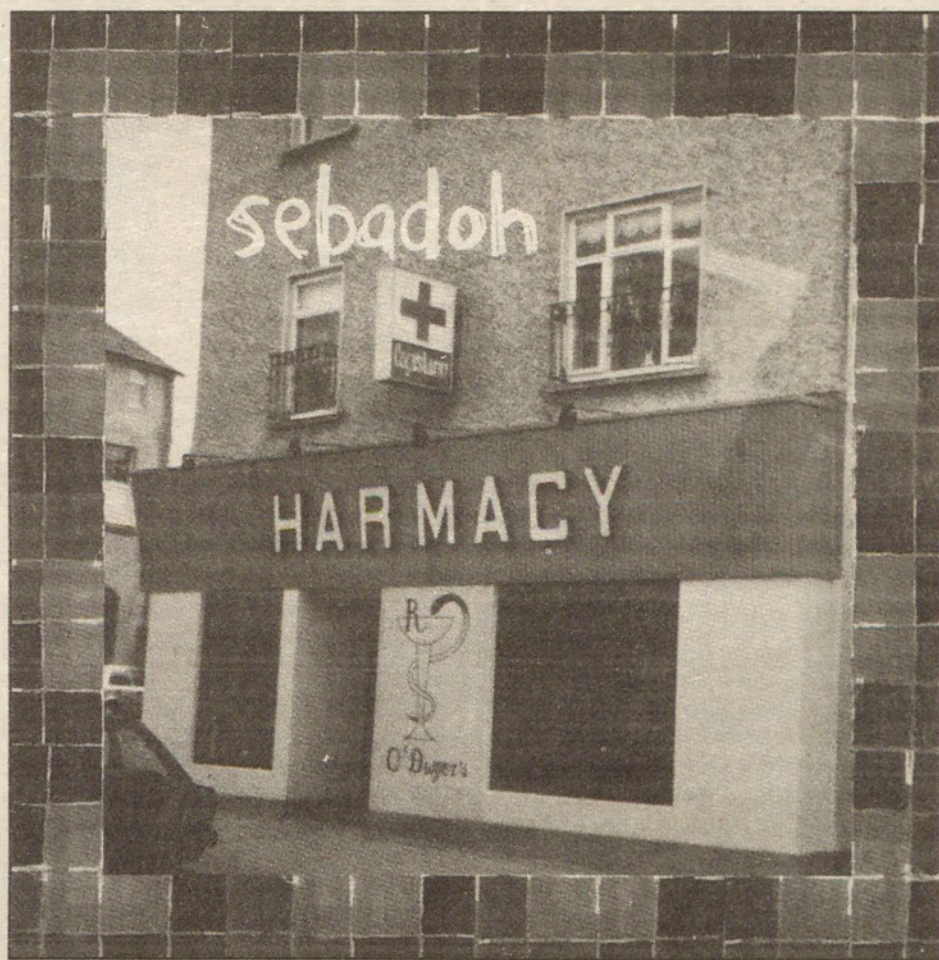
myself? Who knows, but I think that it is Barlow who deserves songwriter of the year. The former Dinosaur Jr. bassist's main project sebadoh (not to be confused with Barlow's side project Folk Implosion who did most of the music for the movie *Kids*), has just released its fourth album, *harmacy*. This 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 *harmacy*, 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 *Bakesale*.

sebadoh's line up usually follows one of two paths. When they sticks 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 "crystal 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 *harmacy* into two different albums, by two different bands.

"Ocean," the current radio single, is a classic example of a Barlow song. Most of *Bakesale* dealt with girl harshly dumping boy on his rear, but this time the boy's doing the dumping. When Lou sings "I wish I had a way to make it better/ To rearrange the world to make you smile/ But it's dumb to think I have that power,/ Besides, we have not been that close in a while," it is bittersweet to hear, but it sounds so innocent that you don't feel bad. "Ocean" is one of the best singles of the year, and I do not even have to worry about to



sebadoh believes that correct spelling isn't needed in order to be cool - dictionary-less ed.

R.E.M.'s *New Adventures in Hi-Fi* (conveniently reviewed by Pat Canole on page 10).

"Perfect Way" is another standout cut with the same theme. "Ankle deep in your personal concerns/ love it or leave it it's all the same/ find that perfect way to keep you happy/ there's always someone else to blame/ find 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 everyone feel better -- then he says: "share that perfect way to keep me happy," and you realize that he has found his own biting form of revenge in songwriting. He's not about making you feel like a million bucks. His voice sucks you in because 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 "look baby I'm not a MINDreader / you're going have to TELL ME so," 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 / anger 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 mike. It is 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 *harmacy* 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, only to rebound again) and poor Fay, he's only used once on "sforzando!", 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 mopey, sometimes haunting, always catchy music then they might find out just who deserves the title of songwriter of the year.

If you really enjoyed the Folk Implosion stuff on the *Kids* soundtrack and you're in the mood to be swept away, then check out *harmacy* -- 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 *harmacy*, he comes across as a good friend of yours who comes over every now and then to strum you 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&E Writer
(he also does some advertising)

*The Bogmen with Morgan's Tale
(and pig-on-a-spit)
at PC last Friday night*

It was quite invigorating to return to PC and see that BOP was jumping right into the fray. 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, what with moving in 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 twice 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 full-length album. Catchy tunes, radio-friendly songs, and even a neat-o multimedia program that would keep any net-jock glued to his Pentium for hours as he perused pictures and heard digital interviews. The Bogmen even opened for Dave Matthews and company for a couple shows. What happened? The first single, "Suddenly," received minimal playing time on MTV. Air time on radio stations was just as pathetic. "The Big Burn," second single, did even worse. In this age, what does a band have to do to get noticed?

I do not think the Bogmen mind. They are building up a strong fan base. At the Irving Plaza show I saw in New York over last Christmas break, some guy started talking to me because he recognized me from November's Club Babyhead show in Providence. Turns out, the guy is touring with the Bogmen. Does anyone remember how the college-and-beyond-cult-band Phish started off?

But enough with the history lesson. This band, like wine and cheese, seems to be getting better as they get older. Each show I see is progressively better, with the pinnacle being in Slavin Lot just a few days ago. They opened strong, and charged the crowd up quick with some of their catchier tunes. Some new songs appeared, the first time that I have ever heard them live. Sorry to bring up the trivial stuff, but even the t-shirt stand looked fresh, and the designs more

contemporary, as opposed to the ugly black ones they had this time last year.

Definitely check these guys out next time they hit Providence. They are a rising star, and it will not be long before their shows sell out to twelve year-olds from Newport.

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 Champion, the lead singer, pleaded with people to stop the senseless violence. All the while, drunken PC "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 attending 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.

ROAD RULES WITH R.E.M.

by Patrick Canole '97
On loan from Features

R.E.M.
New Adventures in Hi-Fi
12 12 12 12 (out of six)

The first thing that struck me about this new disk was the packaging. It reminded me an awful lot of *Automatic for the People*. Also, the top part of the CD itself has nothing written on it. That made me say "Wow, what a clever idea." (By the way, I tried playing it and there's nothing on that side. So if you put it in and suddenly think your CD player is broken, flip the CD over.)

Having been recorded on the road during their recent tour, I came in guessing that travel would be a theme (even the cover photograph conveys a sense of 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 *Ten Summoners' Tales* than an R.E.M. song. The next track, "The Wake-Up Bomb," is much livelier. I soon found myself bobbing my head and trying to sing along with the chorus. It picks up where "King of Comedy" from *Monster* left off in its tone and style.

The rest of the album keeps a pretty good groove going. Stand outs include "Undertow," "Departure" and "So Numb, So Fast." The slow songs don't drag. "E-Bow the Letter" is a nice little moody number. One of the beautiful things about R.E.M. is that

everybody is really good at what they do and knows their place. Mike Mills is a solid bass player and his keyboards add another dimension to the band's sound, particularly on "So Fast, So Numb." Peter Buck's guitar is as fuzzy as ever ("Leave"). Bill Berry's drum-

to understand lyrically (what a song may actually be about is open to a hundred different interpretations, as usual) instead of his characteristic odd pronunciations and syllable dropping. Water imagery pervades the album (a pleading "I'm drowning" is the refrain from

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ming is dependable ("Binky the Doormat"). But what brings it all together is Michael Stipe's vocals. His is certainly not the best voice around, but he conveys so much of what he is feeling. ("Everybody Hurts" from *Automatic* can still make me cry on a bad day). The same is true on this album. When he sings "I wanna be your Easter Bunny" on "Be Mine," he sounds endearing rather than sugary. It also works the other way. "Supersonic? What a joke. See ya, don't wanna be ya." from "The Wake-Up Bomb" is quite a dis (possibly at Oasis?).

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 mumble the rest. Here's an example: "What's the Frequency, Kenneth? is your something something, uh oh..." is what I sang after the first few times I heard that song. But on *Hi Fi*, Stipe sings quite clearly and is easy

"Undertow"), and with song titles like "Leave," "Departure" and "So Fast, So Numb," it's obvious 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 seem to end abruptly, leaving me wanting one more chorus or hook. It's almost as if they are trying to sound hurried-up; obsessed with the idea of doing a road album. The exception is the final song on the album, "Electrolite." It ends with just Stipe's voice singing "I'm not scared, I'm outta 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 used toilet paper is more interesting and dynamic than Pearl Jam's best work. Also, considering that it wasn't something they spent years in the studio working on, it's hard to complain.

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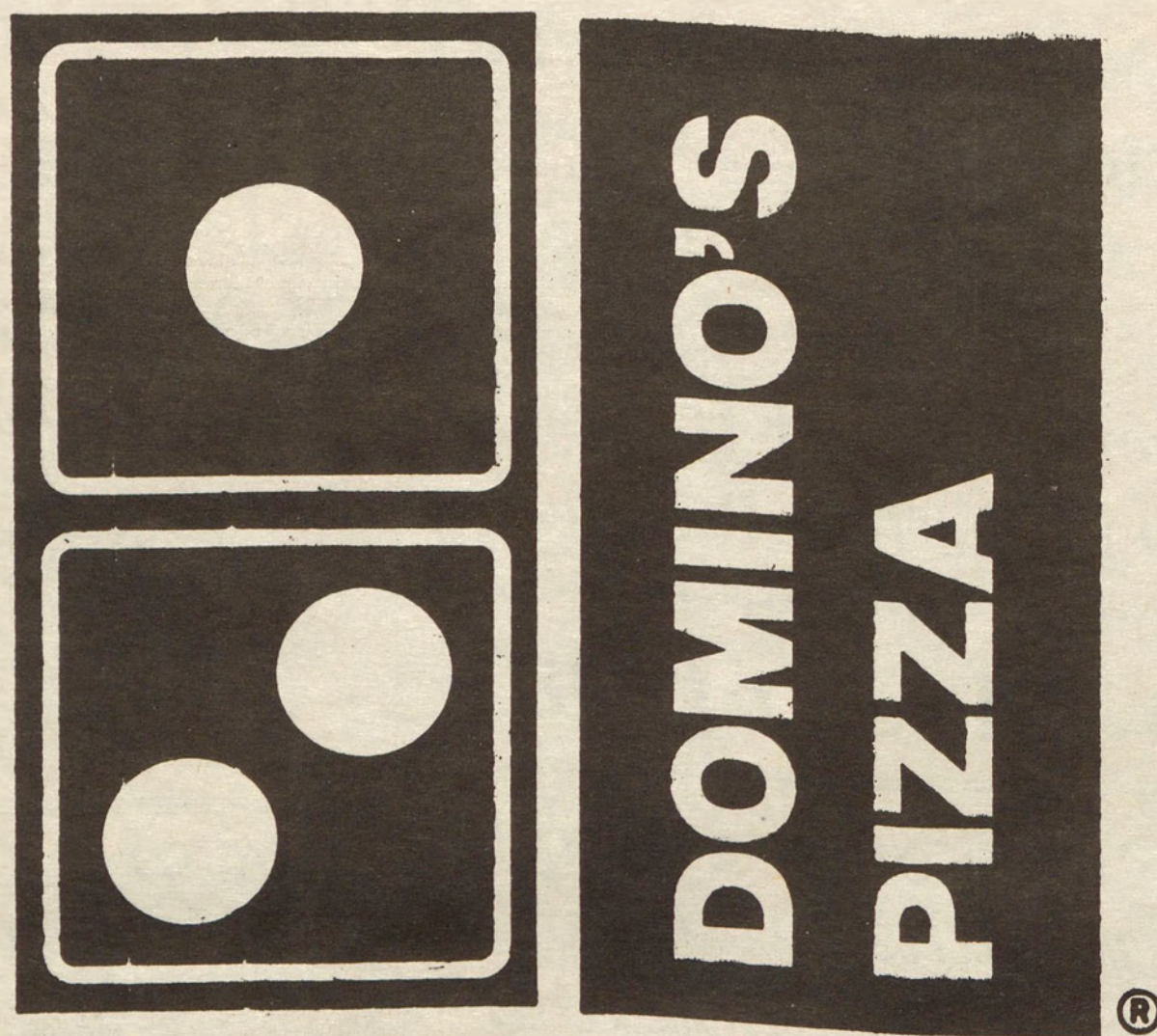
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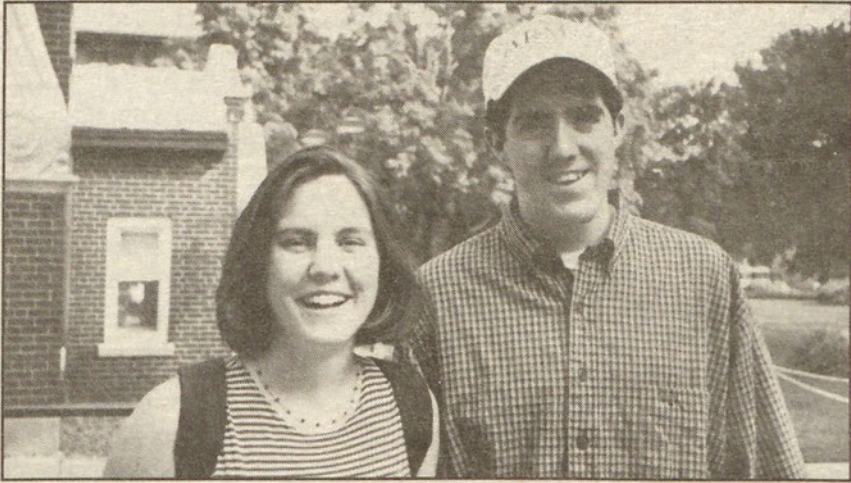
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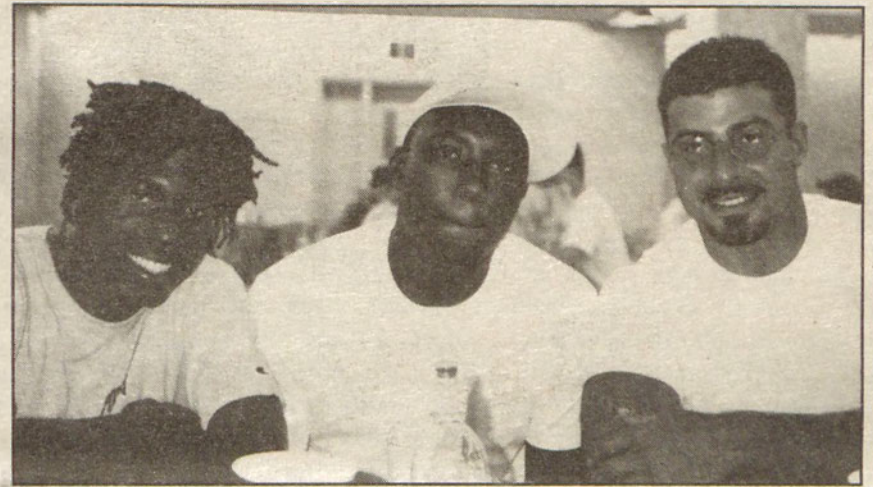
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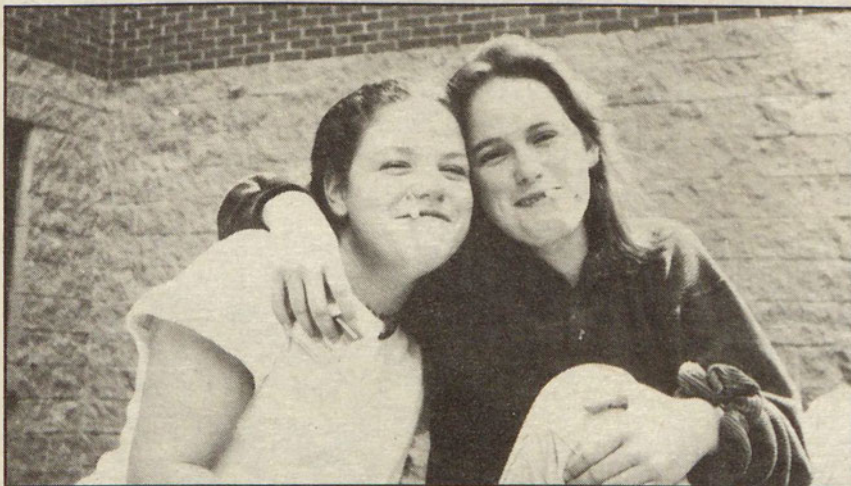
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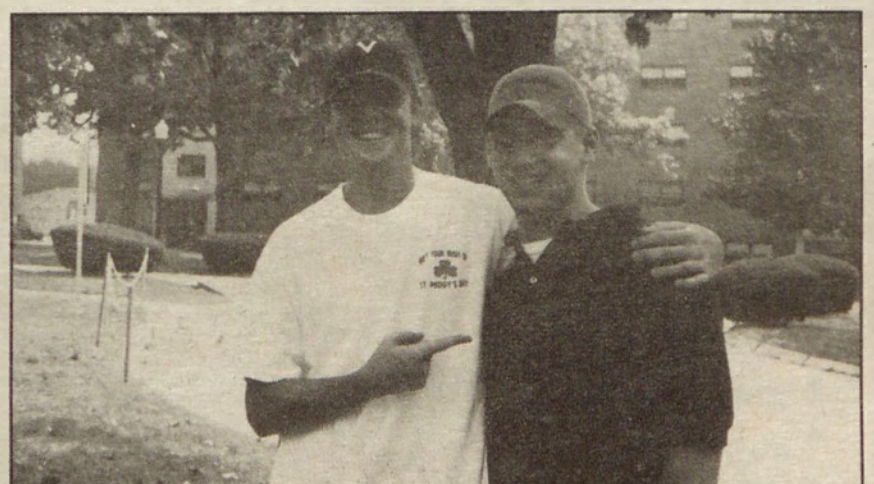
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My Last Summer Ever

by Patrick Canole '97
Features Writer

Hey you!

So 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. Ha ha.

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 resumé looks spiffy. 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 twenty 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 was on a major label (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, Billy 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

A Touch of Fiction

Understanding the Rain

by Lori McCrevan '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 I was not as captivated 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 that 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."

"I 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

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

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would tell her that she was more important than she thought. She was the reason that I smiled every day. I didn't care that she had no home to go to. She would never accept that she had a home with me, but I was still waiting.

"Let's go," I said and held out my hand to her. She took my hand and we slowly walked back together. We said nothing, but I knew there was so much that was running through her head. There was no need for her to be sorry for the life that she was given, yet she was. I am sorry for the things that she does not see; mostly me.

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 waltzed 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 over. It would begin again soon, but for now the sun was smiling with us.

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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 rejoiced in victory 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 time to register 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 college social life to only having time for meeting with class study groups to discuss exam material. It can sometimes seem overwhelming, but just remember that you have all 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 dormful of people of the opposite sex ogling and yelling. Not to mention how it disturbs that incredible dream.....
4. Laundry- This vice is directed to people that actually do their laundry, not those of you who own three hundred and sixty-five pairs of underwear (you know who you are). Remember to check on your clothes while they are in the machine, or risk having your unmentionables handled by a person who has regrettably succumbed to the odor of detergent.
5. Never having enough single dollar bills. Whether you have to refill your vendacard or you want something from the snack machine, these bills are imperative.

Even in a whole dorm, it is impossible to find change for a larger bill. Don't forget that the dollar bill must be crisp, or risk becoming the guy in the Pepsi commercial.

Now that we have become reintroduced to some of the dislikes, let's review the things that make returning to college a welcoming experience.

The Good:

1. Seeing college friends- You may have sworn in the middle of stressing over finals last year that you would never talk to your friends again, but over the summer you actually started to miss them. They have missed you, too. Plus, the only people that you have been able to scope while eating in these last three months have been mom and dad. How can you resist not commenting on how certain classmates have changed. What about all of the new faces?
2. Freedom- The foundation of our country. However, parents don't seem to understand this concept when it comes to their own children. On a much smaller perspective, having to live with your parents during vacations and then coming back to school really helps you to appreciate what the revolutionaries fought for. Parents, do you know where your children are tonight?
3. Spending the money you earned during the summer. I know, being slapped in the face with a three hundred dollar bill for books isn't exactly fun. However, what about late night pizza that cures even the worst case of the munchies? Even weekend excursions and concerts are well worth the financial blow to your wallet. Don't forget to show your school spirit with a PC baseball cap.
4. *Rikki Lake* vs. Interesting lectures. I think we have all been guilty at some time or another of spending our days off in the summer watching trashy TV. Seriously though, how many times can you watch biker and hippie makeovers? Why not get your money's worth and experience the most out of your classes? Who knows, you may actually learn something. Besides, with a well-planned schedule, there is always time for *Melrose Place*.
5. Having a good time. No matter what your pleasure, from plays to parties, there are a ton of new people to meet and memories to be made!

by Emily Benfer '99
Features Writer

the time has arrived, however dreaded or welcomed, when we must place the light hearted days of summer in the past and reenter our self-Built society. change is the ever present and outstanding characteristic that silently moved in while we earnestly dedicated ourselves to play and work in the months past. the evolution of self is a necessary movement if we are ever to understand our uniqueness. soon the world surrounding us will take its expected turn and illuminate the campus with vibrant

colors. each leaf will manipulate its own color Beginning in the core and passing through every translucent, threadlike vein until a total change has taken place. the leaf, however unique and independent it may be, does not travel its course alone. every leaf, be it inclined to dance or spin or stiffen with the wind, joins in the event. the result of such unity is a magnificent success of color.

we allow the days to pass ever so rapidly, and we allow the whirlwind of time to envelope our lives without the knowledge of such an occurrence and in the process we

fail to realize we have changed. often our greatest fear is change and we occupy ourselves with outrunning it. what a foolish action is such a race. for change is always ahead of us. in trying to get ahead of it, we can only move closer and in turn speed up the process. the only real control we have over change is the direction of its course.

i examine my own existence and find i am uncertain. i don't know the direction i am facing or even the course. But i find a lasting comfort in knowing that we all change together.

Forgotten Names and Other Side Effects of a Long Summer

by Ali Fallon '98
Features Writer

Overenrolling in classes, forgetting your mailbox combination, waiting in line for an hour to spend your summer savings on 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 itself. For lack of a better term, I'll 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, remembering the names attached to them is not quite so easy. Sometimes you will get lucky enough to be in the type of situation where you can play off saying hello with out needing to acknowledge the other person's name. For example, you may be walking to class and someone says, "Hi, (your name)." Although you do not recall the person's name, you can easily escape with a sufficient "Hey, what's up?" Since you are walking, there should not be ample time for them to realize that you do not recognize them. No damage done.

The embarrassment comes during instances when there is no way to gracefully escape. Put yourself

in the following situation. You are tapped on the shoulder by someone in the mailroom. You recognize her as your neighbor from the dorm last year. You are not sure of her name, but you figure you have a one in three chance in guessing since that is how many girls lived in the room next to yours. So, you attempt calling her the only one of the three names that you can recall. Suddenly, the friendly smile you were receiving turns into a deadly look of "You've got to be kidding?" The girl storms off without uttering another word. Obviously, you made the wrong choice.

Attempting to use a generic hello with no personalization may work for a while, but watch out! If you get stuck in the "introduction predicament" there will be no way out! Here is an example. You are having lunch with some of your friends in Mondo. You see some kid from your Civ team last year approaching the table. Since you're struggling to remember his name, you hope that he is walking to the garbage can directly behind you. No such luck! He remembers you, walks over to say hello, and waits for you to introduce him to your friends. You silently pray that one of your friends will be able to read the blank expression on your face and come to your rescue by introducing themselves. If they do so, you can attempt to cover up by saying something along the lines of, "Oh, I'm sorry for being so rude. I did not realize that you did not know one another." Most likely your lack of name knowledge would go undetected. Unfortunately, your friends will probably not realize your in the "introduction predicament." In which

case, your best bet is to distract the unintroduced by quickly steering the conversation in a different direction. This is usually accomplished with the asking of a stupid question.

This is "people relations problem" number two. How many times in the past two weeks, have you asked, or been asked, "How was your summer?" I bet you cannot even count. Everyone feels obligated to ask this question, yet how many people actually care. Almost everyone answers with some variation of the following, "Oh, it was all right. Actually, it was pretty boring. All I really did was work." Even if someone does have an "amazing summer" story, they quickly become tired of repeating it.

Then there are the problems of not knowing your friends' phone numbers or where they live this year. So, temporarily we all act like freshmen again, trying to collect the phone numbers and addresses of any and everyone that we see.

The great thing about all of these situations is that they quickly disappear. Names become familiar again, and the mention of summer becomes a thing of the past. So, in the mean time, be patient. If you do not know a person's name, ask. Likewise, do not watch someone suffer. If it is obvious that they do not remember your name, tell them. We have all been the forgotten and the forgottee. It is nothing to be offended by. Instead, shrug it off as one of the passing side effects of a long summer.

Learn to greet your friends with a smile; they carry enough frowns in their heart to be bothered with yours.

- Mary Allete Ayer

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Fun Times in Fennell

LIFE

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 farther 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 piping. 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 graph 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: they know what you are going through because they are going through it themselves.

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. Remember, wherever you go, there you are. Maybe.

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 I 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!!

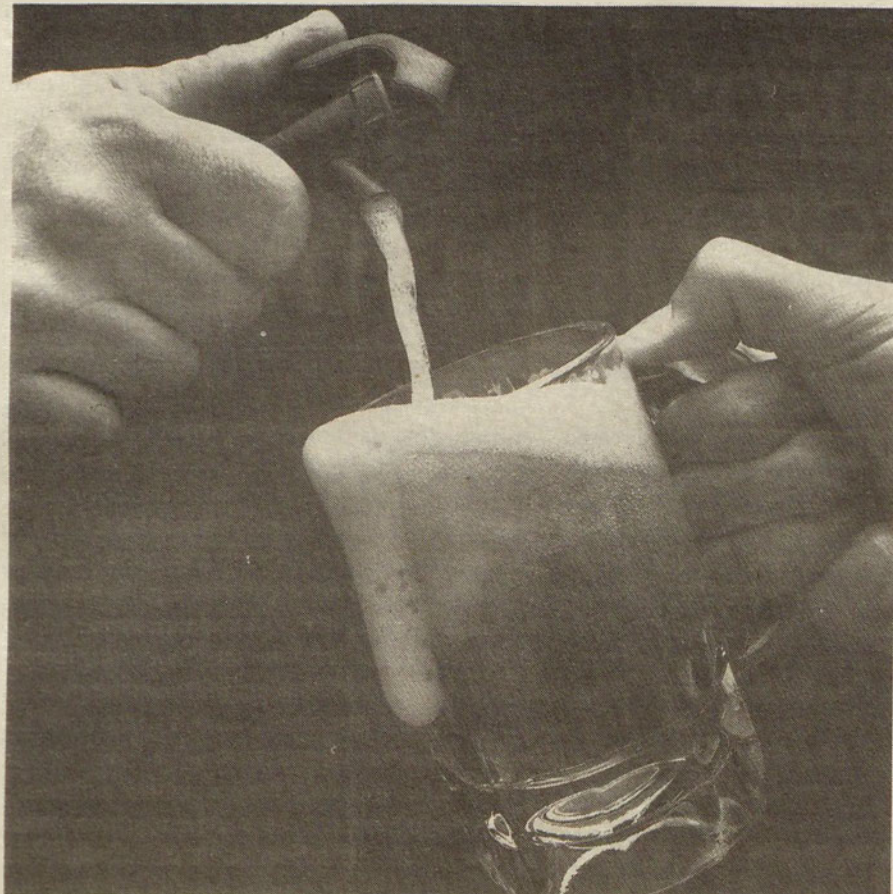
- Learn how each of the four disciplines relate to each other, and contextualize, contextualize, contextualize.

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.

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Chaplain's Corner *Follow your Conscience*

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

Part one of a two part column.

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

You may hear people today justifying 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 seem to identify conscience as "a little voice inside us"; others think of it as simply "the way I feel." Many people who justify their code of morality by appealing to their conscience haven't the faintest idea what a conscience is or how they got one.

Let's begin at looking at what a conscience is. The word "conscience" (or con/science) comes from two Latin words: "con" (meaning "with") and "scientia" (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 judgement concerning right versus wrong human conduct." Since it is a judgement, it comes from our intellect, not our emotions or 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 pregnant friend 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 formed by a source outside of ourselves. It is a product of education. So 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 peers? A good case could be made

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for the suggestions that the consciences of more Americans are formed by Phil and Oprah than by the Catholic Church and all of the other churches combined! Next week we'll look at how our own consciences have been formed. Think about it. Who or what influences you the most when it comes to difficult moral choices and issues? Is it the Gospel of Jesus Christ or your own particular religious tradition? Tune in next time.

by Sarah Antonello '98
Features Writer

For my first *Cowl* article of the year, I wanted to put out this amazing, intellectually stimulating features article that people would read and say, "Wow, that Sarah is pretty smart, and this article just changed my life," and then they might Scotch tape it above their pillows so 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 "cutesie" article about my roommates and the fun we are having adjusting to being juniors on the happy campus of Providence College. I didn't want to write about how stupid the meal plan is either, because I have a sneaking suspicion that the *Cowl* is already going to be packed with this subject. Besides, the way I see it, no need to kick good old Ray when it's down.

But, the more I sit here in this uncomfortable chair staring at a half empty computer screen, the more tempting a cutesie little article about my roommates and life 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 scary 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 froggies on it in the front hall of Mal Brown anyway. Or, better yet, just dial 2444. They'd tell you, I'm sure.

Apartment life definitely takes some getting used to. All I can say is that I've only been here a week and I am already sick of Campbell's Vegetarian Vegetable Alphabet Soup and spaghetti. The first couple of days that we were here, my roommates and I were practically fighting over doing the dishes. I mean, you have to admit, pouring the soap into the neat little dishwasher box thingies is kind of fun. But the novelty has worn off, trust me. Grocery shopping has been an adventure, with everyone being emotionally attached to specific brands of orange juice and yogurt, causing our refrigerator to

a week. I can't even handle a bag of frozen corn niblets. 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 building. 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 if

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be jam-packed with six kinds of absolutely everything.

Oh, and I would just like to say to all you sophomores and freshmen and everyone else who is living in a dorm, that during these past couple days of killer heat and unbearable humidity, we apartment people have been sleeping soundly with the comforts of central air conditioning. Ha ha!

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. I almost got written-up for having sticker stars on my ceiling and a tiny little plastic crate freshman year, yet they give me a kitchen and tell me to cook my own meals? I've already almost burned Mal Brown down four times, and its only been

you ever walk into one of the six-mans. You never know what room full of people is huddled around the television set watching you.

Well, I think that pretty much sums up my adventures in 604 Mal Brown so far. The garbage disposal frightens me, the dishwasher isn't fun anymore, and even baking is getting old. We were crazy baking girls the first couple of days, with all kinds of cookies, pretzels, and banana breads. But now we settle for mac and cheese and an occasional piece of toast. Oh, well.

So, there you have it: my earth shattering, life changing, well thought out essay about the meaning of life. But don't worry, I won't feel that bad if you don't cut out this article and keep it close to you to guide you for the rest of your days. Besides, I can always Scotch tape it above my roommate's head some night when she's asleep.

Sites of the City *The Nations Attic*

by Kate 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 resigned myself to the fact that I would not get to the traveling museum. You can imagine how excited I was when I found out that Providence was a host city for the world's largest museum.

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 diffusion 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 intended 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 hun-

dred forty million objects in sixteen 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-five million people visit the Smithsonian each year at no cost.

"America's Smithsonian" is a traveling exhibition of over three hundred items. It will travel to twelve cities over a period of two years. I consider myself extremely lucky to be back at college while the exhibit is in Providence, and I took the first opportunity I could

to get to the Convention Center downtown to view the exhibits. I pushed through the crowd to see the hat the Abraham Lincoln wore on the night he was shot, Picasso's artwork, the Apollo 14 module, and Kermit the Frog. A fifty foot carousel twinkled and gleamed in all its bright lights and color. Native American headresses, Japanese pottery, and pictures of African American musical legends gave cause to remember America's multicultural heritage. The glitter of both Judy Garland's slippers and the famous Hooker diamonds drew hordes of admirers.

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 until September 19th. Admission is free and the show is open daily. Find time to make the trip, and say hi to Kermit for me.

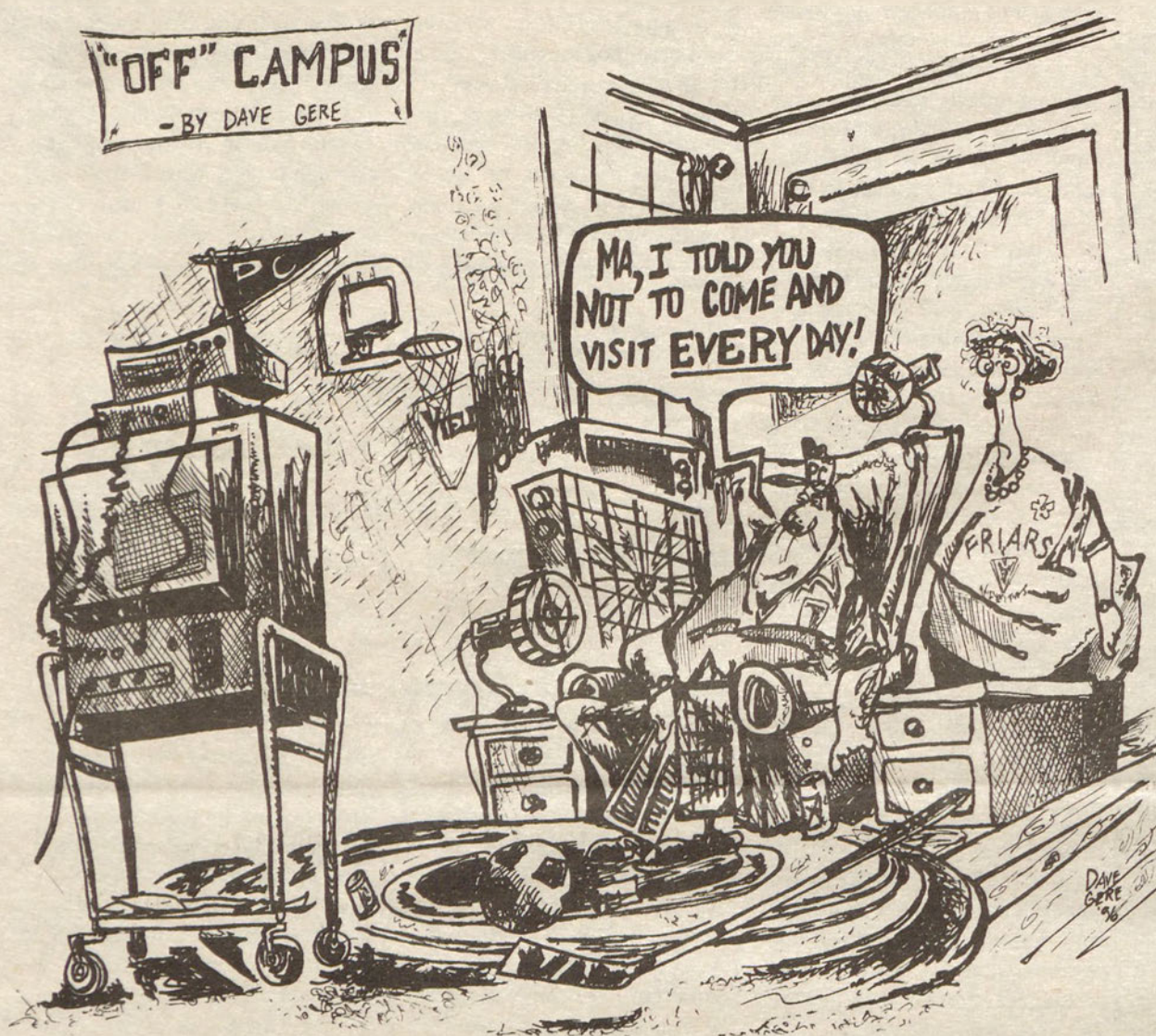


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Tara Lyn Hurley

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

First day of CLASS BUES...



Ramble On

by **Todd McKeating '97**
Sports Writer

Hey all you beer chugging, nacho eatin', sports watchin', remote control throwing, barstool bums, it's back to school time. This means Buffalo Bill starts his senior year crazier than ever. (Warning: some remarks may be extensive, totally out of line and down right ludicrous. Hey, but that is why we're at Providence College).

\$ Too bad the Boston Red Sox started the year off with such a losing streak, but that's why they play a full season. Isn't it funny to see all the people jump back on their bandwagon. In April and May Kevin Kennedy was being driven out of town, now they're rolling out the red carpet. Well, all you wagon jumpers get ready, the Red Sox are only toying with your emotions. The curse of the Bambino will live on.

\$ Listen up New England, the Patriots are NOT a great team yet. The media and fans have to realize they are still a few years away. They lost two games they should have lost. Yes, maybe they outplayed the Bills, but the better team came through when it counted.

\$ The NHL lost one of it's truly great players when the Boston Bruins' Cam Neely retired.

\$ The Quad City DJ's "Come N' Ride the Train" is the best dance and rap song out there today. It is better than the "Macarana, YMCA, or the line dance." As Jeff Charles would say, "This song kicks ass!"

\$ Despite a 13-11 record, Atlanta Braves pitcher, Greg Maddux has a 2.70 ERA.

\$ There is no truth to the rumor the New York Jets will win a game this season. Even with the addition of Neil O'Donnell and Keyshawn Johnson, the Jets are as hapless as ever. Hey, maybe in the lightning suspended game against the Indianapolis (Irsey's) Colts this weekend, Jimmy Hoffa was brought back.

\$ The baseball world was truly saddened this year when Kirby Puckett hung up his spikes. Unlike today's players, motivated only by \$\$\$\$\$, Puckett opted to stay in Minnesota and remain loyal to the Twins. Everyday Puckett brought his fence crashing and never-ending hustle to the Minnesota Twins line-up.

\$ Todd Hundley of the New York Mets has 40 home runs.

\$ Comeback Player of the Year honors go to David Cone and Brett Butler.

\$ What a ride it has been for Team USA in the World cup of Hockey. After beating Russia, they will face Team Canada in a best-of-three series for the World Cup championship. Just think, players such as Brett Hull, Pat LaFontaine, Keith Tkachuk, Mike Richter and Mike Modano all played at PC's Scheinder Arena.

\$ Poor showing for Northwestern and Syracuse in their football openers. Syracuse was pounded by North Carolina, 27-10 and dropped from No. #11 in the USA Today/CNN Coaches Poll to No. #24. After a Rose Bowl appearance last season, Northwestern lost to Wake Forest 28-27, dropping out of the Top 25.

\$ Heisman watch: Peyton Manning threw for 288 yards and two TD's and ran for one. The Heisman could come out the Tennessee-Florida, Peyton Manning-Danny Wuerffel match-up in two weeks.

\$ Bruce Smith, the Cheese Heads and Peyton Manning are all on the TRAIN.

\$ Did someone say Heisman? Do you mean that little trophy which has brought doom to many of the Downtown Athletic Club winners. How about Charlie Ward? Was he ever drafted, yeah, by the New York Knicks. How about some great bench warmers: Andre Ware, Ty Detmer, Desmond Howard and Gino Torretta.

\$ Wake Forest was 1-10 last season. This season they are 2-0. The last time Wake Forest beat a ranked opponent was in 1979, before they beat No. #18 Northwestern, 28-27.

\$ Hat's off the Providence College women's Cross Country squad. They are ranked No. #1 in the cross-country pre-season poll.

\$ Kudos to Tonka Truck boy.

\$ College Sport magazine ranked the Providence College Friars men's basketball team No. #14 in the country.

\$ Hey, the Buffalo Bills "Make me shout, kick my heels back n' shout, throw my hands back n' shout, common now, the Bills are making it happen now."

\$ The Boston Celtics signed forward Nate Diggers, **GIDDY-UP**.

\$ Think maybe the key ingredient the New York Yankees is missing during their losing streak is Don Mattingly.

\$ The New York Mets' Lance Johnson could become the first player in Major League history to lead both the National and American League in hits in consecutive years.

Women's Soccer

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The backfield suffered another blow this week when Kelly Galligan went down with an ankle injury. The sophomore, sporting crutches, gave Lynch some sideline 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. Significantly, 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 bullies. Wynn expects her team to rise to the top.

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

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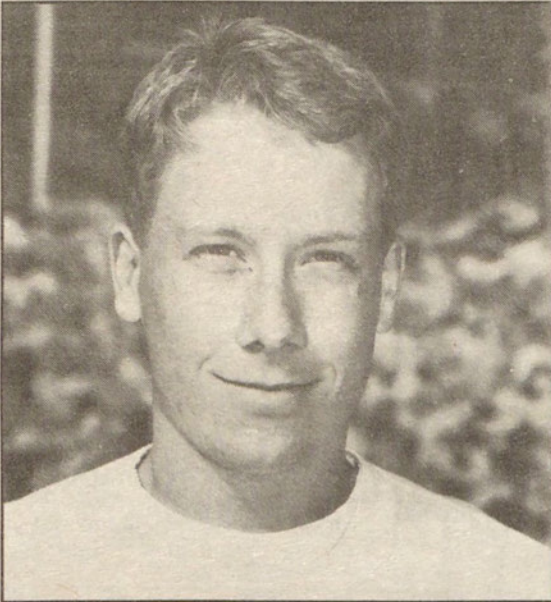
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Villanova	10/26	12:30

PC ATHLETES OF THE WEEK



Becky Loftus '97
(Glens Falls, NY)
Volleyball

Becky was named MVP of the UNH Invitational last weekend in Durham, NH. The outside hitter made 28 kills while hitting 40% throughout the Tournament. Against Holy Cross, Loftus tallied 15 kills on 20 attempts for a 60% attack percentage.



Robert Kruse '98
(Ft. Wayne, Ind.)
Men's Soccer

Robert led the men's soccer team to a 1-0-1 record last week with one goal in each game. Kruse leads the team in scoring with four points (two goals).

THIS WEEK IN SPORTS

FRIDAY	Volleyball	@ St. Mary's (CA) Tournament
	Golf	@ Yale Invit.
SATURDAY	Women's Soccer	@ Orono, ME vs. Wake Forest
	Men's Soccer	URI
	Field Hockey	@ UCONN
	Volleyball	@ St. Mary's (CA) Tournament
	Wo. X-Country	@ URI Invit.
	Golf	@ Yale Invit.
	Women's Tennis	@ Syracuse Invit.
SUNDAY	Women's Soccer	@ Maine
	Golf	@ Yale Invit.
	Women's Tennis	@ Syracuse Invit.
MONDAY	Idle	
TUESDAY	Men's Soccer	@ Brown
	Women's Tennis	@ Hartford
WEDNESDAY	Women's Soccer	BROWN
THURSDAY	Women's Tennis	NEW HAMPSHIRE

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 acquisition 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

tigious 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,



DIG IT!: Becky Loftus' seniority will lead the Friars to Victory

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 pres-

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 all-tournament team and freshman outside hitter Rachel Doxtater 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 executed 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 stages of the season." PC will try to improve on last year's 16-16 record and eighth place finish in the Big East with the help of seven returning letter winners and four new freshman players. Seeing that they have that new word optimism hanging around, it seems there is no reason they won't improve.

Women's Soccer: The Young and the Restless Lady Friars Open Season With Postitive Attitude

by Gladys Ganiel '99
Sports Writer

The Providence women's soccer team endured three tough losses in its first three games, losing twice on its home field 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 foe Fairfield University on September 5, for instance, the visiting Stags kept the ball in their half of the field and prevailed 4-2.

Fairfield had built a 3-0 lead when Stag frosh Abigail Allen booted one home at the 68:20 mark. Just 20 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 score and struck again shortly thereafter. Sophomore Kelly McCusker got the ball to Shayna Ross on a breakaway and Ross, a freshman out of Whitman, MA, shook 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 O'Connor goal less than five minutes later, cementing their 4-2 victory. The Stags had 11 more shots than PC, peppering 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 its 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 on the free throw line, that wouldn't have been to much avail in their August 31 season opener against defending NCAA champion Notre Dame. PC had their Big East foe on their home field but the well-oiled Fighting Irish machine played as if it owned the place, 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 champs.

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 burden of the goalie's 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 Civ doesn't mean that the rest of the Big East can relax. PC returns 6 starters, including sophomore Patricia Moore. Moore racked up 10 points last year and is the club's top returning scorer. Seniors Lynch and Roberta MacIvor 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 and her first year assistant, Harrington (PC '95). She says she has been encouraged by the enthusiasm of Wynn and Harrington, who have offered confidence-building support despite the Friars' early losses.

Both Lynch and Harrington emphasize that the Friars are still learning to play together. When it finally comes together for this young team, look for some wins out on Glay Field.

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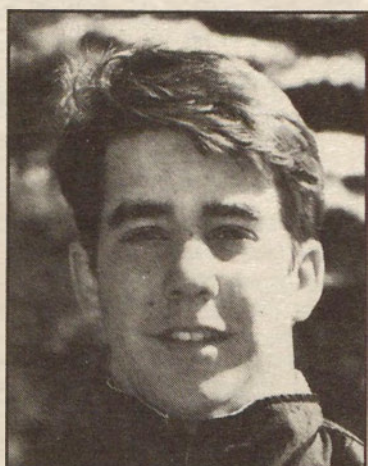
PC Men's Tennis Aims To Repeat Last Year's Winning Season

by Kim Galipeau '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



John Weber '97

more difficult teams making it even more ambitious."

The composition of this year's team just adds to the positive out-

look 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 that 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 sophomore Chris Wolken. Senior George Adanas and sophomore John Moog are also in the running.



Dylan Williams '98

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." These 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 anxieties that 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

TITLE DEFENSE

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

By John Carchedi '98
Asst. 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.

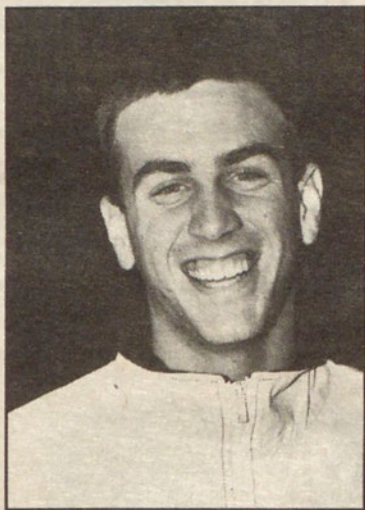
The defending National Champion Lady Friars cross country team took it's first step toward a second consecutive title last Saturday, easily grabbing the first six spots at the Central Connecticut Invitational.

Granted, our favorite harriers weren't exactly competing against the Kenyan National team, but the coach was happy with how dominant they were.

"I'm very happy with the way things are to tell you the truth," explained Head Coach Ray Treacy. "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 she made All-American by the end of the season, so 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 past host UNH and Northeastern.

This one at least confirmed



Mike Donnelly '97

what the men believed entering the year. PC is one solid pack of ten runners, incredibly close together in ability. By all accounts this is an advantage.

"We're solid, from number one to number ten," noted Donnelly. "There's no superstar, but Dave (Healy) will be leading and 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 Wedlake. 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 Treacy. "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's in one piece."

As Healy sat out this past weekend, Donnelly headed the Friar pack, falling just six seconds behind Wildcat Al Bernier's first place time of 24:32. Donnelly suffered an injury last summer that allowed him only two weeks of training before the season. The summer of '96 was injury free and

"We were a big pack working off each other..."

the Somerset, Mass. native is off to a fast start.

Rounding out the Friar field in New Hampshire were junior Paul McNamara (4th, 24:55), Ventress (5th, 25:03), senior Steve Myers

(7th, 25:20), freshman Larry Morrissey (8th, 25:33), and sophomore Ben Noad (10th, 25:39).

In Connecticut, the pack of six Lady Friars ran together for the first two miles before stringing out of the last mile. Just 19 seconds



Marie McMahon '97

separated first place finisher Marie McMahon and six place holder Dana Ostrander. The kicker is that Ostrander was over a minute ahead of the nearest challenger.

"We were a big pack working off each other," admitted sophomore Gladys Ganiel, who grabbed third place behind McMahon and senior Heather Couture, and just ahead of senior Krissy Haacke, sophomore Sarah Dupre and Ostrander, respectively. "We couldn't have followed (Treacy's) directions any better."

The Friars could have easily had the first eight spots but junior Maria McCambridge and senior Susan Murnane sat 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

"They're as good as anyone in the country, but they have to take care of business themselves"

to take care of business themselves," said Treacy. "They have to be in shape themselves. If they get to the line in Arizona (site of Nationals) knowing that they've done all the right things in the three months before that, they will be very hard to beat. They're not going to fret about it on the 24th of November and I'm not either."

But there are a lot of steps on the road to Arizona, and all Treacy and company will allow themselves to do is look ahead to the very next.

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

A Husky Assignment Women's Soccer Drops to 0-4

by Gladys Ganiel '99
Sports Writer

Every elementary school has its bully. He's the jokester who sits in the back row in class and pulls your pigtails, 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, not-



Amanda Lynch '97

ing 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 tournament in Maine this weekend, where PC has a more "realistic" chance to pick up a 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 take the field this weekend.

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Rebuilt

New faces, New attitude, New Heights

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

Head Coach Brian Ainscough 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 part, too. The team will use it as a turning point in their rise to soccer stability. As neighbors University of Rhode Island and Brown 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). Notre Dame snuck by 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 Pires 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 with state rival University of Rhode Island on Saturday who is ranked in the top 20 in the nation.