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Health Alert: Mosquitoes Bring Virus to the State

by Erin R. King '98
News Editor

Rhode Island is currently under siege. The threat of mosquitoes carrying the Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE) virus is causing people to avoid areas where these insects thrive, especially in South County. The air carries the distinct odor of insect repellent.

According to the *Oxford Companion to Medicine*, encephalitis is "an inflammation of the brain (which) occurs in association with severe central nervous system infections." Once infected, the illness must be treated in the Intensive Care Unit.

The virus, which usually manifests itself in horses, can be spread to birds and humans through mosquito bites. The virus primarily inhabits mosquitoes that bite only birds, so humans are not usually affected. However, the most immediate threat comes from mosquitoes that bite humans, found in the Rhode Island towns of Westerly, South Kingston, Little Compton, and Hopkinton. Some infected mosquitoes that only bite birds were found in the state as well.

The Providence area is not in immediate danger, but PC's Student Health Center advises that the following precautions be taken:

- ♦ Avoid traveling to swampy areas and the beach front.
- ♦ Avoid walking around outside from dusk to dawn.
- ♦ When you must be outside to go to class or the cafeteria, wear long sleeve clothing, pants and socks, and spray yourself with insect repellent containing DEET.
- ♦ Avoid open water containers.
- ♦ Avoid open trash containers.

Measures have been taken to slow the spread of the virus, such as the spraying of insecticides over heavily infested areas. But until the first frost of the season, the area

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Making The Grade

U.S. News and World Report Ranks PC Second

by Kristina Newman '99
News Writer

Providence College has been ranked second in the North among "Regional Universities," according to the *U.S. News and World Report*. The magazine published its tenth annual guide to America's Best Colleges in its September 16, 1996 issue.

The guide ranks 1,400 accredited four-year colleges and universities. Surveys are sent to college presidents, deans, and admission directors. The magazine then uses the responses it receives from the surveys to determine the ranks of the schools. Schools were ranked in the following areas: overall score, academic reputation, student selectivity, faculty resources, retention rate, value added, and alumni satisfaction.

U.S. News and World Report also publishes a Best Value section in its annual college guide. Among regional universities in the North, PC is ranked fifteenth. This rank is based on the school's quality to price ratio. In other words, PC provides a good education in comparison to its tuition costs.

In a related ranking, PC is seventh in the North for its discount price. A college's discount price refers to the amount of money that is deducted from the total tuition bill. These deductions come from financial aid awards. At PC, fifty-eight percent of undergraduates

receive enough financial aid to meet their needs.

Also, the amount of aid a student receives here remains fairly consistent throughout the four years he or she is in school. For example, the freshman class has an

Report, PC was ranked third. Dr. Thomas Canavan, Vice-President of Academic Administration, pointed out that Providence has consistently been ranked high in the region, and will work hard to sustain its rank. He stressed that

college presidents. The perception that other college presidents have of PC is important because the surveys distributed by *U.S. News and World Report* are based on the presidents' thoughts about the reputations of the schools.



by Rachel Watt '99

The new Feinstein Resource Center is one reason why PC students are ahead of the game

average discount of forty-four percent from the tuition bill. The entire undergraduate student body receives a discount of forty-one percent, which is not a substantial change.

This is the second straight year that PC's rank has improved. In last year's *U.S. News and World*

the college must "retain the elements: concern with admission, retention of students, and the quality of the faculty, student life, and education."

Dr. Canavan went on to say that it is extremely important to be concerned with how the college's reputation is perceived by other

ranked fourteenth.

Providence College's improvement in the "Regional Universities" category of *U.S. News and World Report* is a positive sign that the school is moving in the right direction. After all, there is only one more position for PC to achieve, and that is number one.

Assault Rumors Addressed

by Jessica Cotrone '99
News Writer

In the late evening of Saturday, May 12, 1996, a PC student was physically attacked on campus in the Feinstein Center area. Five minutes beforehand, PC Security had patrolled the area and found the vicinity safe. However, the student walked alone just minutes later and sustained injuries severe enough to be brought to the hospital.

Rumors have been rampant on campus about the identity of the attacker. One rumor claims that the perpetrator had attempted to attack two other students on previous occasions, but they were able to get away. Another rumor suggests that the person who exposed his genitals at the library late last semester was the attacker.

Head of Security Philip Reilly has stated that these rumors are false, indicating that, "No positive ID of the assailant was given by the victim. Race or ethnicity was not able to be determined."

"No attempted attacks of this nature were reported to Security,"

continued Reilly, "and this 'streaker' in the library was never identified."

Flyers warning the students to "be more secure" were posted in the dorms and Feinstein area in the early morning on Sunday, May 13. Security in the area was increased, with bicycle guards also patrolling the area.

Many students on campus at the time of the incident, however, were

doing something like this was in the area, I probably would have been more cautious."

Kim Booth '99 agrees. "If I had not heard people talking about it when we got back to school, I would have never known it happened, and I stayed (on campus) until Tuesday."

Fr. J. Stuart McPhail, O.P., Vice-President of Student Services, who, along with the Office

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not aware that anything had occurred. Some are very upset about the "lack of information," as Kerry Hughes '99, stated, "I was here until Tuesday and did not hear or see anything (posted). If I had known that someone capable of

of Residence Life, ordered the posting, feels that the flyers did a sufficient job informing the students. "I received many calls after they [the flyers] went up, so obviously people saw them."

Security on campus is an issue

which concerns all students. When asked what students can do to be safe, Fr. McPhail replied, "When something occurs, report it so we can check up on it. People are not doing anyone a favor by keeping it to themselves."

A Safety/Security Bulletin Board is set up in lower Slavin to inform people about incidents that occur on and off campus. Fr. McPhail urges students to look at the board regularly, and stated, "All I really want the students to know are three things: one, look at the [Safety/Security] Board; two, feel free to ask me any question which concerns you; and three, to check up on any rumors you hear about. If they are just rumors, I will tell you. We do not get anything out of hiding things from students."

All students are urged to get help immediately if they have been assaulted or threatened in any way. The sooner that the authorities are notified, the sooner assailants can be apprehended. In the case of an assault, victims should contact the Rhode Island Rape Crisis Center at 421-4100.

NEWS BRIEFS

PC Celebrates Mass on the Grotto

by Whitney Wallace '98
Campus Ministry
and Valerie Politano '99
PSO

The Grotto Mass, despite some sound difficulties, and the threat of rain, turned out to be a great success. With 500 students comfortably sitting on the ground, Fr. Barranger gave a motivating sermon that all students could relate to.

Sarah Syner '97 commented, "It was an inspiring homily that not only one could associate with, but also made one think." It was a day when the PC community came together to start the new year off and as Scott Kelly '00 put it, "As I sat



Students enjoying themselves at the Grotto Mass

there listening to the homily, I looked around at all the faces that

made up PC and felt an overwhelming sense of community."

Internet Help For Your Career

New York, N.Y.—Simply by visiting <http://www.studentcenter.com> on the World Wide Web, Providence College students can arm themselves with everything they need to know about pinpointing and landing the most coveted employment positions. From the initial task of writing an effective resume during the sophomore year to dressing appropriately for interviews in the senior year, StudentCenter.com takes students on a virtual step-by-step tour of the career-planning and job search process.

Class of 1998 Update

by Maura Sichol '98
Junior Class President

Hey Juniors!

Well, we are officially upper-classmen. I hope that everyone is settled in their new apartment/house. (I have to admit that I miss seeing everyone in the Quad!) By now I realize that five classes are harder than I expected. I almost miss Civ!

Our Junior Ring Weekend is approaching quickly. Bid sales are on October 1st, 2nd and 3rd. Each bid (two tickets) costs \$98. The weekend is November 15-17th. It is going to be great! Don't forget to reserve your hotel rooms early. Juniors will be staying in both the Biltmore and Westin. The rooms have been reserved by the JRW committee. The Westin is connected to the Convention Center, where both the formal dance on Saturday night, and the Brunch/Video on Sunday morning will be held. The Omni-Biltmore is just a very short walk away.

Student Congress had its first meeting of the year on Monday, September 9th. Our class had an open class meeting on Wednesday, September 18th. If you were unable to attend this meeting, but would like to join a committee of Congress (or if you have any questions), please come to a Congress meeting on Monday nights at 6pm in Moore III. Also, you can call the Congress office at x 2419. I look forward to hearing from you.

The officers for our class are: Maura Sichol, president; Matthew Smith, president; Christine Harding, treasurer; Kathleen Long, secretary. The representatives are: Kara Deal, Beth Gregory, Becky Hayward, Andrea Mastellone, and Danielle Rizzo.

We will be re-selling our "Done With Civ" t-shirts in Slavin. Look for our table in Slavin. We are all looking forward to great year!

Inside Congress

by Michael J. Walsh '97
Student Congress President

Hello again and welcome to PC, where it always rains. Well, we are all into our third week of classes and should just about be hitting our stride. I know Congress is now operating smoothly, and I hope all of you are adjusted to the 1996-97 academic year.

A lot of people have asked me how they can get involved in Congress this year. My best advice for the freshmen would be to run for class office or RHA. The elections will be held on Thursday, October 10th. Even if you run and do not win you are given the opportunity to meet many new friends.

Another great way to get involved in Congress is through our many committees. Every committee would love to have more manpower for their many tasks. The best thing is it's easy to join! I would recommend stopping by the Congress office at Slavin 109 or coming to our weekly Congress meetings held every Monday at 6pm in Moore Hall to learn more about our various committees.

The sophomore class will also be holding an informational JRW core meeting on Tuesday, October 1st at 7pm in 64 Hall. This is yet another great way to get involved with your class and college. This committee, chosen by the class of '99 officers, will plan and implement the entire junior ring weekend. The JRW can not succeed without your involvement. So keep your eyes and ears open for further information.

I hope you all had a chance to attend the Club Fair held this past Tuesday in 64' Hall. This event was originally to be held on Slavin Lawn but we cannot control the weather. I would like to thank the Clubs and Organizations Chairman Joe Fournier '98 for his work in organizing the event. If you signed up to join any of the numerous clubs, don't hesitate to call them and find out what they are planning for the semester.

This past Monday, we held our weekly Congress meeting, and

here are the highlights. Susan St. Laurent, chairperson of the Food Committee, announced that there would be an open committee meeting this Thursday, in Davis Lounge at 7:30 pm. Anyone interested is encouraged to attend.

Jim DeDonato is working hard on voter registration and we hope to have more voter registration cards this week and start registering PC students very shortly. As I've said before, this is a very important issue to Student Congress and the college itself. If we do not have a vote, we do not have a voice. PC is our home for four years and we should treat it as such. We have the civic responsibility to register, vote and express our opinions with the intention of our voices being heard.

All of our other committees are also working hard and will most likely be having open meetings in the near future for all those interested. This past Wednesday, Margi Clifford '97, Chair of Academic Affairs, held an open committee meeting and will be holding subsequent meetings in the future. Kevin Hunter '99, chair of the Legislative Affairs Committee also held an open meeting this past Wednesday in the Congress office. The class of 1998 also held an open class meeting this past Tuesday in Slavin 203.

Another important committee for this year's Congress is the Bill of Rights Committee chaired by Jim Tierney '98. It is the job of this committee to update and revise the Student Congress Constitution and it's bylaws while keeping the spirit of the constitution alive. The Bill of Rights Committee plans to have the constitution updated by the end of this semester.

Also be on the look out for information about Midnight Madness and how you can get involved. Have a great week and I'll see you Monday.

Mike

Presidential Debates

Now that the conventions are over, the next big campaign events are the presidential debates. Though the final details haven't been ironed out, both major candidates have begun planning their practice sessions. The White House has turned to former Senate majority leader George Mitchell to play Bob Dole in mock debates with Clinton. Aides say that Mitchell, who observed Dole for 15 years in the Senate and knows him well, is adept at mimicking his former colleague's senatorial style. Reprising his role as Ross Perot will be former Clinton

adviser Paul Begala, who does a near-perfect imitation of the Texas billionaire. As in 1992, Clinton will prep at the debate site. For it's part, the Dole team has picked Tennessee Sen. Fred Thompson to play Clinton in Dole's prep sessions. The former actor ("The Hunt for Red October") combines country charm with a keen intellect and imposing physical presence. Dole aides haven't chosen a Perot stand-in because they oppose including Perot unless Green Party candidate Ralph Nader also participates.

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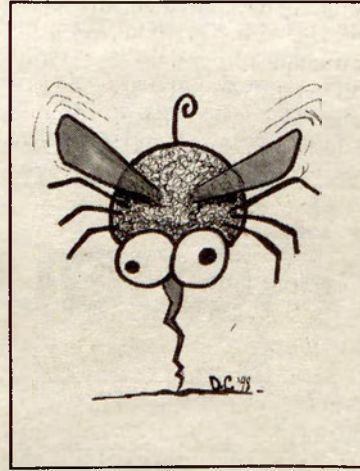
Mosquitoes

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will remain in some danger. Local school systems have revised school schedules to protect students from the threat of infection.

The Student Health Center suggests getting immediate medical attention if any of the following symptoms are experienced:

- High fever
- Extreme lethargy
- Vomiting
- Severe headache
- Severe sensitivity to light
- Stiff neck



Rhode Island Food Bank Seeks Donations

West Warwick, RI - The Rhode Island Community Food Bank finds itself in a bit of a bind - shelves that are low on food because of the growing ranks of hungry people who just can't make ends meet. The signs of hunger are most visible in the lengthening lines at soup kitchens and emergency food pantries, which are themselves feeling the pinch of government cutbacks in their budgets.

Through its member agencies, the Food Bank feeds an estimated 120,000 people each month, nearly half of them children. The Food Bank relies on community food drives, as well as manufacturers, growers, producers, distributors, retailers, and food service establishments for donations of food.

The Food Bank is looking for businesses, organizations, and anyone who is interested in organizing a food drive. We are also in need of volunteers to help sort food items which are donated to us every week from Stop & Shop and Shaw's supermarkets.

Executive director, Bernie Beaudreau, said, "We are committed to providing our agencies with the food they need so that no child or adult will go hungry in our state."

If you would like to organize a food drive to help feed hungry people or volunteer to help sort food at the Rhode Island Community Food Bank, please call Josephine Ryan at 826-3073. The Food Bank is located at 104 Hay Street in West Warwick.

Newscenter 91 on WDOM 91.3 FM

News is on Monday-Friday beginning at 6pm, followed by a sports update and talk show:

- Monday-Student Life
- Tuesday-Relationships
- Wednesday-Politics
- Thursday-Campus Issues
- Friday-Entertainment

Phone calls during shows appreciated: 865-2091.

CAMPAIGN '96

PC's Democrats and Republicans Prepare for Elections

by Colleen E. Pappas '99
Asst. News Editor

As the National Democratic and Republican Parties gear up for this November's presidential election, here on campus the College Republicans and Democrats will be working not only to support their candidates but also to raise awareness about campaign issues and the importance of taking ad-



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vantage of the right to vote.

This fall the political clubs on campus will not only be involved in the presidential race, but will also be devoting time to work on campaigns at the state and local

level as well.

According to Andrew Attalianti '97, president of College Republicans, and Matt Smith '98 and Amy Rodrigues '97, co-presidents of College Democrats; the National race for the White House will be the major focus this fall.

Both chapters will, however, be spending a significant amount of time lending a hand to campaigns in the Providence area. One campaign that both the College Democrats and College Republicans will be involved in is the Senate race between Democratic incumbent Jack Reed and Republican challenger Nancy Mayer.

Donating time and manpower is the major way that college political groups can help out a candidate that they have chosen to support. As Rodrigues explained, "If we [College Democrats] can, for example, send a group of people down to Jack Reed's office to volunteer for a couple of hours, it helps because we're getting involved and helping out the campaign."

There are also other campaigns that will be receiving help from PC students. As Attalianti explained, "We [College Republicans] will be working on three state level cam-

paigns for people who are running for state representative."

"These will be really grassroots campaigns," continued Attalianti, "where some of us will be actual campaign managers for those running for office."

Added Attalianti, "We are going to try to get active in Bill Weld's campaign in Massachusetts for Senate because that's a national race that's getting a lot of attention."

There are other campaigns on the Democratic agenda as well. The group plan to volunteer time to the Bill Weygand campaign and possibly the campaign of Patrick Kennedy.

But there will also be activity on campus, with voter registration drives being planned in cooperation with College Democrats, College Republicans, and Student Congress. The overall goal, after all, as a political group is to raise awareness about their platforms, ideas and the candidates that they chose to support. And beyond that, to promote those who are 18 and over to vote in the upcoming elections.

Here at PC, apathy towards political involvement and voter turnout for such things as Student

Congress elections can be seen as a microcosm of society. The lack of public involvement in national and state level elections has been a growing concern in the country among Republicans and Democrats alike.

"I think it is a travesty that only half of our country votes," commented Smith, "The right to vote gives us a voice in politics and allows us to have a say in where our country is going."

Attalianti agreed, saying, "It's our future that we're talking about, we're electing leaders so that we can hopefully have a better future."

Rodrigues commented, "It's important for students to get involved because as much as it's hard to realize that it affects us it really does, whoever is sworn in to presidential office will affect what happens for the four years to come."

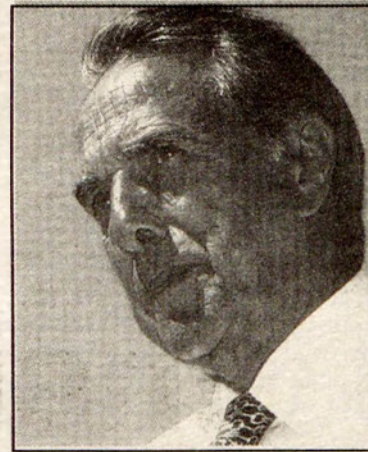
The leaders of the student political groups here at PC also emphasized that students should try to learn about the main issues of Campaign '96. Especially the issues that cause the greatest differences between the two parties. For example, Bill Clinton's economic plan and that of Bob Dole.

Aside from which, issues con-

cerning education, such as the availability of student loans, grants and financial aid, may have a direct impact on students lives during the next four years.

For that reason Rodrigues added, "I want to remind people that it is never too late to get involved."

Students should be on the lookout for upcoming voter registration drives as well as signs concerning



meetings, rallies and lectures here on campus. And when surfing the Internet, be sure to have a look at All Politics-CNN/TIME, a web page devoted to Campaign '96 at <http://AllPolitics.com>.

Making Your Voice Heard In Local Government

by Adair Rommel '98
News Writer

On November 5, 1996 many students on the Providence College campus will be eligible to participate in the essential right to vote. However, Jim DeDonato '97, Student Congress Lobbyist, and many others are concerned that not only will large numbers of students abstain from this right, but that the votes of those who do exercise their right will not have any impact on the political sphere in which Providence College oper-

ates.

The reason for this is that the majority of Providence College students are registered to vote in other sections of the state or country. As a result, a campaign to increase Providence College students' registration as Rhode Island residents has been undertaken.

DeDonato cites two reasons for initiating the campaign. To begin with, he wishes to stimulate a general interest in voting. Secondly, DeDonato wants to give Providence College "more of a say in local and state politics." If 1,000

students registered to vote in Rhode Island then the city council would not be able to overlook PC, and it would show them "that we're concerned about our school's reputation in Providence," he said. In addition, DeDonato added that a city councilman aided into office by PC votes could potentially help our relations with off-campus police.

Currently, according to Gloria Conte, clerk for the city of Providence's Registration Office, there are no legal reasons why a PC student could not vote in local

elections. "All that would be required would be for the student to 'declare his/her main residence as Rhode Island,'" Conte said. For this reason, Student Congress has requested that the Providence Registration Office to send 1,000 registration cards to PC.

DeDonato also noted that the effort to increase voter registration is "one big campus effort." In addition to Student Congress, the College Democrats, the College Republicans, and the Political Science club are involved. BOP has taken a serious interest in the ef-

fort as well. In order to spawn more student interest they have recruited MTV's Tabitha Soren to discuss the importance of voting. She will speak in Alumni Hall on Monday, September 30. Tickets will be available in the BOP office for \$2, starting September 23.

DeDonato added that Congress needs "as much help as possible" in organizing the campaign. Contact him by leaving a message in the Student Congress Lobbyist's mailbox in Slavin.

with additional reporting by Erin R. King '98

Do The Dew: Wintermission '96

by Matthew F. Stauff '00
News Writer

Wintermission Tour '96, hit Slavin Lawn Thursday, September 12, from 10 AM to 4 PM, to showcase for PC students the many deals that New England ski resorts are promoting this season for college students.

Representatives from various resorts, including Sunday River, Killington, Sugarbush, Mount Snow, Haystack, Attitash, and Sugarloaf/USA were present at the event. Among the sponsors for the Wintermission Tour '96 included Mountain Dew, Jeep, and Sony. These sponsors were responsible for covering the cost of raffle prizes, some of which were t-shirts, a pair of skis, and a snowboard.

The entire presentation was hands on for the students. Free soda was provided by Mountain Dew while a multitude of tents offered many exhibits. Two of the tents were devoted to video games. Another included arcade style skiing and snowboarding, where one

stood on a board or skis and manipulated the game with one's legs. Other exhibits included video games played on a TV, and paraphernalia for snowboarding. Students could also attempt the Climbing Wall that was set up at the event. There was also a trampoline for the purpose of a snowboard stunt show.

John MacDonald '00 said of the interactive aspect, "I thought it was pretty interesting if you are into winter sports. They really showed what today's technology could do for winter sports at the tail end of summer."

Three tents were solely devoted to the resort representatives. At these areas, students could obtain pamphlets and information about the different resorts, free stickers, and could also register for the raffle.

BOP member Brian Pettinato '97 said of Wintermission Tour '96 that "they [Wintermission] approached us. They wanted to show PC what various ski resorts were offering college students this winter."

Freshmen Battle at Friar Fights

by Yvonne M. Arsenault '99
News Writer

Friar Fights are a yearly tradition and this year was no different. This past Saturday, 240 freshmen representing every traditional residence hall on campus participated in an afternoon of events, fun competition, and laughter.

Due to the damp weather of the night before and the recent mosquito scare, Friar Fights were held inside Peterson Center this year and the barbecue was canceled. But this didn't seem to dampen the enthusiasm of the participants or the coordinators. Many students shared the sentiments of Cathy Laflamme '00, who said, "It's the most fun I've had since I've been here."

Friar Fights are a series of 9 events in which all 24 teams participate. In a round-robin type fashion, the brightly colored teams had hula-hoop races, water balloon tosses, a 9-legged race, and the ever-popular tug-of-war. The events were divided into three fields and the winners of each field

competed in a final obstacle course.

The 10 members of the winning team each received a gift certificate to area malls, including Emerald Square Mall. This was, in part, a way to help motivate the freshmen class to take advantage of the shuttle bus that goes to the



Emerald Square Mall periodically.

However, there is a lot more to Friar Fights than just games and competition. Co-coordinator Grant Wilder, Hall Director of McDermott Hall, said, "[Friar

Fights] allow the first year students to meet students that aren't necessarily from their building."

Monty Groves-Fierigei, Hall Director of St. Joseph's Hall, and co-coordinator of Friar Fights, remarked that the point was to "get the first year class on the right foot and to have a lot of fun."

Meeting new people was the afternoon's theme. Shannon Barber '99, an RA in McDermott Hall, said, "This is a great way to meet new people while enjoying fun competition."

J. Hanley '00, commented that, "The only thing I don't like is that it is a little too long, but I'm having a great time."

The event, scheduled from 2 PM until 5 PM, definitely gave these freshmen something to do with their free time, which was another goal of the event.

All in all, the afternoon was a success. There was an abundance of smiles, laughter, and cheers. When it was over, the students walked away from it with new friends, some great memories, and a free T-shirt to top it all off.

The Fate of the Tropics

by Tammy A. Ledoux '99
News Writer

There exists a very tiny spider that does nothing all day except sit on the head of a larger spider. Papa spider traps passersby, condenses them to a pulp, and then prepares to eat. It is at this time that baby spider wakes up from his nap, yawns, and climbs down papa's back and steals his food. Yes, it could be your roommate, but this baby arachnid lives far away from PC, in tropical rain forests spread throughout the world. This relationship and many others were detailed by Dr. Michael Hill Robinson, Director of the Smithsonian Institution's National Zoological Park on September 12 in '64 Hall.

The presentation was part of the Smithsonian's "Voices of Discovery" program created by Robinson. The purpose of the program is to bring the human resources of the museum to specific audiences. Six Smithsonian scholars have traversed the Providence area for no-fee public presentations.

Robinson's visit was sponsored by the PC Biology Department and was the first in the department's lecture series. "The Biology Department Speaker Series each year

brings in a group of professors of biology who we think have something interesting to say to our students," said Biology Department Chairperson Carol Crafts. "We think it is very important for students to see what professional biologists do."

In addition to directing the National Zoo, Robinson is an Animal Behaviorist and a Tropical Biologist. He has served as the Deputy Director of the Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute in Panama and is the author of various scientific papers and a book on the courting and mating behavior of spiders.

Robinson began by explaining to the assembled audience the drastic changes that have occurred in the past century. The population of the world has increased by three times, stated Robinson, and we have consumed 13 times more fos-

sil fuel than in previous centuries. Perhaps the most frightening statistic, however, is that 187 million human beings that were "allowed to die by human decision" due to war, starvation, disease, etc.

The tropics are not immune to

world," Robinson explained.

Robinson spoke about many species of animals that have peculiar characteristics or relationships. His lecture was accompanied by vivid slides of spiders, frogs, snakes, and plants. One frog that was discussed was recently discovered to possess new antibiotics that according to Robinson have "a broad spectrum of effect on bacteria." He also stressed that a cure for AIDS, diabetes, or other rampant diseases may be hidden somewhere in the rain forest.

The massive destruction of ecosystems through logging and cultivation are severely decreasing our chances of ever discovering these natural cures. The question arises, how do we save the rain forest? Although much successful work in breeding and embryo transplanta-

tion has occurred, saving individual species may not be the most effective or cost-efficient way to save the rain forest. Robinson believes that education is the key. Biological parks are one way to educate the public. In contrast to parks of the past, biological parks place animals in surroundings comparable to their natural habitats. They also include anthropological and art exhibits to create a complete entertaining and educational exhibit. Robinson hopes that endeavors such as this will develop an attitude in people to save the ecosystem and teach them to value life on earth.

The entire "Voices of Discovery" series encourages Providence audiences to support local institutions through attendance and financial contributions.

In addition to the lecture series, the "America's Smithsonian" display was held at the Rhode Island Convention Center celebrating the Smithsonian's 150 Anniversary. More than 300 objects were exhibited in the Convention Center from August 21 through September 19. Admission was free. For more information on other tours through the U.S. call 202-357-2700 or visit the Smithsonian's home page at <http://www.si.edu>.



courtesy of the Biology Department

Michael Hill Robinson, Director of the Smithsonian Institution's "Voices of Discovery"

the many changes occurring in our society. "The tropics are complicated and specialized," said Robinson. There are 30 million animal species on the earth and the tropics possess 90 percent more species than anywhere else in the

Admissions Overview: Class of 2000

by Erin R. King '98
News Editor

The Class of 2000 became a part of the PC community three weeks ago, bringing 940 of the best and brightest students in recent years to the campus.

The class boasts a mean combined SAT score of 1147, compared with 1133 for the admitted Class of 1999, and 1122 for the classes of 1998 and 1997 when they were admitted (scores have been recentered to fit the new SAT scale). 52% of the class was in the top 20 percent of their high school graduating class.

Not only did PC's Class of 2000 excel in the classroom, they were also well represented on athletic fields, the stage, and active in student government. 69% were varsity athletes, 16 students had lead roles in school plays, and 24 were class presidents.

Most freshmen are not far from

home; 94.4% reside in the Northeast (the area as far south as Washington D.C., and as far west as Chicago). Massachusetts boasts the most members of the class, with Connecticut and New York not far behind. But the rest of the



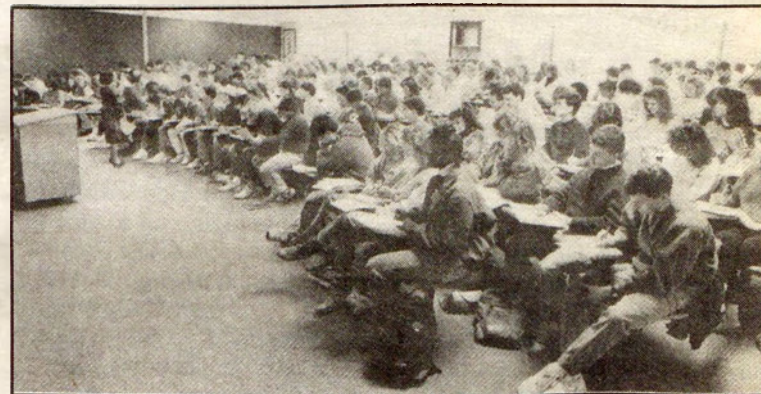
class comes from such diverse lands as Italy, Canada, Great Britain, Jamaica, the Philippines, China, Portugal, Ireland, Haiti, and Lebanon.

According to Catherine

Solomon, Associate Dean of Admissions, often people are surprised to learn that more PC students attended public high school than parochial school—66.3 % of the class attended public high school, compared with 24.6% from parochial schools and another 9.1% from private schools.

Other notable facts about the class include:

- ♦ 41% men, 59% women
- ♦ 317 recipients of Merit Scholarships
- ♦ 50.9% currently undeclared majors
- ♦ Students enrolled from 529 high schools
- ♦ 109 students from Rhode Island
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- ♦ 37 school newspaper editors



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Endangered Classics

(NSNS) - The conservative National Alumni Forum has launched a campaign to "challenge the trend at Georgetown and other universities to drop Shakespeare and other great authors from college requirements."

Late in 1995 the Georgetown University English Department dropped a requirement for English majors to take at least two of three courses in Shakespeare, Chaucer, and Milton.

On April 30, students were joined by alumni, professors, teachers, and actors to support a "Saving Shakespeare" teach-in at Georgetown.

"Shakespeare and the other great authors are being dropped

from course requirements at colleges across the country," said Jerry Martin, president of the National Alumni Forum. "This trend shortchanges students and contributes to the dumbing down of America."

Martin asserted that many of the classics are being replaced by "courses on sex and politics," citing examples such as "Elicit Desires in Literature" at Swarthmore College and "Representing Sexualities in Word and Image" at Amherst College.

In a statement to the National Alumni Forum, famed actor Charlton Heston criticized Georgetown's decision to drop the Shakespeare requirement.

"Eliminating the works of William Shakespeare from academic requirements impoverishes the education of our students and marginalizes a shining artist whose penetrating insights are as timely today as they were 400 years ago," Heston said. "At a time when there is so much discord and strife in various segments of our society, it's deplorable that higher education chooses to de-emphasize a writer who found common cause with all humanity."

Nobel laureate Saul Bellow agrees. "You are right about the disastrous trend in English studies," he wrote. "Your cause is important and I would be happy to be associated with it."

IN OUR OPINION...

The Media Has It Wrong

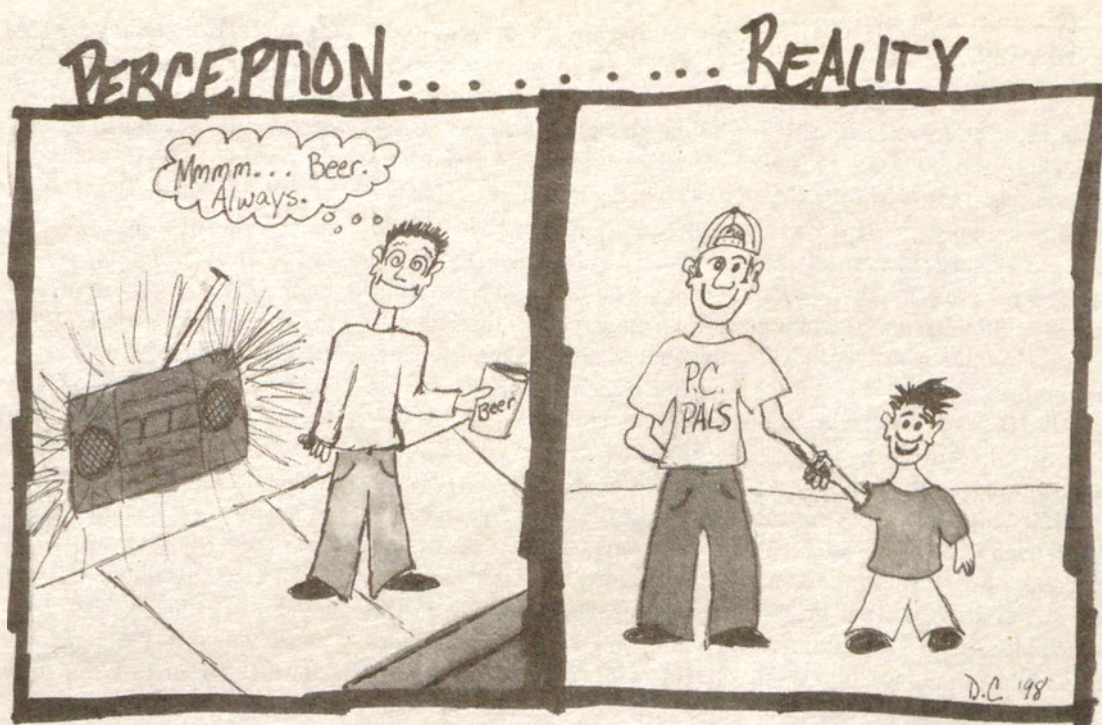
Providence College students are involved in many community service organizations. Whether it be through PSO, the Feinstein Center or on their own, most students who come to PC, are more than willing to give of their time to benefit the Providence area. The list of community service organizations associated with the campus (Amos House, Camp Heartland, Habitat for Humanity, etc) goes on and on. Why is it then, the bulk of our press coverage in the local media focuses on off-campus housing and the problems associated with students in the Elmhurst neighborhood? Furthermore, why do other schools in the area seem to be glorified for their actions when they are no different from our so-called disruptive behavior?

Last Tuesday's (9/10/96) Providence Journal-Bulletin ran a four-column article by Karen Davis entitled, "19 arrested in weekend parties in Elmhurst section." The article went into detail about the arrests and how PC students were partying - again. Steven DeNuccio, who is the President of the Elmhurst Association, was quoted at length about how this was not unusual. The Pro-Jo has an obligation to report the news, but what about the other news - good news? For example: when they covered Urban Action at the beginning of the year all they printed was the press release (a paragraph) issued by the school. Also, the photographer they sent to take pictures was more interested in poses than candid shots.

Yes, students at PC party. The truth though is we are no different from any other college. Last weekend, however, because we are PC students we were characterized as drunks on TV, while URI students were pitied. Let us explain. The lead story on Channel 6 news on Friday night was about off-campus parties in the PC area. The camera focused in on two men loading kegs into the trunk of a car. The reporter mentioned how this was a weekly occurrence during the year and interviewed neighbors who testified to this. The following night on Channel 10 the lead story was how URI has become a dry campus and therefore all parties are relegated to the off-campus area, including frat houses. The reporter seemed to have empathy for these students. He went into one of the homes that was hosting a party and practically joined in on the fun. When a student asked him if he wanted a beer, he reluctantly said no. Granted URI is in Kingston and the surrounding area is not as populous as the Providence area, but why is something acceptable for one school, and criminal for the other?

In no way is The Cowl trying to condone or encourage disruptive behavior by students off-campus. Quite the contrary, we encourage students to try to monitor their behavior for their own safety and for the betterment of our community. We do, however, want the media to report on the good qualities of our student body and, at the same time, be fair and equitable when dealing with similar situations at other local schools.

In closing, we encourage all students to get the word out about the work they are doing for the community. Admittedly, the idea of service is not to brag, however it should not be ignored. When contacted by The Cowl regarding her article, Karen Davis said that she was interested in hearing from the students and reporting on their perspectives too. Give her a call at the Journal-Bulletin (277-7303 x.7353). If we keep silent about what's going on in and around campus, can we really blame them for exploiting the only information they have?



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Public Schools Are Failing: We Need Private Education

To the Editor:

I am writing in response to Mike Sullivan's commentary in the last edition of *The Cowl*. The article states that private schools are a luxury, not a public responsibility. Since when is education a luxury? If our current education system was doing its job right, there wouldn't be a need for private schools. While private schools do "choose" their students through testing and other mediums, they really don't have that much better of a population. Private schools are not funded by the state, so they also end up with students who do not perform because of monetary needs. I personally can make this statement, having gone through the private school system for 13 years.

He also makes a comparison of

private schools versus one public school in the country. First of all, how many people attend this public high school? Yes, it chooses its students, but it could still have more of a population from which to choose. I graduated in a class of 88 students, about 400 total in my high school. That's about the same number a public school might have in a grade. My class produced about 6 finalists and 98 percent of us went on to college. Instead of looking at numbers, he should have looked at percentages.

As far as parental involvement is concerned, there is no more involvement in private schools than in public schools. It all depends on the family. My parents, along with everyone else's parents, pay for a public school system that doesn't produce.

So, basically Mr. Sullivan thinks that we just have to tolerate a system that doesn't meet anyone's standards. Why not allow for vouchers while we're "supposedly" upgrading our education system? Then when our public school system is on the same level as private schools, we can end the voucher system. Or maybe Mr. Sullivan thinks today's children must be poorly educated until our government decides to put some effort in the public education system. In my opinion, it is public education that is the sham, not private school vouchers. You pay taxes to get poorly educated, and it's not the government that suffers, it's our children.

Kathleen M. Powers '99

Russia and the Blessed Mother

To the Editor:

The savage war in Chechnya would have been prevented if Russia had been consecrated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. On June 13, 1929 the Blessed Virgin Mary appeared to the Fatima, Portugal visionary Sister Lucia dos Santos and declared: "The moment has come when God asks the Holy Father in union with all the bishops of the world to make the consecration of Russia to my heart promising to save it by this means." If Russia had been consecrated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary during the 1930's by Pope Pius XI and the bishops, World War II would not have resulted. The Korean and Vietnam wars, feeble military attempts by amoral American politicians to stop Russian sponsored communism, were also the bitter fruits of the failure of the church prelates to consecrate Russia in the

1950's.

The Blessed Mother has stated to sister Lucia that until Russia is consecrated to the Virgin, Russia will not be converted and communism defeated. Communism is not dead. Communists govern China, Cuba, North Korea, Tibet and Pope John Paul's Poland. The Russian people almost elected a communist president. Regarding the barbaric war in Chechnya, Russian defense minister General Alexander Lebed recently observed that the political operators in the Kremlin were thwarting his efforts to end the barbaric conflict which included the slaughter of women and children leaving Grozny on August 14. These bureaucrats, similar to Boris Yeltsin, are "former" communists.

A prophetic secret has been entrusted to Sister Lucia by the Blessed Mother. The secret was

to be revealed in 1960 but was suppressed by Pope John XXIII. Finally, in 1990 the secret was publicly revealed to Father Stefano Gobbi, founder of the Marian Movement of Priest by the Virgin Mary. The secret has two components: apostasy and chastisement. Apostasy refers to the rejection of Catholic doctrines and moral teachings. Chastisement is punishment for this rebellion. Let us pray the Rosary which was passionately proclaimed by Saint Dominic for the consecration - conversion of Russia and conversion of ourselves. Petition the local bishop to speak personally to Pope John Paul about the consecration of Russia to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

Joseph Edward Valley
Washington Green, CT

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No More Welfare - For the Rich

by Mike Sullivan '97
Editorial Writer

"How much is welfare costing us?" That seems to be the number one political question of the day. The answer, however, depends on what you would define as welfare. The federal government spends only \$17 billion on social welfare (Aid to Families with Dependent Children) each year, accounting for only 1% of our federal budget. Granted, \$17 billion is a lot of money, but it hardly compares to the \$150 billion our government spends each year in subsidies and tax breaks for U.S. corporations who do not need it. That's right, we actually spend \$150 billion a year on some of the wealthiest industries in the country. Those who defend the subsidies and tax breaks claim that they are necessary to help business survive. In reality these subsidies and tax breaks are nothing more than welfare for wealthy corporations sponsored by the U.S. taxpayers.

Not every subsidy and tax break is a waste of money. Ford Motors, for instance, receives government grants to work on improving automotive technology, which in the end will benefit us all. On the other hand there are cases where government subsidies are

obviously unnecessary, such as the \$1.4 billion spent on price supports for the sugar industry or the \$2.4 billion given to the oil and energy industries. And some subsidies are just completely ridiculous. Do you know that we gave McDonalds \$2 million last year to help them market their chicken McNuggets in foreign countries? It is estimated that in total our government hands out \$86 billion in subsidies to U.S. corporations.

Another way the government goes out of its way to help business interests at taxpayer expense is by means of tax breaks. Many often argue that taxes on businesses are way too high in this country and that it is a road block to financial success. The truth is that because of the tax code many companies in the U.S. do not even pay federal taxes. In 1991, the latest year that we have figures for, 60% of all U.S. companies and 74% of foreign firms that did business here did not pay anything in federal taxes. It is not fair to expect a married couple with three kids to pay more in taxes than a multi-million dollar industry. Although many businesses probably are struggling and should not have to pay taxes, many more are doing just fine and use loopholes in the tax code to avoid paying their fair

share. There is actually a tax break for companies that move jobs overseas, and we wonder why our economy is not doing as well as we would like it to.

When the 104th Congress passed its sweeping welfare bill last month, one of its top goals was to abolish the "culture of dependency" that the welfare state had created. Congress members from both sides of the aisle condemned the idea of giving people money for doing nothing. If they were so adamant about scaling back the \$17 billion we spend on help for the poor, why are they so silent about the \$150 billion we spend on handouts to the wealthy? That money could be put to much better use if it went toward education, lowering taxes, or, if you really want to be a radical, balancing the budget. While everyone else in the country is tightening their belts preparing to get a little bit less out of the federal budget, members of Congress- both Democrat and Republican- continue to pour tens of billions of tax dollars into the pockets of big corporations who simply do not need it and do not deserve it. This only makes things harder on the people who work hard, play by the rules, and pay their taxes honestly. If we are going to ask the poorest people of society to survive without handouts from the government, we should expect the same from the wealthiest people.

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Letters to the Editor

Do not Give up on a Clean Environment

To the Editor:

In his letter of 9/12/96, Russell P. Demoe criticizes the decision to prohibit smoking in campus dining areas as "paternalistic and morally tainted."

In supporting his point, Demoe correctly notes that cigarette smoke is only one of many contributors to air pollution at PC. The cars driven daily by staff and students, the landscaping equipment used on college grounds- all produce toxic emissions that we would be better off not breathing. Sadly, though, Demoe responds to these facts by taking a defeatist stance: "poison gases are unfortunately necessary for PC to progress" and we have "no other choice but to participate in today's hydrocarbon society." (Emphasis mine.)

Are we really so helpless? Is "if you can't beat 'em, join 'em" a morally defensible philosophy?

I'm certain we can do better. Instead of succumbing to the popular (though wrongheaded) notion that pollution is a necessary by-product of progress, PC could choose to be a leader on this issue. A great opportunity awaits: what's stopping us from stepping to the forefront as cre-

ators of an environmentally sound college community? Doing so could only enhance our reputation- and give us cleaner air to boot. (How's that for a by-product?)

It wouldn't be hard to begin the "greening" of PC. We could actively encourage carpooling. We could try using non-gasoline powered equipment (rakes instead of leaf-blowers). We could convert to "natural landscaping" (an increasingly popular idea), which reduces or eliminates the use of water, fertilizers, pesticides and herbicides. We staff members could get in the habit of drinking from our own coffee cups, rather than relying on those wasteful one-use paper cups found in every faculty/staff lounge.

These are just a few ideas. But I'm sure, given the talented individuals in our PC family, that we could transform our campus into a life-friendly place where our much touted ethics are mirrored in our treatment of the environment. To me, that would really be progress.

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Making Stuart's Better

by Lori Andrade '98
Editorial Writer

A common concern among many colleges today is the number of students going off campus to drink alcohol. Providing safety to these students and protecting them from off-campus dangers is a prominent objective at many colleges and universities. Some institutions have turned their campus into a "dry" campus, eliminating any opportunity for the students to consume alcohol on campus. Other colleges have created facilities where students can go to interact with each other, drink alcohol, and be safe and responsible at the same time.

Providence College has done this by introducing Stuart's Entertainment Facility. It is a very clean and spacious "bar" on campus where beer is served and entertainment is provided. A large dance floor is surrounded by many tables, a few pool tables and video games, and exceptional sound equipment for bands to perform. This air-conditioned spot sounds more enticing than some off-campus hole-in-the-wall bars like Louie's and Brad's. So why does Stuart's suffer from a lack of attendance by the students?

Stuart's needs a renovation or a new theme. It needs to be better cared for and more organized. As a worker at Stuart's, I see much of what goes on behind the scenes, much of the disorganization and chaos. Last year, Stuart's was run

by two graduate students who were very responsible, but who did not take an initiative to improve Stuart's name or to make it more appealing to the students. This year, however, new graduate students have taken over who seem very excited and very motivated to make Stuart's a more popular place on campus. Leather couches are being ordered for students to relax, have coffee and watch television. The menu has been extended to include many appetizing items, and more ideas have been put into action. However, there is still the chance that students will not go to Stuart's on a weekend night, and instead go off-campus to parties and bars. No matter who runs it and what they try to improve, because it is on campus many students will not consider going. I know it is unreasonable to suggest that Providence College rent an off-campus bar, suit it to the students' needs and provide no supervision. That is not what I recommend. Instead, some simple changes could be implemented that may cost a little more money, but may also make Stuart's more appealing and more frequently used by the students.

Sometimes, we students love to go out and relax with our friends and have a beer. Going off campus is too far and too inconvenient. If Stuart's served beer every night of the week it would probably be a more popular place. It would be ideal to go there, play some pool and watch T.V. I know it may cost

more to get insured for that, but it would be worth the cost. A popular misconception is that if beer is served at Stuart's during the week, everyone will go to get drunk and Providence College may turn into a party school. This is entirely false. Most kids just want a different place to go on weeknights.

The other suggestion is to extend the alcohol menu. Serving only a few select beers can get monotonous at times. Students will travel off campus so they can get mixed drinks or different kinds of beer. I am not asking for an entire selection of every kind of alcohol, but just an extended version of what is available now. A bartender is hired for five hours on Friday and Saturday nights just to reach in a cooler and pull out a can of beer. The wages we pay them will be put to much better use if they actually worked and served mixed drinks.

Stuart's is a great place; it just needs a little help. I strongly commend the four new graduate students who have been working hard at improving the look of Stuart's. They have made impressive signs and posters to help decorate the normally bland walls. They have done a great job, and hopefully they will keep up the good work. Students should give Stuart's a try. Almost every weekend there is some kind of event where alcohol is served. It was created for the students and for our safety; the least we can do is take advantage of the offer.

Take Advantage of the Luxury

by Elizabeth L. Duryea '97
Editorial Writer

I will assert that private schools, at both the collegiate and high school levels, provide a motivated student with an excellent education which, in many ways, cannot be matched by a public school. Private schools have fewer students which helps to maintain a lower student to teacher ratio. A student at a private school is much more likely to receive the individual attention they need and deserve, in and out of the classroom. The computer and sports facilities at private schools are usually modern, better maintained and also more accessible to the students. The curriculum at a private school is often broader than at a public school and the work load is almost always more demanding. From my experience at a private girls' preparatory school, I learned to think and speak for myself; I obtained leadership and time management skills. I received an excellent education at the hands of well-educated and enthusiastic teachers who were willing to commit themselves to each student individually.

Some students who have attended public high schools could argue that their education was as good as mine, in all of the areas that I have mentioned. I would guess that the public schools where they went were situated in wealthy areas. The schools in the wealthier districts can afford to buy new equipment and add new facilities to their campus' on a regular basis. The communities which surround these schools are also supportive and generous with their time and money. It is no wonder that the students who attended

these schools are confident about what they have accomplished. Unfortunately, the majority of public schools are not in wealthy areas and are not as well supported by the surrounding community. The students at these schools do not have the opportunities that most of us have had. I was destined to go to a public school in an area which had regular bomb scares, drug raids and a great number of teenage pregnancies. I was fortunate enough to have the choice to attend a private school with financial assistance. The school fostered in me academic and emotional growth that I would not have experienced to such an extent in our local public high school. But I was lucky. What about the students who do not have this opportunity?

The students in public schools deserve the same attention and expertise which is most often found in private school teaching. The most basic element required in the movement to improve the quality of public school education

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is money. We should encourage our leaders at the local, state and federal levels to increase their overall spending on education, especially at election time. Give all students a chance at an education which is based on the private school model by more evenly distributing the added expense which we incur in the voucher programs. Allow not one, but all of our children to have the "luxury" of better teachers and facilities in an environment which is familiar to them. We, as taxpayers, cannot resent paying for something which will work for the common good of the students and be established in our communities. Mike Sullivan, in his article in last week's Cowl, used Thomas Jefferson High School, in Fairfax County, Virginia as an example of a public school which had succeeded in terms of National Merit Scholarships, whereas private schools had not. Thomas Jefferson High School sounds suspiciously like a public school using the formula of a private school to achieve its goals of better education for all of its students...funny, that.

It Does a (Student) Body Good

by Amy Rodrigues
Asst. Editorial Editor

I consider myself an active, proud citizen of the United States. I vote, I volunteer, and I consider civic responsibility an important part of my life. As you can imagine, the upcoming presidential election- the first presidential election I am able to vote in- has me excited. However, many times in my almost four years at PC I have been disappointed in the extremely low level of participation, knowledge, and understanding of politics that many of us students exhibit.

Of course, our campus is a microcosm of the millions of Americans who choose not to vote or get involved in American politics. How many of you have ever been to a political rally, or sent away for an absentee ballot for a local election, or held a sign, or urged a person to vote, or written a letter to a local, or school newspaper about an issue, or volunteered at a local polling station? The vast majority of students have not. Obviously, politics may not be an interest to many of you, but unlike sports or other personal activities, politics is the basis of the laws we abide by, the rules we follow, and it affects the overall quality and standard of our lives.

I believe my love of politics is not only an interest, but rather it stems from the personal feelings I have towards my citizenship and the responsibilities that come with it. My beliefs, I realize, originate

from my father and his stories of becoming a U.S. citizen some thirty years ago. The hardships he faced made me understand the importance of what each of us holds as an American citizen. When I think of his stories, and hear so many of us complain and joke about our lack of knowledge concerning politics I cannot help but resent my fellow peers. College is the time to explore and discover ourselves, mentally and intellectually, and to grasp an understanding of the world around us.

To think of the number, or lack of, students who voted in last year's elections at PC is a travesty to say the least. One of the saddest realizations I have faced at PC is the fact that Patrick Kennedy a recent alumnus of PC, and a successful Democrat in the district in which PC resides in, refuses, or does not feel the need, to come discuss politics with his fellow PC students. Why? For the most part, it is because none of us vote here in R.I., and so few of us vote to make a significant mark in his election. If we did, you could bet he would be seen everywhere on campus before the election.

So many of you may be wondering why it matters to get involved? Not only does it help all of us individually understand the world around us, not only does it give us a strong voice and the power that a group of 4,000 constituents could bring to an election, but it also gives us the opportunity to make a difference in the community we live in. We must en-

rich ourselves and get to know the issues that will surely affect all of us in years to come. Politics does not have to be a personal interest, rather politics should be viewed as an outlet to express our knowledge and opinions of what matters to us, and what should matter to the people that represent us.

What, then, should we do to involve ourselves more in the political process? First, register to vote, whether it be here in Rhode Island, or at home via an absentee ballot; simply register and vote. Many wonder if they can register here in Rhode Island. The answer is "yes", if you reside in a city or town for more than a month, you are eligible to vote in that city. However, once you register here, you must vote here, not in your home state. Second, pick up a newspaper and read up on the issues. Do not base your decision on the negative attacks you hear on the news or by word of mouth. These attacks are what makes many Americans hate politics. And, third, get involved here on campus. College Democrats and Republicans can set you up to volunteer for a campaign. These groups, along with Student Congress, are also planning a voter registration here on campus. Also watch for MTV's Tabitha Soren's "Rock the Vote" appearance on campus on September 30. There are ways to get involved, it is our responsibility to realize the importance of participating in the political process.

FACING ADVERSITY

by Kristen Martineau '98
Editorial Writer

When faced with a difficult decision or situation, it is often times too easy to avoid the problem and walk away. It may seem much easier to turn your head in the other direction. Sometimes, we are confronted with a scenario that is less than perfect. For example, when we have a problem, whether it be personal or work-related, we often say "I do not want to talk about it." Our friends and family prod and pry until finally we open up and say what is really on our minds. Why do we try to keep certain matters to ourselves? Why are we unable to talk about difficult situations?

This semester I am taking an English class: Studies in Literature: Holocaust. When I decided to enroll in this class, I knew it would be a challenge. The challenge comes not only from academics, but there is also an emotional aspect, which for me, is more difficult to handle. In the back of my mind, I knew I had to

take this course. Some have asked why I would willingly choose to study such heart-wrenching material. Sometimes I am not sure of the answer. After reading personal accounts from survivors, one does not feel human. To think that so much animosity existed and over six million lives were lost, is unbelievable.

Naturally, this is a very difficult task that I have chosen. Unfortunately, I cannot say that the material excites me or that I always look forward to doing the reading. At times, it becomes too much for me to handle, but I know in my heart, I must continue. What comforts me the most is knowing that everyone else in the class is experiencing the same emotional stress that I am.

Many people would be tempted to turn away from this sort of issue. They may even say, "I do not want to talk about it." But the fact of the matter remains: the Holocaust happened, anti-Semitism exists, and by denying any of this is a disgrace to those individuals

who lost their lives, or fought hard for liberation. The scariest fact is that, if we do not study events such as the Holocaust, atrocities like this could happen again.

Therefore, there are always going to be situations that are unpleasant. We will always be faced with topics that we would rather not discuss. But to run away from such issues, only makes matters worse. Instead we need to face adversity, talk about it, and think about it. As a result, we will all become better people. By dealing with topics we learn more about ourselves and others. We become more sensitive and open people. After all, we cannot deny that this world is full of imperfections. If we allow ourselves to become more accepting of emotional situations, we will have overcome a huge obstacle. We will have come to the realization that bad things happen and that there are ways of handling these traumas. We can turn to others for support or lend our support when someone else needs us.

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A Response From Those Who Like To Breathe

by Patrick Canole '97
Features Writer

Lung cancer. Chronic bronchitis. Emphysema. This is the glamorous lifestyle of the few, the proud, the nicotine-addicted. One in three people who start smoking today will die from smoking related causes. Second-hand smoke poses almost as great a threat to the health of those forced to breathe it as first-hand smoke does to those who smoke.

In response to Russell P.

day at a restaurant that has a smoking section, the reality is quite different. Waitresses with whom I have spoken are often reluctant to serve such customers, as they seldom order more than a cup of coffee and usually do not tip well. They occupy tables that would be used by customers who plan on eating. It also means additional cleaning for the waitress after the smoker has left. These types of customers are commonly referred to as "slugs" by those who serve them. Slugs tend to drive away non-smoking customers. The seats

It is not fair that those who choose not to smoke have to share the same air as those who voluntarily pollute their lungs.

Demoe's Letter to the Editor in last week's *Cowl*, I would like to thank the administration for banning smoking in Raymond Cafeteria, Alumni Cafeteria and Mural Lounge. It is not fair that those who choose not to smoke have to breathe the same air as those who voluntarily pollute their lungs. The administration is not being "paternalistic and morally tainted" as Mr. Demoe claims; it is a matter of comfort and good health for the rest of us.

Mr. Demoe mentioned the fact that maintenance of the college requires the operation of many combustion engines and a power plant which produces significant pollution on a daily basis. However, this comparison is not valid, as no one is running a combustion engine in my corn flakes. Although cooking smoke is a necessary by-product of a meal, that smoke is vented out of the building, and burning cigarettes are not an essential part of the food preparation process. His proposal that 20% of floor space in all three eating areas be designated as smoking does not take into account the fact that air circulates.

In addition, I appreciate the trend among area restaurants and businesses moving toward a non-smoking environment. Although Mr. Demoe may think smokers are welcome in such places of business and encouraged to spend all

designated as the smoking section affect the non-smoking tables in the immediate area. If given a choice between taking a seat on the edge of the smoking section and leaving, I leave.

If you want to smoke in your own place of residence, I have no problem with that. If you want to smoke outside, do it away from non-smokers and properly dispose of the butt when you are finished. Do not, however, force me to breathe the same air. If you cannot go a half an hour without smoking, get your food to go. I have never been told by anyone not to breathe on them because I smell like smoke. I have never heard anyone complain that there was just too much fresh air to really enjoy a meal. No one has ever been refused a kiss because they didn't suck down a cigarette. I have never heard anyone say, "the smell coming from those non-smokers over there is ruining my appetite."

Finally, I would like to add a note of congratulations to Mr. Demoe for being able to quit smoking after 50 years, as he mentioned toward the end of his letter. Although he may not feel that there has been any noticeable improvement in his health, I assure him that many people have noticed a difference and appreciate it. Anyone who has had to stand behind him in line at a store, or be with him on a daily basis thank him.

by Kieran Lalor '98
Editorial Writer

As summer turns to fall and the presidential race reaches its final and most furious leg, it is time to present the conservative case against Bob Dole. With Mr. Dole twisting himself into a pretzel in an attempt to blend into every shade of the political spectrum, one must ask, "is this the best the Republican party can do?" The answer is no. The best Republican candidate, Patrick J. Buchanan, was ruthlessly slandered by both the media and the Republican party during the primaries.

By listening to CNN sound bites and C-Span speeches, it becomes increasingly clear that Bob Dole and President Clinton are not very different at all, neither candidate has a set of core principles. The President ignored his liberal brethren by signing the Welfare reform bill in an attempt to win electoral support. Similarly, candidate Dole has spun 180 degrees to support supply-side economics, a concept he opposed for years in the Senate. Both candidates willingly surrender American jobs and sovereignty through their support of the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA).

Furthermore, Dole mirrored Clinton when he fought to include pro-choice language in the party platform and chose a pair of pro-choice moderates to deliver the most important speeches of the convention. If Bob Dole believed in any of the causes he pretends to support, he would have ignored his

overgrown ego and dropped out of the race two months ago in favor of a candidate who could actually defeat Clinton.

Bob Dole's lack of speaking ability will be on display for the world to see when he debates Clinton on national television. Perhaps the only person in politics less articulate than Bob Dole is former Vice-Presidential candidate Admiral Stockdale. If Ross Perot is invited to the debates, Dole will be lucky to come in third. How will Dole respond when Clinton brings up his long record of opposition to supply-side economics?

When Dole expresses his support of term-limits, won't Clinton simply say, "But Mr. Dole you were a Senator for more than two times as long as the Republican term-limit bill would allow." If not for Dole's proposed 15% tax cut, a position his record clearly contradicts, he would be behind Clinton by 40 points in the polls. What fuels Dole's campaign is not a desire to implement an agenda in which he believes. Rather, Dole is driven by his arrogance and his belief that he deserves to be president, simply because he has been around Washington for four decades. If not for an unfounded media barrage, and the Republican Party establishment's resentment of an outsider running for the nomination, Patrick J. Buchanan would be the Republican nominee. Unlike Dole, Buchanan refuses to compromise on any issue, because his motivation is derived from a solid set of beliefs not from self-indulgence.

At a time when the Republican

Party is reaching a crossroad on the abortion issue, Mr. Dole is courting pro-choice voters thereby revealing his lack of commitment to unborn children. Pat Buchanan's conscience will not allow him to waffle on any issue, particularly not on abortion.

Buchanan made a living debating issues on television and would make the President and Perot look silly in front of the entire country. Bob Dole had to censor Buchanan at the convention, knowing that Buchanan's speech would leave the party and the world wondering why he wasn't the nominee. Moreover, Buchanan is the only Republican candidate who could take votes away from Perot. Buchanan's opposition to NAFTA would bring the support of labor-unions to the Republican Party, a benefit that Republicans rarely enjoy.

While Mr. Dole is willing to sell his soul to win the election, Pat Buchanan fights for the soul of the Republican Party which has shifted to the left in recent years. I urge all those who are planning to vote for Dole, because he is the lesser of two evils, to write-in Pat Buchanan in protest of Bob Dole's lack of conviction and commitment to conservative ideals. Republicans should concentrate their efforts on Congressional and local elections for I am afraid the presidency will remain in the hands of the Democrats for four more years. All this because Bob Dole selfishly refuses to step down and admit he is unelectable.

The Image of the President

by Jamie Lantinen
Editorial Editor

Is it necessary that a good President be a good person? This perennial political theory question is especially appropriate in the context of this year's Presidential election. It has also been a problem that has permeated the American political environment for some time. From Nixon, who was "not a crook," to Clinton, who has "never inhaled," the personal lives of Presidents have become an increasingly important issue, more prominent than national health care or fifteen-percent-tax cuts.

Recent polls have shown that the American people believe Bob Dole to be the most honest and trustworthy candidate for President. Dole has succeeded in putting out his image of honesty and integrity, capitalizing on his past as a war hero. One would think that with such high marks, Dole would be expected to succeed in his lifelong quest to be president. His only problem, however, is that it seems most people do not care who they think is a better person.

As Clinton increases his lead over Dole in the tracking polls, one

has to question where the priorities of the American people lie. Are we so desperate for effective leadership that we are willing to vote for the candidate who we believe is merely acceptable? It appears that this is so, as Clinton is holding onto a 203 electoral vote lead.

The reason for this apparent paradox is the bicuspid images portrayed by the candidates. Dole's image of trust and Clinton's pledge to avoid personal attacks

Recent polls show Bob Dole to be the most honest candidate in the eyes of Americans. His only problem is that people care more about issues than honesty.

may sound like your average Presidential campaign, but I think at this is a sign the American electorate has finally rejected campaigns based on mere personality. Just as the intensely personal talk show fad has declined, so too personal campaigns are fading.

The summer's conventions demonstrated how this rejection of personal campaigns played out, as they received some of the lowest television audience ratings ever. Part of the reason for this was their predictability, but it was also a result of their lack of substance and emphasis on image over issues.

I am encouraged by this seemingly contradictory attitude of the American electorate. I feel it is a positive step that the American people are willing to look beyond the art of rhetoric and the impact of images. Instead, they are basing their opinion on the issues and on who will do a better job. Instead of focusing on the subjective reasons for voting, people are more willing to overlook this for the greater good.

The end result, then, finds us with a victorious Clinton and a disappointed, but honest, Dole, in November.

WDOM

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

Quick quiz: What radio station broadcasts on 91.3 FM? If you answered Providence College's WDOM, not only are you correct, but you are also well informed. While matters of personal taste cannot be disputed and should not be belittled, and therefore you might have had an excuse not to listen to WDOM last year, it is utterly ridiculous that many students did not even know we had a radio station.

This year, however, there is no excuse for not at least investigating WDOM's new programming. Our college radio station began broadcasting last week, the earliest date in the last four years. And with the new staff this year comes new ideas and more variety in the shows.

One of the most noticeable changes in WDOM's programming schedule is that they are returning to a 24-hour format on Fridays and Saturdays, an aspect which was absent last year. In addition, Classical music has also returned, with a show every weekday morning. Moving up to the forefront this year is the commonly overlooked Jazz department. They have a larger focus this year, with the highlight being six hours of

programming on Sunday, as well as the addition of contemporary and acid jazz.

The Urban Beats department will continue its strong programming this year. Beats will continue to play every evening from 7pm-9pm and Saturday all-day long. A new feature will be the Friday night dance show, in which there will be live DJ spinning records from 9 p m - 11pm.

Although some of its time has been taken up by other music departments, Rock shows will still play heavily on WDOM.

Following the evening Urban Beats shows are theme-oriented rock shows, including Indie-Pop, local talent, and loud rock. The ever popular Grateful Dead and Phish shows, "Dead Air" and "Phishin' Trip," will broadcast respectively on Wednesday and Thursday nights from 11pm-2am.

Along with the usual programming, WDOM is also expanding

their horizons onto other, less heard from genres. Making new appearances this year will be special Ska, Reggae/Roots, and Latin/Salsa oriented programs. In order to gear up for that big dance party that you know you have been itching for, never fear —Techno will also be a new feature this year.

Along with the new music and

As part of its plan to give back to the community, WDOM will be participating in a much larger scale give-away program. Tickets to virtually every show at Club Babyhead, and most of the shows at the Met Cafe, Lupo's and the Strand will be given away by DJs on the air this year. In addition, a great plethora of compact discs

will be awarded to lucky callers this year. In addition, the radio station will be sponsoring a concert showcase featuring new music once-per-month.

Student participation in WDOM this year has been

solid so far. The Class of 2000, in particular, has made a strong showing. However, with limited radio show slots, an intern program has been instituted this year. DeFusco strongly encourages any new people to help out. "There's a job for everyone here, they just need to get involved," comments DeFusco. With more people involved, especially freshmen, the future looks bright for the station. This means no harsh transitions

from one year to the next, so the music will be able to start earlier and earlier as time goes by.

Along with DeFusco, he has a band of merry men and women by his side. They go under the heading "Directors," and they are: Liam Apostol, Program Director; Dave Lifrieri and Jeff Kelly as Co-Music Directors; Bill Lavin will handle Promotions; Classical Director is Maria Zavada; Jazz Director is Niki Nobilini; On Campus Promotions is Steve Cowley; Beats will be helmed by Anthony Roman; Jim Forker handles Productions; NewsCenter 91 is in Tom Lyman's hands; Sports Director is our own Cory McGann; the Studio will be managed by Carrie Spearin; the Studio Manager is Katie Ridge, and last, but certainly not least is Pete Keenan as Underwriting Director.

WDOM broadcasts on 91.3 FM. Its request line is 865-2091. With the added musical diversity of the station this year, plus news everyday at 6pm and sports on Sunday at 6pm, virtually everyone can find something of interest on PC's radio station. The station has a much broader expanse than just Rock and Urban Beats. It is the alternative to the alternative. Even if you can not stand listening to music, it is always fun to win free stuff so you can laugh at your friends for their lack of hipness.

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A PAINT BRUSH AND CANVAS

by Venessa Anderson '99
A&E Asst. Editor

Life is the root of all art... You know what's funny? It took me nineteen years to figure that out.

For the first time in my life, I actually had to work my butt off this summer. I did not get to go to the beach every day. I could not go out with my friends every night. I also could not wake up at noon every morning. No, instead of having an incredibly relaxing and mindless summer, I had to wake up at seven in the morning and spend eight hours listening to five year-old girls moan and whine while tying their shoes. After the afternoon was over I usually had

freshing soda at a movie theater. (Do I even have to say... this summer was not fun?)

Of course I was disappointed

that I could not go to more concerts, see more movies, read more books or go to some art galleries. However, regardless of this, I learned an indispensable lesson. There is art all around me if I just open my eyes. I finally found out that art does not **have** to be performed, or be on a piece of canvas, or be in between two bindings.



understand, problems that have made her older than the five young years she is, and all that remains in her tiny head is the reminder to

keep her mouth shut so she will not choke on the water.

Art is a four-year old boy who is sent to camp covered in Mighty Morphine Power Rangers. It is the sight of this little boy so exhausted from trampling through the woods all day, making Indian rain sticks and finding and screaming at frogs that he literally collapses on the cement by the pool and falls asleep.

I have learned many lessons this summer. The most important, however, is to slow down because if I do not, I will never see the beauty, the music, the **ART** that surrounds and envelopes me everyday.

My advice: Live life like you're the artist. Let your eyes be your paint brush and your memory be your canvas.



an hour to go home and eat dinner before I served people their deliciously buttered popcorn and re-

happy. Art is that moment when she forgets about all the problems, problems too big for her to even

Art is the smile of a little girl just learning how to swim. It is the joy that radiates from her because for just a few minutes she is truly

SMITHSONIAN: A WINDOW INTO THE PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE

by Erica Donahue '97
A&E Writer

The Smithsonian Exhibition arrived in Providence on August 12 and stayed here through September 19. The exhibit will travel to twelve cities during the next two years while celebrating its 150th Anniversary. The 100,000-square-foot exhibit was displayed downtown at the Rhode Island Convention Center and boasts that it is the largest traveling show ever by any museum.

The show covers every aspect of America's past, present, and future. There are three large galleries called Discovering, Imagining, and Remembering. These galleries showcase artifacts from our own nation's history as well as from around the world.

The Discovering section focuses on natural science and also new technologies such as the Apollo 14 command module. Also featured are the Wright Brothers' first airplane and the flight suit worn by Amelia Earhart. It also contains various specimen's encased in Amber. The Imagining gallery deals with human creati-

ity and imagination and displays photographs, paintings, jewels, and other works of art. They even have a Qing dynasty Ornamental Disk, out for your enjoyment. The Remembering gallery brings back memories of the famous, original, and unbelievable events and people that stand out in every person's mind. Artifacts from entertainment, sports, and music are represented, including Muhammad Ali's boxing gloves, a portrait of "Dizzy" Gillespie by Kliensky, First Ladies' gowns, Lincoln's top hat, (which is supposedly the hat that Lincoln was assassinated in) and the ruby slippers from "The Wizard of Oz."

Beyond the three amazing galleries are other individual sections sponsored by different corporations. MCI provides a cyber playground where people are able to experience the present and future technologies of the internet world. There is also a fifty-foot carousel and a TWA display showing the timeline of the advancements in the airplane.

If you get a chance to see America's Smithsonian Exhibition, I would highly recommend it, as it is a chance to experience a little bit of history and is much more interesting than a classroom.

A MODERN DAY PILGRIMAGE

THE ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA PROJECT: THE JOURNEY

by Megan Southard '97
A&E Writer

1996-1997 school year with the opening of the multimedia exhibition, The St. Catherine of Siena Project: The Journey in the Hunt-Cavanaugh gallery. The project is the product of a collaboration between

sculptor Larissa Marangoni and poet Sean Thomas Dougherty, where raw physical materials and language are incorporated to interpret the experiences of St. Catherine of Siena, not simply as a spiritual woman and a martyr, but also as a radical political figure. The project is a biographical interpretation, using such literary sources as "The Dialogue", written by Catherine of Siena herself, and "The Nature of Hire", by Catherine Mead. The combination of installation and poetry which make up The Journey is fascinating in its study of this mystical, historical figure, and is none the less gripping to contemporary

audiences through its minimalism and centrality around physical and spiritual pilgrimage.

The sculptor Larissa Marangoni, born in Ecuador and recently named its artist of the year, completed her graduate studies at Syracuse University, where she became interested in women saints as important spiritual figures in history. In her interpretation of the experiences of St. Catherine of

Siena, Larissa Marangoni creates forms radically different from past art depicting religious figures. Where religious art, say from the Medieval era, presents objects and figures easily identified as a means of education, Marangoni's abstraction of the saint serves as a new medium, a new form of education for contemporary audiences, which requires of the viewer not only a reflection on the hardship and suffering of the saint, but a turn inward towards personal spiritual questioning and pilgrimage.

Because the sculptures are a spiritual representation through abstraction, the figure which inspired the pieces is not readily apparent. Despite this, the viewer's curiosity is immediately peaked by the mysterious forms and the significance of the materials. The installation uses bricks, shells, wire, beeswax, wood and plaster. A large net of hand-woven macramé is made of metal wire and immediately brings to mind the thought of painful creation, understood as a connection to Saint Catherine's self-inflicted punishment and flagellation. The artist chose this painful process intentionally,

in an attempt to in some way relate to Saint Catherine's suffering.

An eerie, singular hand of plaster and beeswax in the installation speaks not only of Saint Catherine's rejection of the body,

seems to serve as a focal point in the exhibit. Inside the wooden and glass box is a piece of clothing made of steel wool- yet another reference to St. Catherine's self-inflicted punishment.

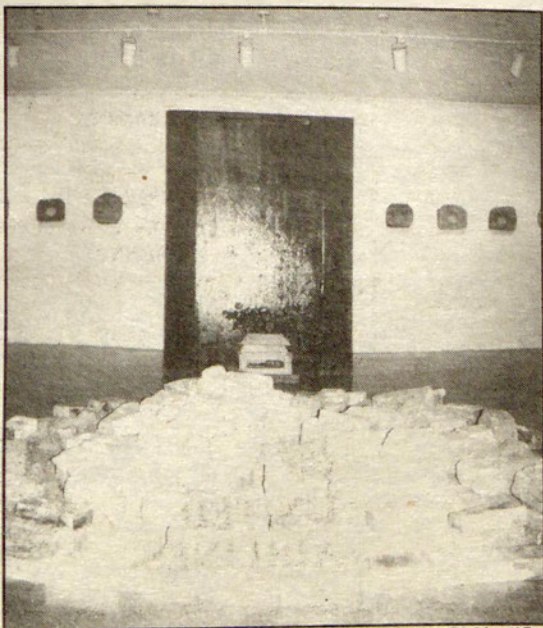


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The exhibit runs through October 1st

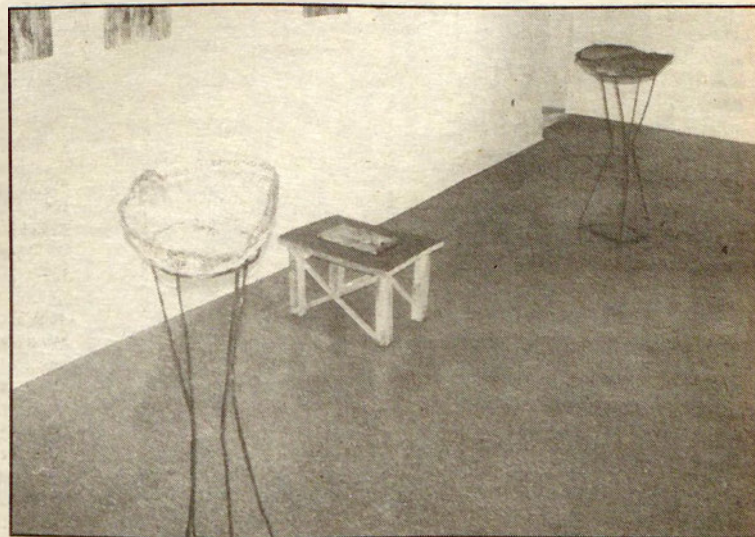


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The project combines both sculpture and poetry

but of the mutilation of her body parts, which were scattered throughout Italy as relics after death. These objects are laden with powerful significance and meaning. The only outspoken reference to pilgrimage in the installation is a small reliquary which

In an interview with Sean Thomas Dougherty from the journal Providence, Larissa Marangoni explained how she became aware that language should be incorporated into her work. She said, "I

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HUNT-CAVANAGH GALLERY COLLABORATION

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started to realize my pieces needed language because they are so tied to the biographical, the historical. The poetry works to inspire and complement the physical character of the structure, to provide an immediate emotional response."

Enter Sean Thomas Dougherty-renowned slam poetry performer,

editor of Red Brick Review, and author of Love Song Of The Couple, The Dumb Job. On September 7th in the Hunt-Cavanagh gallery, the poet gave an emotionally intense reading of his poems from the St. Catherine of Siena project from his book on the saint's experience, The Mercy of Sleep. Dougherty's reading was inspirational, genuine, and poignant, es-

pecially when contrasted with the often sensationalist performances of many slam poets. His works seem less like poetry, and more like the voice of the saint herself, with her spirit breathed through the language, as many of the works are written in the first person point of view. In poems such as "Tears of Saint Catherine," "The Empty Pockets of Beggars" and "Like the

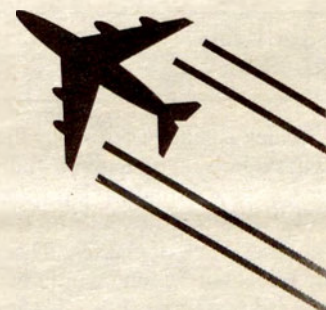
Wings of White Moths On Moonless Nights," Dougherty experiments with different forms and images in order to capture the saint's living voice, her suffering, her quest for spiritual perfection, and her pity for a world ridden with poverty and plague.

The St. Catherine of Siena Project: The Journey will be on exhibit at the Hunt-Cavanagh gal-

lery, along with samples of poems from The Mercy Of Sleep, now through October 1st. Do not miss this inspirational tribute to a very important woman in history. Also check out the handy and informational Providence College Arts Calendar (on display in various places around campus) which promises a year full of exciting exhibits and other events.

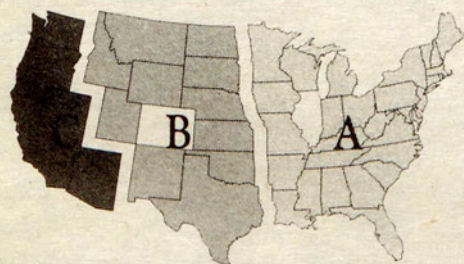


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THUNDERSTRUCK

By Eric Cutler '98
A&E Writer

Rock 'n Roll will never die. It may sound like a cliché, but you would agree if you were at the Centrum in Worcester when the boys from Down Under, AC/DC, performed in front of a packed house. With a large Gothic castle set, the band promoted their latest album release, *Ballbreaker*. The set did not last long though; a huge wrecking ball demolished the castle before the band even appeared on stage.

The key word of the evening was "testosterone, testosterone, testosterone." The sound of guitarist Angus Young wailing away on his mighty ax turned even the shyest of college guys into a fist-pumping maniac. To add to the atmosphere was a short cartoon starring morons Beavis and Butt-Head and a very tall, leather-clad woman wielding a drill.

Although there really isn't a bad seat in the Centrum, the band provided a large screen above the stage to showcase their wild stage antics up close and personal. Interspersed with the live shots were video clips, cartoons, and the oc-

core, AC/DC pulled out the big guns, literally. Six canons rolled onto the stage for the show-stopper, "For Those About to Rock (We Salute You)," blasting every time singer Brian Johnson screamed "fire!"

Amidst all the pyrotechnics there was the band. Old pros on the road, they seemed more like they were at a party than at a concert.

casional shot of the audience. Special props were also used to remind the audience that they were not just at a concert, they were at an event. A gigantic blow-up doll filled the stage when the band went into "Whole Lotta Rosie," a song about a woman who is "not exactly pretty, and she's not exactly small." To cap off their stellar en-

Amidst all the pyrotechnics there was the band. Old pros on the road, they seemed more like they were at a party than a concert. When the first brassiere was thrown onto the stage, Johnson waved it like a flag for all to see. They knew what the audience wanted, and they delivered it to them in vast amounts throughout

the show. From the opening classic, "Back in Black," to the encore's "Highway to Hell" (complete with flames on stage), AC/DC never stopped.

The star of the show was Angus Young, arguably the greatest guitarist in rock 'n roll today, and definitely the most energetic. Wearing his trademark shorts suit, Angus left no part of the stage untouched. Playing with the energy of a hundred men, he incited the crowd with powerful guitar playing, from the opening riff of "You Shook Me All Night Long" to the extended solo in "The Jack." During the song "Boogie Man," Angus proceeded to perform an impromptu striptease, revealing his American flag boxers and finally ending with a full Australian moon. Backing him were his brother, Malcolm, on guitar, Cliff Williams on bass, and Phil Rudd on drums. Singer Johnson entertained the crowd (even more),

swinging from a huge bell hanging over the stage during "Hell's Bells" and sitting atop the wrecking ball while singing "Ballbreaker."

Opening for AC/DC was a band called the Alley Boys, who were not very good. They did not even know where they were. While trying to get the crowd going, the lead singer said "This is the biggest (BAD WORD) party in Warchester, Massachusetts!" If he had done his homework, he would have known how to pronounce Worcester, or at least call it Woosta.

Despite the opening band, the show as a solid success. AC/DC is a band that definitely knows how to have a good time, and they threw a party that will not soon be forgotten by those who attended. To describe the evening in a word, one would have to turn to Beavis and Butt-head, who would just simply say "Cool."

ADVENTURES IN ZOG TASTING

By Joy Kealey '99
A&E Writer

Sunday is that dreadful day that always leads to that even more dreadful day: Monday. Everyone knows what that means- the start of another week of classes. That's why I decided Sunday would be a perfect day to do a little off campus exploring; maybe find a good place where I could relax and

maybe get a good cup of coffee to boot. My friend Jen shared my sense of mild adventure and agreed to accompany me on my quest. We borrowed her roommate's car and began our search. The car, you should know, answers to the name Sputnik and has virtually no braking mechanism, so it is a wonder we were able to stop the car at all when we rolled past Cafe Zog.

Fortunately, Cafe Zog lacks the jam-packed, noisy atmosphere fea-

tured in the *Friends* T.V. show coffeehouse. Instead, Zog gives you an intimate, cozy setting where the only thing you'll hear is soothing music and quiet conversation. Upon walking through the door, you are greeted by a friendly-looking counter-person and the smell of coffee brewing. Cafe Zog offers a variety of specialty coffee drinks as well as a small lunch menu that includes some unique vegetarian choices. Your coffee is

brought to your table and you are left to enjoy the peaceful surroundings and, simply put, one great cup o' java.

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perienced the shock firsthand of having to take out a student loan in order to pay for one measly cup of coffee. Nope, Cafe Zog won't cost you an arm and a leg; for example, two cafe mochas will only cost you about five dollars.

In a nutshell, stepping in to Cafe Zog is like finding a little bit of heaven right here in Providence. If you're in search of a retreat from hectic college life, this place is just your cup of tea (or coffee.)

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THE BEGINNING OF THE END FOR "TRAILERS"

by Michael P. Sablone '98
A&E Editor

I have this friend, let's call him Greg, who is, um, let's say, a creative writing major and film minor at, uh, oh, how about Carnegie Mellon University. His biggest pet peeve is the commonly used term of "Trailers." In the movie biz, trailers are those 3 minute montages of a film that are supposed to get you to need to see the movie. His problem is that "Ugh. How come they call them 'trailers?'" They come before the movie. The word "preview" would be better. Even "Coming Attractions," sounds better. Ugh." I usually explain that Hollywood has no rhyme or reason to it (note the fact that Goldie Hawn is a "successful actress"). This does nothing to curb his fury. Well Greg, I have sat and thought long and hard about not just why they call them "trailers," but also developed a personal plan of action against the insults to your intelligence. I hope this will ease your pain, and help anyone else who has "trailaphobia."

Here comes something that may surprise you. I do not watch trailers. Now I know that you are saying "What? How can you do that. You obviously have no clue what you are talking about." Well you are wrong on one account. You do not have to watch trailers, even if you are in a movie theater. Just leave. If you stay, then make sure the second you see something

about a movie that you really want to see — leave. Be warned, the marketers might trick you into seeing a preview for a movie that you wanted to see. You can still leave, do not worry. If you stay then you risk the best parts of the movie being ruined, as well as an annoying plug for the soundtrack of the movie. I really hate 98% of movie soundtracks (except for Epic Soundtraxs). Previews are a product of the Hollywood machine, and are necessary evils. If you are not sure about a movie, then they can turn your loyalty elsewhere, or get you to see their movie (it is scary to see how much marketers have a say in what we watch).

The number one, most crucial factor in my hatred of "trailers" (from now on a trailer will be called a preview) is that 8 times out of 10, they ruin the movie for you. Example: I did not think *Mission: Impossible* was that bad of a movie (note that I did not say that I thought Tom Cruise was a good actor. He's not. "I understand that you act well in movies." "You've never seen me act well in a movie."). The reason that I thought this was a OK picture was that I had no idea (even more than the knotted plot) what was going to happen next. I hadn't seen Mr. Virility jump out of a storefront with the contents of a very large aquarium in hot pursuit. The same goes for *Independence Day*. I had only seen a still photo of the White House blowing up. Not the run-

ning version where you get to see everyone blow everything up, and use a lot of corny jokes.

On the flip side of things, there are some previews that will actually get me to see a movie. I came in early, not just to get a good seat, but to see the previews for ID4,

lasted about 5 seconds. The next 60 seconds were a rollicking ride throughout the movie, displaying the tension between the characters beautifully. Eventually the cuts became too short to recall and the music blew your eardrums out. When it all stopped everyone

2 year old kids in the mood for the movie. Eventually I rented the movie, due to good word of mouth. I sat down and watched it, and the next day I went back to the Blockbuster Video store that I worked at and bought it. I watched the trailer again and saw that it did horrible injustice to such a great movie.

Try watching the preview after the movie. Most of the time they are better after you have seen the movie (HENCE THE STEM "TRAIL," MEANING TO FOLLOW). The jokes make more sense, and you can see what someone else thought the highlights of the picture were. However, in following my policy about previews, one can foresee a slight problem. My case might be seen as extreme (xtreme previews), since I do a lot of reading about upcoming movies I know what I want to see and do not want to see before it comes out. It is almost like a sixth sense, but even you "Joe Moviegoer," can make an educated guess. For instance, *Solo* looks and most likely will be a bad movie. I can also just "know" that *Alien: Resurrection* will be good, for I like Jean-Pierre Jeunet's films and he's dealing with an established franchise. However, if you do not know a lot about movies, and you do not mind being suckered in thinking that *Vampire In Brooklyn* looked like a funny movie, then by all means, disregard my article. Just do not be angry when it turns out that it is not funny (I mean the movie).

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and was impressed. I made fun of the preview for *That Thing That You Do* (I was sucked into that great Wonders song however), and saw a preview for the new Star Trek movie (which my other friend Dave started a standing ovation for). Then the next preview I actually liked. It was for the new Ron Howard movie *Ransom*. I hated Mel Gibson, until *Braveheart*, but I stayed because it was a Ron Howard movie and it had Delroy Lindo in it. The trailer blew me away. It started out slow but after they pitched the neat hook (man gives ransom money not to kidnapper but to person who kills kidnapper), I was bored. That

looked at each other and just said "Damn." They succeeded in hooking me in, and I'm not that ashamed about it.

On the flipside, most trailers are useless pieces of crap, just like the movies they are selling are. There is another possibility that makes previews annoying. How many times have you seen a preview for a movie that looks awful, but once you see it it turns out to be an OK movie. The most recent time that I almost did not go see a movie because of it's trailer was *Babe*. The trailer was awful. All the dialogue is taken out of context, it does not tell you anything about the movie, let alone get anyone but

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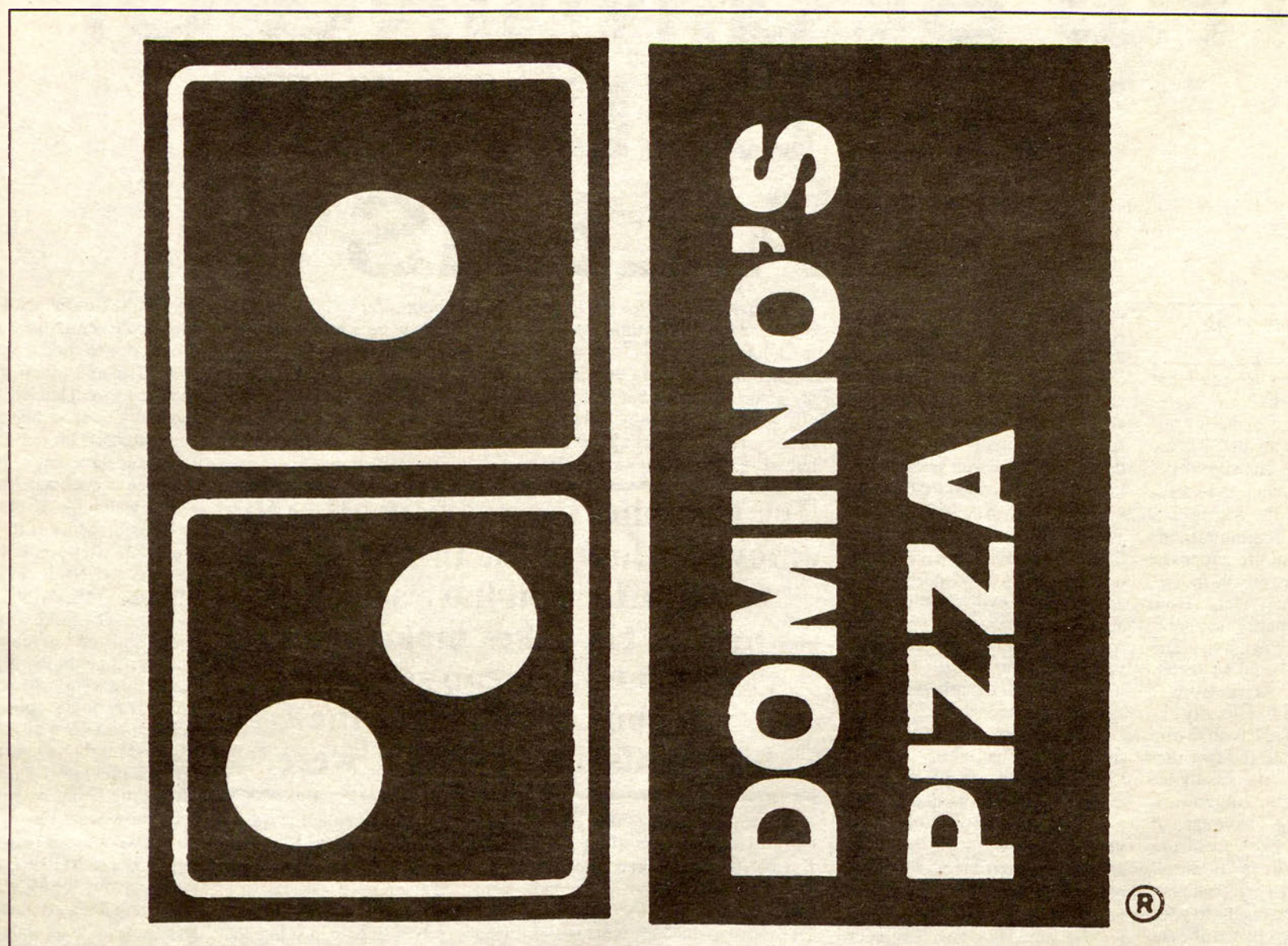
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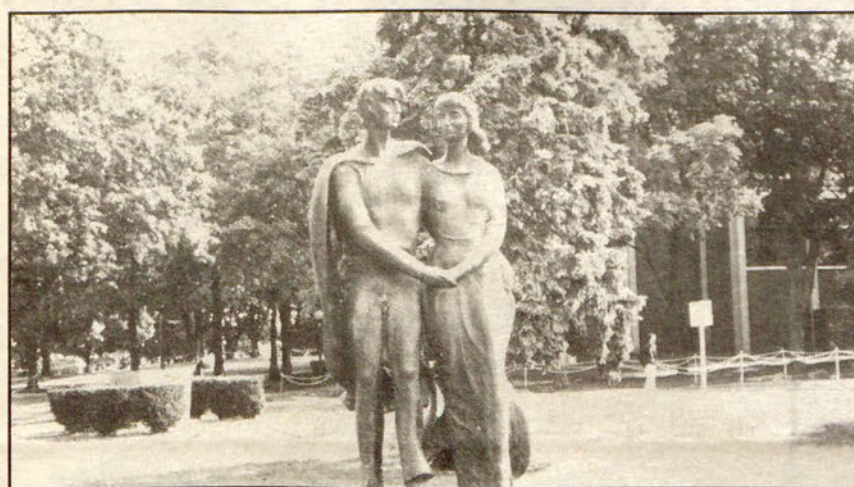
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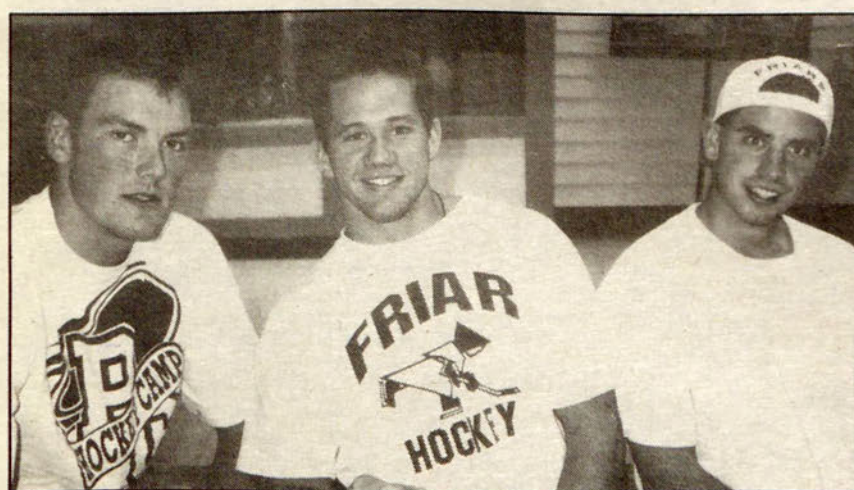
Carrie D'Angelo '97 and Jenn Osgood '97
"What the heck happened to the Fro-Yo?"



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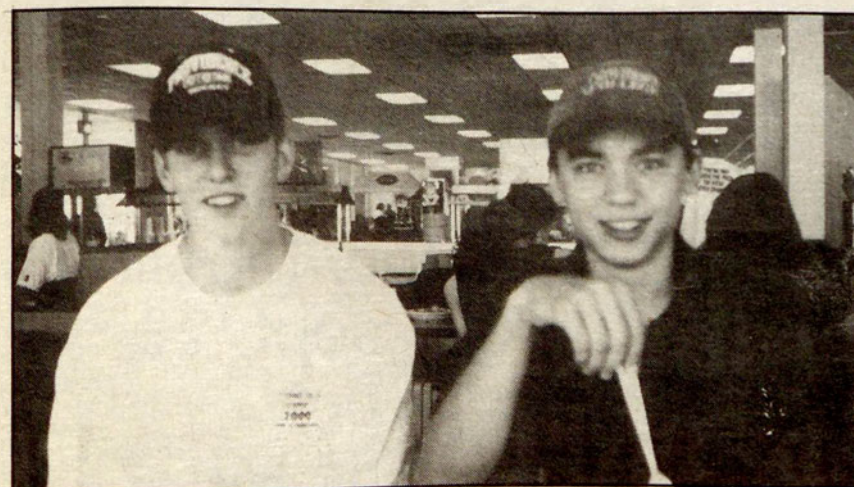
Owen O'Neill '00 and Mike Lombardo '00
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Hal Gill '97, Travis Dillabough '97 and David Green '97
"The girls just aren't as good looking."



Top: Gina Goodwin '00, Rachel Johnson '00
Bottom: Rachel Leitze '00, Carrie Spiros '00
"We want the cute guy who scrambles the eggs in the morning!"



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The Point of Poppy Seeds

by Ali Fallon '98
Features Writer

Poppy seeds have long boggled my mind. No, I am not crazy. After you read this article, I think that you will understand why I have come to only one conclusion about them: there is no point to their existence.

Poppy seeds are always getting stuck in people's teeth. Whether you are a big shot CEO or a super-market clerk, you cannot prevent this from happening to you. Just say that one day you have a bagel for breakfast. Then you go to all of your classes and then directly to work. When you arrive home that evening you discover that you have a giant black poppy seed stuck between your front teeth. After searching for a tooth pick or dental floss so that you can wrestle it out, you start to wonder about how long it has been there. So, you recount your day. You ate a poppy seed bagel in alumni before your 8:30 class. Then you went to four classes. You skipped lunch because you had a meeting with the dean. After that, you went to work at a local retail store. That means that the only time that you could have got this seed stuck between your teeth was at the start of your day. Therefore, you went through the entire day talking and smiling with your friends, teachers and customers, totally unaware that you looked like a jerk with this big black thing stuck between your teeth. You feel embarrassed as well as humiliated. You attempt to remember whom you spoke to:

your professors and the dean (hopefully they will have forgotten by the next time that you see them), customers while at work (you'll probably never see them again), that guy whom you wanted to hang out with this weekend (I guess the chances of that happening are nil), and your friends. As for your friends, you do not really care that you looked stupid in front of them, but hey?! Why didn't any of them even bother to tell you?

It is quite awkward when you find yourself staring at a distracting seed stuck between the teeth of someone who is talking to you. Do you tell them it is there to prevent further embarrassment for them? Do you pretend not to notice it? Do you scratch your own tooth and hope that they get the hint? This question of etiquette baffles us all and often places us in an uncomfortable position.

Maybe if poppy seeds had a taste, the whole stuck between the teeth thing would be worth it, but, they don't! Have you ever heard someone say, "Oh, those poppy seeds were wonderful. They had such a delightful flavor!" I don't think so.

On top of having no flavor and getting stuck between your teeth, poppy seeds are extremely messy. If you try to eat a poppy seed bagel in your car, you'll be finding little annoying seeds all over it for the next few weeks.

As far as I am concerned, we should stop using poppy seeds. They serve no useful purpose, and they are the cause of unnecessary aggravation.

Thought of the Week

I have come to the conclusion, after many years of sometime sad experience, that you cannot come to any conclusion at all.

- Vita Sackville-West
English Writer

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A Passion Play

by Sarah Valente '99
Features Writer

I had been sitting at the bar for almost an hour before I got up and made my way to the juke box. The main reason I had not gotten up sooner was that I knew the minute I did someone would take my seat. At this point, however, I did not care. I just needed a distraction, and music seemed to be the best one. I slowly flipped through the selections, reading each song title carefully so as not to miss any. I just finished with The Rolling Stones when I felt a hand on my shoulder. I shifted my weight and glanced to my right at this guy who looked old enough to be my grandfather. He smiled at me and said, "Your choice darlin'" as he tossed me the quarter he had been flipping in the air. "Anything you want, it's on me." Anything I want. I laughed out loud and caught the quarter. What I really wanted was to go home and call someone, anyone, just to hear a familiar voice. But I had promised Jay that I'd meet him here at 10:00. Now that it was 11:00 I wondered what I was still doing there. I was waiting and

he was probably somewhere else totally oblivious to the fact that he practically begged me to meet him. He would not show up, as usual, and then he would call in a couple of days and ask me where I was. It was clear: he was a loser, plain and simple. Always was and always will be. The only reason I went out with him was because he paid for everything. Of course that's only when he actually showed up.

I inserted the quarter into the machine and the sound it made as it landed made me flinch. This man's hand on my shoulder now felt like a cinder block, and I struggled to keep my balance. He was saying something to me but all I could hear was "American Pie" and a couple of shouts of approval from the bar. "This song brings back so many memories," I thought smiling at the man who was now smoking a cigar. His breath smelled like whiskey and I tried hard not to choke as his cigar smoke created a cloud around his head.

I looked at my watch and decided to go home. If I was lucky there would be an old movie on

TV and I could drown my sorrows in a pint of Ben & Jerry's. I vowed never to make plans with Jay again, and had an intense feeling of déjà vu. I checked to see if I had enough money for a cab, and as I made my way to the door I looked back toward the juke box. The song was almost over and the man with the cigar was talking to a blond who tried to look 25, but in reality was probably 65. As I stepped outside I noticed it had rained, and that sweet smell was still lingering in the air. I hopped in a cab and rode home, all the time thinking about Jay and what a jerk he was.

When I got home I didn't even bother to turn on the lights, but headed straight for the answering machine. There was one message but I hesitated to press play. "Hi, it's me. Where were you tonight? I thought we had a date. Anyway, call me tomorrow." I pressed delete and turned on the TV. An old Fred and Ginger movie was on, so I grabbed the ice cream and watched until I couldn't keep my eyes open. I turned off the TV and decided I'd call Jay first thing in the morning.

Class Spaz

by Ellen Mastrostefano '99
Features Writer

We have all been through it. It starts off as a normal class, but then it takes a drastic turn for the worse. You're sitting at your desk, notebook open, pen in hand and drool on your shirt. So, you didn't do the homework last night and you have been daydreaming for the past thirty minutes: what are the chances (out of all these other students) that the professor is going to call on you? Wrong! Somehow, without realizing it, you establish eye contact with your professor. Out of a sea of lifeless faces, he is eager to find one bright star and give it a chance to shine. What he does not realize, is that at this particular moment you are feeling more like a lava lamp than a star. As you stumble to form some sort of an intelligible answer, blood flows directly to your face. Words come out, but you're not even sure they make sense. Hey, the teacher didn't ask you to clarify your statement. Maybe that means he liked it.....or maybe he just gave up hope.

I witness this grisly event ev-

ery day in practically every class. Whether it is happening to myself or a person I don't even know, I can always feel the whole class cringe. It's not just moments like this that can make you feel like a "class spaz"; it can be any other embarrassing event within the educational experience.

Take, for instance, the various types of furnishings around the

What he doesn't realize is that at this particular moment you are feeling more like a lava lamp than a star.

campus. Are you familiar with the desks that have the book racks on the bottom? It's great to rest your tired feet on the rack of the person in front of you. But somehow during the course of the class, you have contorted your foot in such a way that you cannot get it out. Have you ever seen anyone in this position before? Their face is all tense like they got their foot caught

in a bear trap. The only thing that may be worse are those hand rails that are just bars, attached to the walls. The more you squirm, the more you can't get out. The minute you relax, your elbow has been miraculously sprung free.

The moral of this story is that these are all common events in everyone's life. So you break a glass in the cafeteria, don't crawl under a table and wait until everyone leaves before you come out again. Learn to laugh at yourself. That's the best way to deal with the situation. Plus, if you show people that you are the least bit embarrassed by whatever has happened, that gives them more of a reason to NOT forget about it. Then, you'll be marked with a nickname for the rest of your years at Providence College. To avoid having to relive the event, just laugh it off.

Let's think for a moment, humans are the only animals on earth that have the capacity to blush. We've been to the moon, yet we can still trip over our feet. Anyway, I don't think God meant for life to be totally serious - just look at the platypus.

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Is He Talking About What I Think He's Talking About?

by Patrick Canole '98
Features Writer

By my fourth year at PC, I know how to get the most out of my time. I know when to hit the computer lab, when to use the front door of Harkins, and where to look up when using the stairs. I know what my favorites are: which professors to take when, where to sit in class. And I also know how to put up with all the little trials that can make each day difficult.

"What does he mean by that?" you might be asking yourself right now. I'm talking about such problems encountered in class as "Are those my feet that smell that bad?" Well, in this situation, the general rule is to look around you and see who is wearing the oldest pair of sneakers and no socks. If it turns out that this person does happen

to be you, the best thing to do is pull your feet in under your seat. Only a short term solution, but at least you won't have to smell them for the rest of class. Be sure not to wear those shoes again for a few days, and never wear them on rainy days (Rain? In Rhode Island? No way!).

I am also talking about such problems as being comfortable in the desk/chair contraptions that obviously were invented by someone under 5'3. My advice on dealing with this ugly necessity is to make sure to leave plenty of room between yourself and the seat in front of you. Try to get your feet comfy on the bottom rack of the next seat (and if you still cannot get comfortable, you can at least annoy the person in front of you by constantly readjusting your feet). When this becomes boring,

just try to flop in your chair and be as conspicuous as possible. When possible, avoid marathons, as this is a sure prescription for cramped legs and a sore bum.

One of my big personal problems is trying to find time alone. It's hard enough to memorize my own schedule this early in the semester, never mind my roommate's as well. If you feel this need too, encourage your roommate to find a work-study job, try out for a school play, or join *The Cowl*. If you live in the six-man apartments, you have the (slightly unethical) option of losing their keys for them. If you get caught, deny everything.

The final problem I commonly find myself faced with is what to do with an upset stomach. I've been trying to eat healthy at school this year (Grape Nuts and Just

Right cereals, lots of onions and other vegetables), yet for some reason my body feels the need to punish me for my good behavior. Having a killer sense of humor, my digestive tract loves to make problems like this occur while I am in the middle of class. The most socially acceptable option for such a problem is to wait until after class and find a quiet hallway. But I know sometimes this just isn't possible. If you can't wait, make sure there is no one around of the opposite sex who you are trying to impress (I've tried it and it simply does not work). The tricky part is to be quiet about the whole process, and, even if you repulse yourself, do not let anyone see you react, as even a look of deep satisfaction is incriminating. Do not worry as to whether or not your actions will be detected by others, as there will be plenty of time for denying allegations later.

If you have any questions or there are any other issues you would like to see addressed in this column, please write to me in care of *The Cowl*.

Sites of the State Roger Williams Zoo

by Kate Fournier '99
Features Writer

There are times when you just want to be a kid again - when you want to forget the deadlines, papers, and meetings and just cut loose. These are the times that make you want to play hide-and-go-seek, or go jump in a puddle, or run after an ice cream truck. As college students we are all busy trying to grow up. We have to deal with the meal plan, money troubles, and job interviews. Sometimes it seems so depressing to look back at childhood and wonder, "Why can't I have that kind of good, wholesome fun again?"

Well, I have found a Never-Never-Land place that will give you back your childhood- even if only for a few hours. The place is Roger Williams Park Zoo in Warwick, just a few miles south of PC via the highway. The park is a giant, lush area which includes the zoo, a natural history museum, a casino, ponds for paddle boats, and a carousel.

I visited the park last Saturday, which makes trip number four or five for me. I walked down the paths of what the "*Boston Globe*" calls "New England's great zoo," and I looked at all the wildlife. It didn't matter to me that most of the zoo's visitors were toddlers - I felt like a kid myself. I ducked through the prairie dog tunnels and snorted at the pigs in the petting

zoo. I stood in front of the elephants for fifteen minutes because it happened to be bath time. Parents held their kids high to see the huge beasts fall over backwards in the water. Later, some baby porcupines showed their quills for me, and I came face to face (through a thick pane of glass) with a polar bear - my personal favorite. It took my friends and me over two hours to wind through the labyrinth of exhibits. I had the chance to talk to an otter (I swear he was talking right to us) and stare at the bulging python.

My recommendation is to wear sneakers and prepare to walk quite a bit. Of course, you can always put your feet up at either the Hungry Bear Cafe or Alice's Restaurant. And don't think your visit to the park is over once you exit the zoo gates. Pack a picnic lunch and eat in the Japanese garden. Bring a camera and take crazy shots of your friends feeding the swans. Have races in the paddle boats. Of course, ride the carousel a few times. Pick out your favorite horse. And laugh a lot. Be a kid again and visit Roger Williams Park. Remember, you're only as old as you feel.

There is free admittance to the park, but there is a small fee for the zoo and the other buildings. The park is open daily, year-round. Roger Williams Park is located south at exit 17 off I-95.

Prattle

by Shaggy '99
Dirty, Rotten Leg

I have always found sappy "What I Did Over the Summer" articles to be pretty lame. We're talking straight out of Ms. Woodworth's second grade English comp. class. In this one rare occasion, though, I think it's okay to give a synopsis of my summer activities.

I had little fun this summer. It was basically because of my job. I saw one show: Phish in Plattsburg, New York, which was great, except for the fact that I had to go back to work on Monday. Hanging out with my best of friends almost every night was real neat, but my happiness was habitually quashed by the prospect of waking up for work at 5:00 A.M. with a hangover. Salary cuts are a hardship which I endured like a brave trooper. Working in Sub-Basement 7 of the World Trade Center has not proved therapeutic for my respiratory system, and although I would deny it if asked about it, receiving the predatory death stare of a Security and Exchange Commission auditor who is closing in for the kill did not prove my bladder control to be reliable.

This summer, after kicking, screaming and resisting for many years, I have followed the footprints of my father into the world of finance. Abandoning my

dreams of the teacher in tweed, I gave up fighting the good fight, and received my baptism of fire into the dog eat dog world of big business. I was a crucial member of the brokerage team. I got coffee for the brokers. I quested deep into philosophical and physiological questions such as "Is it moral to take a cigarette break when there is plenty work to be done and others will be hurt if it is not accomplished by noon?" and "Why do men have nipples?" I made photocopies, stole office supplies, made free long distance calls, and gave musical and pop culture advice to older employees who were out of touch with current trends. Most importantly, I was the first to learn the newly implemented software system. When I was sick or on vacation, office progress effectively came to a screeching halt. The men and women of the Emerging Markets department learned to fear me as a Godhead tyrant.

I know that I am straying dangerously close to sappy country, but I cannot hide the truth behind a frail guide of humor. Sure, the cash was phat (as in, "phat, all that, and a bag of chips ta' boot!"). And the resume-inflating experience is something I will treasure when it comes time for me to find a real job. And of course, the training I received in orderly evacuation from a large building in the event of a bomb or fire is something which I am sure I

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Stapled to a Telephone Pole

by Sarah Antoniello '98
Features Writer

I was walking along Huxley sometime last weekend and I happened to notice, stapled to a telephone pole in front of Davis, a pink piece of paper with the word ADOPTION written at the top in capital letters. I stopped and glanced at it, read about the caring couple looking for a joyful white baby to call their own and make their life complete, and kept walking. I wondered what difference the ethnicity of the baby really made and spent the rest of the day pondering the values in our society that infringe these judgments upon people.

It wasn't until my roommate Erin mentioned the sign the next day that I really gave thought to the existence of this uh... advertisement, if you will. She was not happy after seeing this sign stapled to the telephone pole on our campus. She found it offensive that someone would think to go to our school and say, "Hey, there must

be some desperate pregnant girl at PC who is looking for a solution. So, I'll put this sheet up on this pole here, and maybe I can get a baby with less hassle and mess than if I go to a REAL adoption agency."

I feel that pregnancy and adoption are personal issues that should be treated with some kind of respect. Adoption is a delicate pro-

cession, trying to get their way, while the interests of the mother would be sorely overlooked. I mean, if the mother was sure she wanted to give it up for adoption, she could seek out an agency on her own."

Regardless of how I feel about this sign in general, I am especially offended that this couple would put it up on our campus. This isn't the first time I've seen a sign like this

Everyone see things from their own points of view, and these points of view are what makes us who we are.

cess that should not be taken lightly. As my roommate Michelle put it, if you want a bicycle, you advertise on a telephone pole, not if you want a baby. And in the words of Erin, "It just seems so illicit and dirty. It makes me feel like someone is feeding off what they believe to be a desperate situ-

ation, trying to get their way, while the interests of the mother would be sorely overlooked. I mean, if the mother was sure she wanted to give it up for adoption, she could seek out an agency on her own."

My Job and a Little Fun This Summer

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will find invaluable in any career field I might enter. I have amplified by Tetris and Windows Solitaire skills tenfold, and speaking of, I am done quite a bit of pondering on the Dilbert comic which asks "How did people look busy before computers were invented?"

Above and beyond all these character building traits, the most important thing I picked up on this summer, albeit its inherent sappiness is my new found knowledge of human nature. Most simply, give college graduates \$120,000 a year salaries and they will squander their money on cars and jet skies, drink a lot of beer and Cape Codders, and spend their nights at such illustrious establishments as Runway 69, the Howard Stern famed Scores and the Dollhouse, all in the name of kissing up to clients. Now I do not mean to offend all the capitalist swine at PC who are eagerly leaping and bounding towards white-collar business positions. However, most college grads do not have the financial obligations of dependents, nor the appreciation of money that comes with a meager-paying job. Therefore, if they are given high paying executive jobs before they are ready, than they will soon be

like fools parted with their money. You laugh now, but cry later when the Bank of Boston repossesses your Porsche after you missed the fourth payment because the market in which you worked has become deflated and you have been "re-engineered."

Even though all the brokers were all little white bread bourgeois brats who rode daddy's curtails of success into a corporate payroll, they were all pretty cool guys and fine upstanding folks. However, the coolest one of all was Samuel Miller.

Samuel is an older black man with a long salt-and-pepper beard who used to stand, without fail, at the dock of the New York Waterway, the ferry that transported tired commuters across the Hudson into New Jersey. Everyday, with more predictability and reliability than the Postal Service, Miller would stand on his proverbial soapbox and lecture the commuters as they hastily ran to the docks like ignorant lemmings running towards the cliffs of destruction with reckless abandon. And the wisdom that spewed from his mouth! Mr. Miller had a wide variety of props to aid in his cultural-social lectures, such as a plastic skull with a little Uncle Sam hat on it. The

topic of the day was a political debate between Miller and Republican presidential candidate, Senator Bob Dole. "I'm with my good friend, Bob Dole," says Miller. Pure humor brilliance, I tell you. Wearing his stylish Knight Rider and Luke Perry shirts, Miller was

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a fount of free advice: "I keep telling you all to move out of Jersey!" he shouted as it was revealed that New Jersey Transit trains would be indefinitely delayed. Miller took

allowed this sign to remain, when it is found offensive to certain students.

I wonder how many students feel the same way as my roommates, and I wonder how many more walked right by the sign without a thought? I admit I didn't really consider the implications of this posted sign until the issue was brought to my attention. For this reason, I chose to write about it in my article. I'm tired of PC students just accepting things just because they are there. If something bothers you, speak up. If you don't agree with something, say so. I don't expect everyone to like what I've said about this sign. I actually don't want everyone to agree with me. Everyone sees things from their own points of view, and these points of view are what make us who we are. If this sign bothers you, get angry. If anything I've said upsets you, get mad. Don't just accept. Don't just walk by. Feel something, feel anything. You are your own person, and you have the right to say what you feel.

panhandling boons when they were offered, but he never begged. On my final day in the world of big business, I took a few minutes to talk to Sam and tell him that I would no longer be seeing him. His coup d'état: he lifted me up upon a pedestal in front of all the others and proclaimed that I was at last truly enlightened. What a great man.

Well, I am about through with my prattle. I had a direction, a point a message when I started this article. An attempt to uplift you all and an intention to have my work revered as social Gospel to generations to come. I more less was sidetracked from that point, and have totally lost my focus and direction. Jinkies. Oh well. I hope your summer was as emotional and spiritually fulfilling as my own.

Curls for the Girls

by Brian Kenney '99
Features Writer

It's quite pathetic when you suddenly realize that your body peaked physically in the tenth grade. I came to this startling conclusion this past weekend in the weight room. I have been using the same weights and doing the same sets with no results for years. In fact, I have been noticing lately that my muscles are actually regressing back to the years when I didn't work out. After observing these disturbing trends at the mirror in the gym, I began to ask myself why I still worked out. Actually I began to question why most guys worked out.

I assumed that some were athletes working to get stronger in the off season. Though this was true for some, I believed that most were in there for other reasons. Could it be because everyone was worried about their health? Did they feel guilty about eating two pizzas and chugging down that last pitcher of beer by themselves the night before? My guess was that most guys were not too worried about that sort of thing unless there was a huge increase in their weight. So what could it be? Why were so many guys, including myself, in the gym?

My answer was obvious as soon as an attractive young lady walked in to work out. Never before have I seen so many people flex or hold a barbell curl at just the right angle as to best show off their biceps. The noise of weights being thrown to the floor and ferocious grunts was heard emanating from the weight room. Everyone in the gym was straining to look as good as possible.

That is when it came to me. Just about every guy in the gym was there in the attempt to look good for the opposite sex. It didn't matter if you were an athlete or just an average Joe. When you come right down to it, guys go to the gym to do the bench for the beach, and the curls for the girls.

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Chaplain's Corner Follow Your Conscience

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

Part two of a two part column

Who or what influences you the most when it comes to difficult moral choices and issues? Is it the Gospel of Jesus Christ? Or is it something else? As [Christian] people who want to form the best possible conscience, we must investigate the teachings of Christ and the Church. For Jewish people and people of other faiths, their own rich religious traditions are available to them. Now comes the moment of truth. Are we willing to have a properly informed conscience? A conscience will be formed (or mal-formed) because it is a product of learning. The question remaining is: who will be its mentor?

Some might argue that if I follow the Church's teaching then it is not my conscience, but the Church's conscience. But consider this: if I am driving my car from here to D.C. and it "breaks down," I have two choices. I can stop and enroll in auto mechanic school or put myself in the hands of someone whom I trust that has the "sciencia" (knowledge or science) about fixing cars. If I need medical attention, do I go to a medical school or a doctor? Etc., etc. None of us has either the time or the ability to become learned in every-

cause we have received the information from a source that we trust, and we have allowed it to shape our values and attitudes. So, can our conscience differ from the Church's teaching on a serious moral issue? Certainly. So long as we are well informed and have the same "sciencia" as the Church. But, honestly, how many of us do? How many of us bother to try? I have always been amazed at how many people say that they disagree with the Church's teaching on some serious moral matter, and then readily admit that they have never read one sentence of a Church document (how many people have read the American Bishops' pastoral letter on capital punishment?). And yet, many people eagerly latch onto a "sciencia," if it can be called that, gleaned from a cursory reading of an article from a popular magazine.

Because a conscience is a product of learning, it needs a teacher. Who will be that teacher? One thing is certain: we cannot be content to allow our conscience to be formed by public opinion. When it comes to moral matters, we can't allow ourselves to be more influenced by journalism than theology. And so, we have to be prepared to do a little work. Find out what the Church teaches, and then study why the Church teaches what it

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thing. On a daily basis, we put our trust in people or institutions whom we think possess the "sciencia" that we need. A doctor depends on a lawyer, the lawyer goes to the barber, the barber calls the plumber, etc.

We don't all have the time or ability to become moral theologians or ethicists. So, we put our trust in the Church which was entrusted by Christ with the Gospel. We trust that the Church has the "sciencia" to teach us about moral matters. It is our conscience be-

does. This kind of study, combined with prayerful reflection, is the best way to receive a well-formed conscience. When you think about it, who is your "teacher" when it comes to forming your conscience? Is it society? Is it the media? Your friends? This may be hard for many of you to accept, but when it comes to choosing a teacher for your conscience, Oprah won't do (by the way, I love Oprah!). For Christians, Jesus is the teacher, and through the Church he still has a voice.

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by Emily Benfer '98
Features Writer

if you look into the eyes of another, you find a window to the soul, a Bearer of scars and markers of the past. in most you find the weariness that emBeds itself into the core with time. But if you look into enough windows, and if you wipe away the dust and the fog, Blurring your insight you may find a life so free and alive you will wish it your own.

look into her eyes. she Believes the moon follows her home at night. only the celestial light could make sense of the perfectly cluttered thoughts dancing in her head.

she Believes in the magical wishes that will one day make her fly and in the dreams that reveal the celestial escape and in love, for it is her savior. i ask no questions of her. i recognize, within her unshattered star-filled eyes, a knowing, a revealing, an answer. the scars, reminiscent of the past, mame the Blue aByss of her eyes and speak volumes of pain, confusion and an anger so oppressive its scream tears ravenously at the flesh Binding it eternally. But even with the underlying sadness i understand an even deeper hope and carefree innocence. she asks questions of me.

she wonders if i dream, if i have

by Lori McCrean '99
Features Editor

I smelled the lemon cleaner as soon as I entered the apartment. I didn't have to ask who had been cleaning; she was at it again. When I want to procrastinate, I go out and get a cup of coffee and other useless items that are not really necessary at the moment of my adventure. She likes to clean and cook instead. I wish I could be like that, but I seem to be missing the gene that would give me the desire to do so. I am not allowed to cook in my house after the "rice incident." Needless to say, I am lucky that our house is still standing and that my mother has a good sense of humor.

She was in the kitchen wearing old clothes with a bandanna holding her hair back. The radio was on, and she didn't hear me enter. I watched her for a moment as she stirred her concoction and sang along with the radio. I wanted to laugh, but I controlled myself. I liked watching her. There are times like these when you really want a camera.

"So what are we having for dessert tonight?" I asked loudly.

She turned around and looked at me in surprise, and I could see her cheeks become a little pink.

"We are having frosted brownies garnished with chocolate chips, if I can find them," she said with a smile that made me think of Julia Childs. "Have you seen them?"

"You are asking the microwave queen where the chocolate chips are? Would you like to rephrase the question?" I laughed with her.

"Yeah, my mistake. I guess I'll have to ask one of my roommates that is not banned from the kitchen."

"Thanks for reminding me," I said as I walked to my room.

I retreated to my room because the whole domestic scene was making me a little sick. I thought that apartment life was supposed to be about living off of canned soup and microwave pizza. She seemed to contradict all that. Maybe I was the one with the wrong impression. I mean, my mother cooks and cleans too. My sister has been able to survive on her own since she was sixteen. I just let everyone else take care of me. I had no problem with that until I started having this strange, recurring night-

mare:

I keep seeing myself carrying two kids through a disastrous kitchen, and they are both crying because I have nothing to feed them. I think that I tried to cook something, but like most things, it was unfit for human consumption. I wake up afraid that I will live that dream someday. I am not afraid that I might poison my children. There will be a housekeeper to make sure that they are fed well balanced meals.

I am frightened by the fact that people assume that I will get married and have children. I do plan on doing both those things some day but, I want to establish my career first. That may sound self-

and she was content. She has no nightmares. She is willing to put her teaching on hold so that she can be both a wife and mother. She will go back to teaching when her kids are old enough to be in school themselves. I envy that she is willing to do that. Apparently, she is not as selfish as I am.

I tell myself that my determination will not allow my envy to be overtaken by an innate desire to get married. Yet, I have a hard time believing that I will adhere to the life that I have established in my mind. I watch my roommate, and I can't help but get jealous. People like to eat her cooking. Then again, I can't help thinking that she is selling herself short. We

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ish, but there is so much that I want to do for myself before I can even start to think about anybody or anything else. I never really thought about learning how to cook and clean, but my roommate has a way of making me feel very incompetent.

She would be satisfied with marriage. She cooked dinner for all of us last night, and I could see how much she enjoyed waiting on us. We all had to sit down, and she came around to serve us. She made lasagna and vegetables, and she balanced it off with Italian bread that was still warm. After a ten minute argument, she let us do the dishes. The dinner tasted delicious,

are past the days when women went to college to find a husband.

There is no one that pushes us towards a certain path in our lives, yet we all seem to veer off at one point. I don't want to be lonely in the years to come, and I don't want her to give up teaching. I don't want either of us to regret the path that we chose to wander towards. But, there is no way to tell right now. We both have different dreams, and the best we can do is live up to them.

I bought a plant the other day and told myself that I was going to keep it alive for more than three days. It died on the second day. Is that a sign?

Freshman Corner

by Yvonne Arsenault '99
Features Writer

You've survived two weekends at Providence College and you are probably beginning to wonder what else Providence has to offer. Well, you actually have many options.

If you feel like getting off campus for a while and having some old-time fun, try the Newport Creamery. It is just down a few blocks at 673 Smith Street and within easily walking distance. You can go there for some "real"

If you would prefer to do something on campus, there are a number of things you can do in the Slavin Mini Mall, such as renting a movie at Friars Flicks; movie watching on a Saturday night is a great way to chill with your friends. And don't forget to stop by Slick Willy's for ice cream or the Cookie Connection for a cup of coffee or hot chocolate.

On the other side of campus is Stuart's, located on the ground floor of Bedford Hall. This is a great place on campus that is open

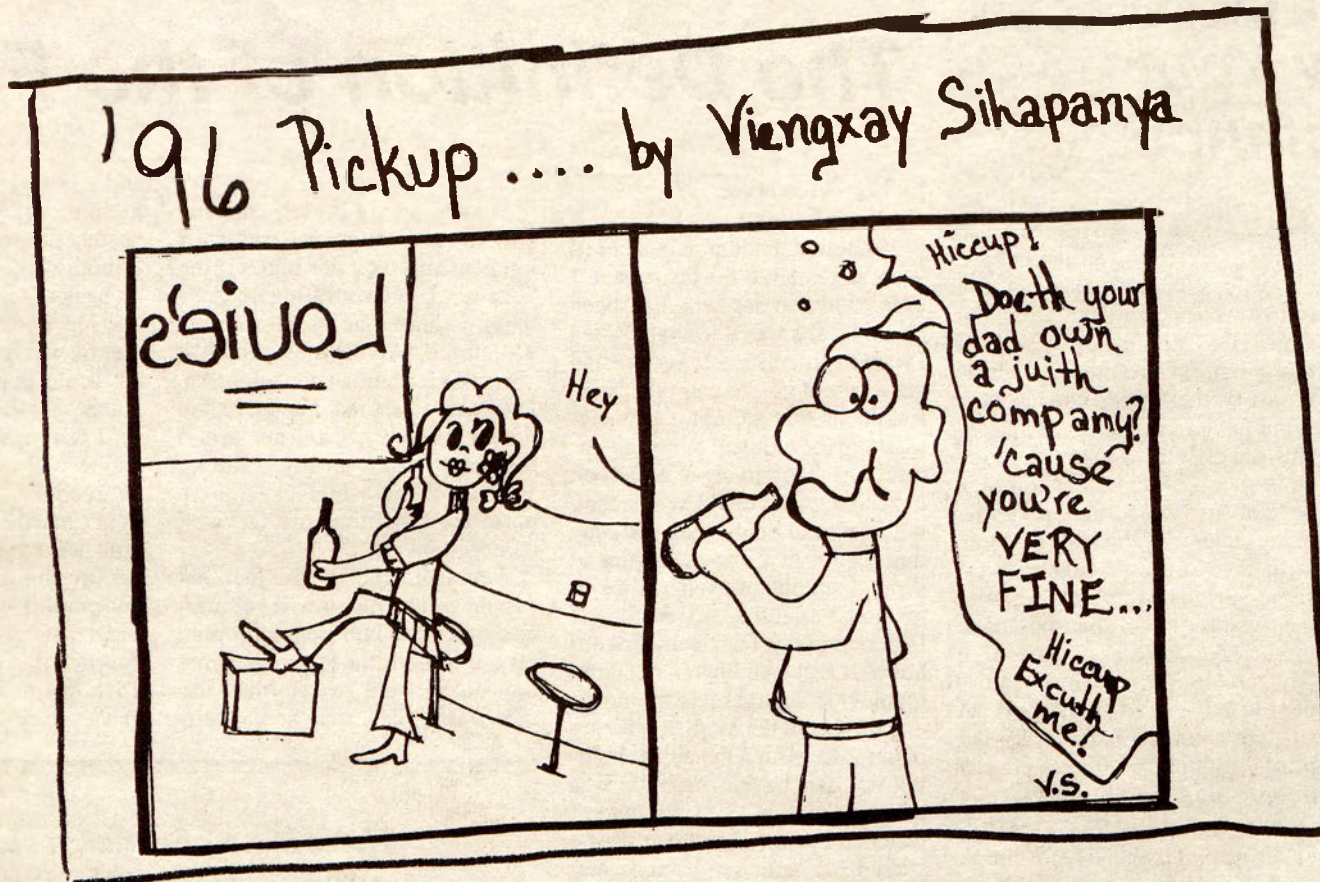


food and ice cream, without emptying your pockets. If you want to go out for dinner, East Side Mario's is a short taxi ride away at 425 Promenade Street. It has a great atmosphere, wonderful food, and relatively good prices.

Also just a short cab ride away is Thayer Street, on the East Side of Providence near Brown University. Besides coffee shops and restaurants, there are also many unique shops.

at night for students as a place to go and have a good time. Numerous scheduled events are held throughout the year, but Stuart's is also a great place to go and play pool or get something to munch on.

So, despite not having a car or a lot of extra money, there are many things that you as a student can do. You just need to be creative and want to have fun.



Ramble On

McKeating Tackles Football; Ride That Train!

by Todd McKeating '97
Sports Writer

Hey, Buffalo Bill here again. After another week of classes, another weekend of parties, Buffalo Bill is in a good mood. How 'bout them Friars. Huge win for the men's soccer team against number-four-in-the-country University of Rhode Island. The Indianapolis Colts came through with a big win; and what's up with all the touchdown celebrations?

*Hey all you Friar Fanatics, I hope y'all were present for the PC-URI men's soccer game this past Saturday. Well, if you were out boozing, or whatever else you were doing, listen up. You missed one hell of a game. The University of Rhode Island came to PC's Glay Field as the fourth-ranked team in the country, only to fall to the Friars 1-0. Behind excellent midfield play and superb goal keeping by Daniel Pires, the Friars pulled off the miraculous upset. Hey be a believer, **FRIAR FEVER** is alive at Glay Field.

*Captain Comeback was at it again Sunday. Jim Harbaugh brought the Indianapolis Colts back from a 21-3 deficit to defeat the Dallas Cowboys 25-24. Harbaugh finished the game 19-28, 244 yards, 2 TDs and 1 INT. The Colts managed to beat the Cowboys for the first time since

with me, Jerry Glanville is the worst announcer on the planet. If I have to hear one more thing about how he used to leave tickets at every game for Elvis, I think I will have to kick in my TV. He's even worse than that guy from Entertainment Tonight who covered the Olympic gymnastics, Mr. John Tesh.

*Gold Medalist Kerri Strug faces the toughest task of her life. No, not trying to land a perfect score on the platform horse with a severely sprained ankle; this Wednesday she will appear on Beverly Hills 90210.

*Tennessee versus Florida. This game has all the hype. It has Heisman implications, national title implications and a chance for Chirs Fowler and Lee Corso to go berserk. Go Peyton.

*One has to wonder why PC gets such a bad reputation from the local media. Yes we drink beer, yes, we like to party and have a good time, but where are the cameras when our students move back to school early to help build and clean parts of Providence? Where is the media when our students are volunteering for the Big Brother/Big Sister programs or for Campus Ministry? Where are they for all of these events? How come we never hear about the rampant drug use that goes on at Brown University?



Super Bowl V in 1970 with seven starters out with injuries.

*Don't be suprised to see Dan Reeves or Lou Holtz in the running for the Dallas Cowboys coaching vacancy if Barry Switzer gets canned, which he should.

*With all the taunting and end zone celebrations, everyone should take a page from the Green Bay Packers. They are just giving something back to the fans every time they jump into the end zone seats after a touchdown. "Now *that* is cooler than the other side of the pillow."

*What's going on in Patty Land? The New England Patriots' red zone woes disappeared against the hapless Arizona Cardinals. The Patriots were 5-5 in red-zone scoring on their way to 31-0 whuping of the Cardinals. Drew Bledsoe had a game Patriots fans have been waiting for all year. He completed 21 of 35 passes for 221 yards, 3TDs and 0 INTs. The real question out of this game is whether or not Boomer Esiason makes teams bad or teams make Boomer Esiason bad????

*Ain't it coooool to see America's Team (Dallas Cowboys) drop to 1-2? It is great to see Jerry Jones squirm. I think it is obvious by now that Barry Switzer CANNOT coach.

*OK, anyone watching the Patriots game this Sunday can agree

*USA, USA, USA, USA, USA, USA. TEAM USA defeated TEAM Canada two games to one, to win the World Cup of hockey. Behind Mike Richter's 21 saves in the second period on Saturday and Brett Hull's magnificent series, the U.S. dethroned the Canadians at their own game.

*"Come on Ride the Train, Come on Ride the Train." PC's men's soccer team, Jim Harbaugh and TEAM USA are all on the TRAIN this week.

*Dave Brown is the worst quarterback in the world. He was 17-for-31 for 201 yards and four interceptions. Maybe they should have kept Tommy Maddox. Anyone is better than this guy. Come on, he graduated from Duke. The last good thing to come out of the Duke football program was coach Steve Spurrier, and he left to build Florida into a national powerhouse.

*Barry Bonds reached the 30/30 club (30 home runs, 30 stolen bases) for the fourth time in his career. Too bad he is such a jack-ass. He is one of the game's truly great talents. He should just let his play speak for him.

*Great matchup this Monday Night. The Pittsburgh Steelers versus the Buffalo Bills. The Black & Gold against the Red, White and Blue. Now who is America's Team!!!!!!!!!!!!

PC ATHLETES OF THE WEEK



Maria McCambridge '98
(Dublin, Ireland)
Cross Country

Maria established a meet record (17:10.9) and led the Lady Friars to their 11th consecutive URI Invitational title on Saturday.



Daniel Pires '99
(Ludlow, MA)
Soccer

The sophomore goalie backboneed the PC defense as the Friars upset the fourth-ranked University of Rhode Island Saturday. Pires made four saves as he posted his second shutout of the season.

THIS WEEK IN SPORTS

Friday

Men's Soccer
Volleyball

Rutgers
@ Boston College
Eagle Classic
vs Minnesota
@ Seton Hall

Saturday

Women's Soccer
Volleyball

@ Eagle Classic
vs Bucknell
vs Cincinnati
@ Boston Festival (JV)
Franklin Park,
Boston, MA
@ UNH Invitational
Portsmouth, NH

Sunday

Men's X-country

Golf

Women's Soccer
Men's Soccer
Field hockey

@ Monmouth
Villanova
Villanova
@ UNH Invitational
@ Hartford
@ Central Connecticut
@ Yale
@ Yale
@ Holy Cross
@ Massachusetts

Tuesday

Volleyball
Women's Tennis

Wednesday

Women's Soccer
Men's Soccer
Field hockey

Thursday

Women's Tennis

West Coast Woes

by Ken Martin '99
Sports Writer

September in New England can sometimes be a little glum. The nights get a bit cooler, the sun disappears a bit earlier, and the leaves start to fall from the trees a bit quicker. Therefore, it would seem the Providence Women's Volleyball Team had much to look for-

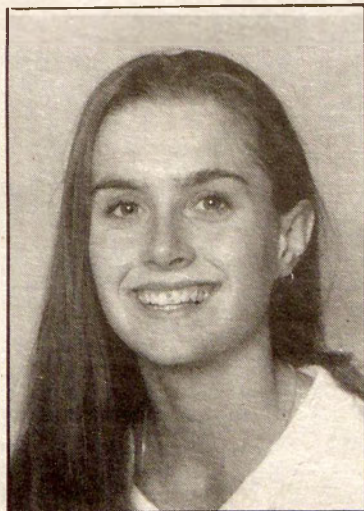
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ward to as they traveled to sunny California last Friday to compete in the St. Mary's Invitational Tournament. Yet, as the weekend went on the Lady Friars may have started to miss New England, losing three out of four matches and dropping to 5-6 for the season overall.

PC, who played four matches in three days, lost tough battles to San Jose State (1-3), Nevada (1-3), and St. Mary's (0-3).

"We knew they were going to be very good teams but we still wanted to win some matches," commented senior captain Becky Loftus on her teams' recent trip. "Overall, we took some positives out of the weekend and it will help us move ahead this year."

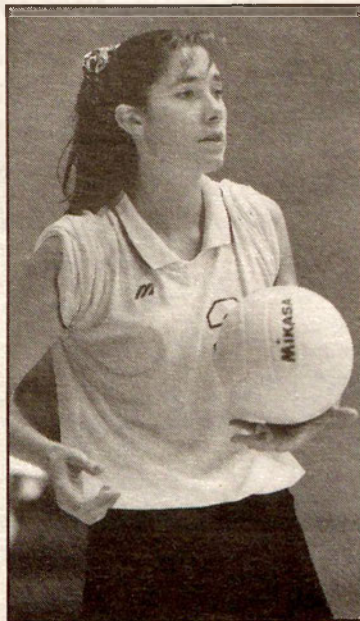
Loftus is one positive that has



Wish They All Could Be California Girls: Kristin Gallagher, Heidi Brady, and Michelle Galliano

been a constant all year for PC, leading the team in kills (101) and blocks (18). Under the leadership of the Lady Friar captain, PC was able to win a straight games match (3-0) over the Air Force Academy and salvage a possible ill-fated weekend.

"Becky is a real leader on and off the court. We look for her to give us that spark, that's why she is our captain," remarked junior setter Kristen Kam who leads the team in assists (345). "The Air

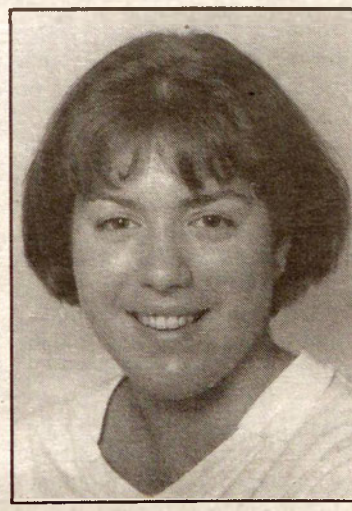


Force game was a good win to go home with and even though we lost some games it was a great trip for the team as a whole."

The west-coast trip was also a homecoming of sorts for three Providence players. Junior hitter

Heidi Brady and freshman outside hitters Kristen Gallagher and Michelle Galliano are all from California. This point was highlighted as PC fans represented a large part of the tournament's attendance.

The Black and White will con-



Friars will not play their first home contest until October 1st and do not start their Big East Schedule until October 11th.

"It's definitely easier to play at home but hopefully this stretch will show us how to play in adverse situations," said senior hitter Sarah Parsons. "Good teams have to win on the road and we definitely have that opportunity during the next few

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After this weekend at Boston, Providence will compete in the Dartmouth Invitational and the Central Connecticut State Playoffs before facing Brown on the 1st in Alumni Hall.

Yes, Septembers in New England can sometimes be cold and rainy but for PC Volleyball there's no place like home.

Soccer Upset Continued

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from, he just knows it's *there*.

Of course, no goalie in their right mind who just posts a shut-out forgets to mention his defense,

Let's put this in perspective: it would be like the men's basketball team beating Kentucky

especially his sweeper, Chris Coulis. "He just played great," gushed Pires. "They all just played real solid."

The team wasn't finished,

though. The celebrating was cut short to prepare for Brown University, another soccer powerhouse. On Tuesday night the Friars played with the Bears, only to fall 2-1. Costly miscues, including scoring on their own goal, caused the loss. The above goal was scored on a corner kick, where bad weather met with bad karma to cause a foot to slip. Pires deemed it "unlucky" and added, "you can't win 'em all."

Midfielder Kruse is leading the team in scoring with three goals for a total of six points. Pires has emerged as the top goalie, with a total of 29 saves and a .853 save percentage.

Providence's overall record is 2-2-1 (0-1-1 in the Big East). The Friars fell only one goal shy in their two defeats. Promising? You bet. This coming from a team that finished 2-16 last season. They

have a very big game against Rutgers on Friday at home, for not only is Rutgers a top soccer program, they are also a conference team.

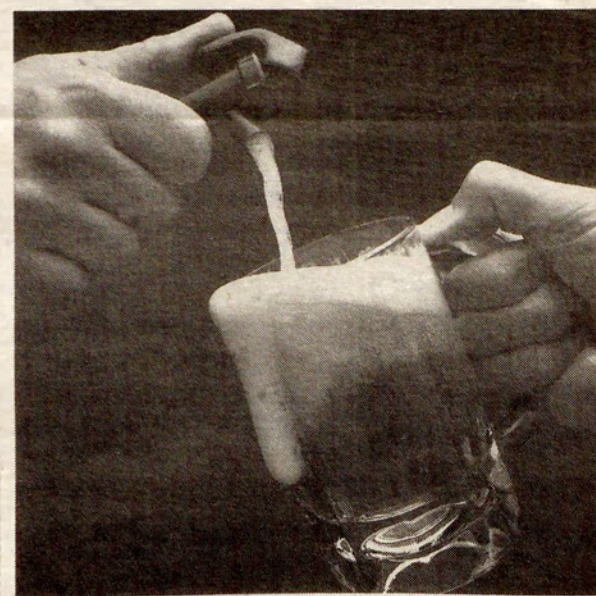
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rain, rain GO AWAY

by Kim Galipeau '99
Sports Writer

Though rain, unfortunately, doesn't cancel classes, it does cancel tennis games.

Both the men's and women's tennis teams were prepared to travel to UConn last Thursday, until this bothersome precipitation forced the games to be postponed until Wednesday, October 2nd for the men and Friday, September 20th for the women. The women were supposed to travel to Hartford on Tuesday, which then was postponed until Wednesday, but once again the rain caused problems both times.

The weekend of the September 27th, will be the men's first challenge this season at the Yale Invitational, as well as the National Claycourt Championships in Baltimore for junior doubles partners Dylan Williams and Felipe Vivar. The women's upcoming game is versus UNH at home on Thursday, September 19th.

The challenges of this past weekend consisted of the women's Syracuse Invitational, where the two new freshmen, Jessie LeMasters and Kim Bergin, volleyed their way to a fourth place victory in their respective singles matches. "We were pleasantly surprised with the game results of both of the freshmen," said Coach Carl LaBranche.

Based upon what are called "challenge matches," where the girls play against other members of their team to decide which singles spot they will receive, Jessie LeMasters won her way into the #1 singles position. "I really hate that time," said LeMasters, "because we're all a team and it's hard to play against your teammates."

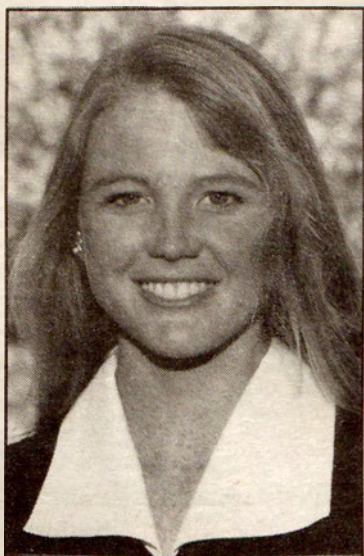
One would think that being a freshman having to play against #1 seeded players with much more college tennis experience would put lots of pressure on LeMasters. That's not true in this case.

"It took the pressure off, actually. I knew they had more experience, and I wasn't expected to win," said LeMasters. Well, she did and with a pretty impressive score of 6-4, 6-1. She went on to play in the Third/Fourth match,

losing 2-6, 4-6, placing her in fourth place out of eight. "Jessie is very strong for a freshman, and will nicely fill the void at #1, left by last year's graduating senior, Gretchen Marquard," stated LaBranche.

Playing 6th singles and winning the first round with a score of 6-0, 6-4, was freshman Kim Bergin. "I knew it would be a tough match, because the teams we played against were really good," said Bergin. Coach LaBranche was "very happy" with Kim's win. Losing the next round gave Kim an impressive fourth place title.

According to LaBranche, the



Christy Judge '97

Syracuse Invitational "gives an early season check on where (the team) stands. Considering the competition, all the girls played really well."

Sophomore Claire Curry, and juniors Christina Martin and Monica Martinez will be fighting to be the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th singles players. Based upon the results of the Syracuse Invitational, the 5th and 6th single spots will be shared between Kim Bergin and sophomore Katie Burke.

Junior Cahira Castellini "has much improved," says LaBranche. "She will be playing possibly doubles, and will push for singles." Senior Captain Christy Judge is in the process of recovering from an injury. According to LaBranche, "she will be a big help (for the women's tennis team) this year."

The rest of the tennis roster consists of junior Julie Wlodecki, and sophomores Kiley Garroghan and Shana Pinti.

"I think our team has a lot of depth this year," says LeMasters. Kim Bergin agrees that the '96-'97 women's tennis team consists of a "very solid line-up."

Hopefully the rain will end soon, and the sun will come out, so the PC women's tennis team, complete with two outstanding freshmen, will get their chance to shine.

A Chilly Reception: Women's Soccer Drops Two on the Road at Maine

by Gladys Ganiel '99
Sports Writer

The Providence women's soccer team traveled to the University of Maine for the Diadora Invitational last weekend but their opponents, Wake Forest and the host Black Bears, were as inhospitable as the chilly Orono climate. Coach Liz Wynn's club lost 11-1 to the Demon Deacons and 3-0 to UMaine.

"It was rainy and about 45 degrees the whole time we were there," said assistant coach Moira Harrington. "And the only thing I brought with me to wear was shorts."

So while Harrington and the Friars learned a valuable lesson about packing for arctic Maine weather, they also learned some even more valuable lessons about how to improve their team.

"We definitely need to improve our transition from defense to offense," said senior backfielder Amanda Lynch. "We have no offensive power right now."

Indeed Wake Forest, representing the always tough ACC conference, outshot PC 25-14 for the game and held a 6-1 edge at half-time. It took less than a minute

and a half for the Deacons to find the net, and they had racked up four goals before the Friars' Shayna Ross booted home an unassisted score 24 minutes into the match.

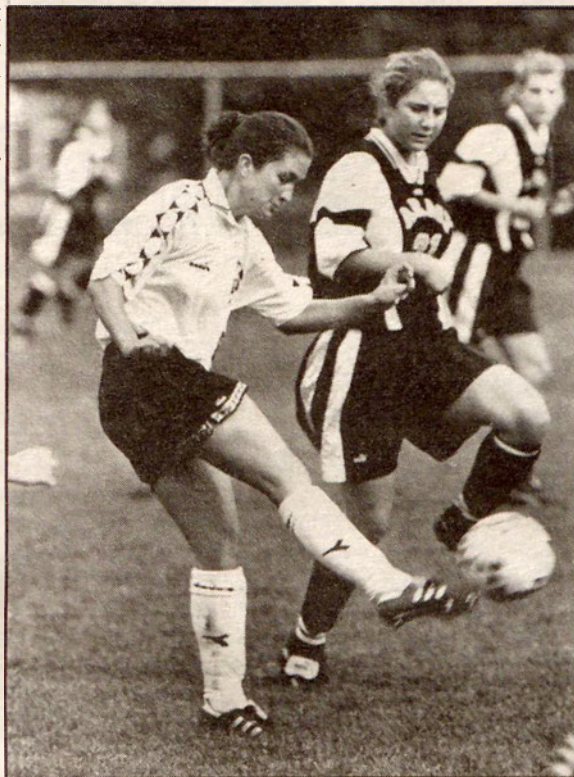
couldn't capitalize on theirs." Maine only outshot PC 17-14, and both squads fired nine attempts at the net in the second half.

"We were more in it mentally and prepared (against Maine)," Lynch explained. "But we've gotten better and better. This weekend is the most shots we've gotten off."

Providence goalie Sheila Gibbons made five saves in the complete game loss. Gibbons also started the Wake Forest game and split time in the box with Betsy Burke, who had started the Friars' first four contests. Lynch and forward Jesse Ricardo were named to the Diadora all-tournament team.

Lynch admits that it has been frustrating, as a defensive player, to be at the mercy of their opponents' offense for extended periods. But she also sees the steady improvement PC has made on its offense and on its transition game. That improvement has already paid off in shots on goal. Now the only place left for it to pay off is in the victory column.

The Friars were slated to take on Brown Wednesday afternoon, but the match was postponed due to rain. The game has been rescheduled for November 6 at 2:00.



Amanda Lynch '97 hopes to settle the Friars

Lynch conceded that "Wake Forest is really good," but she believes that PC outplayed the Black Bears. "We dominated the Maine game," she said. "Maine capitalized on our errors, but we just

Like Coming Home

New Coach Mendes Takes Over Where Others Left Off

by Scott Palmieri '97
Sports Writer

Change, though difficult, is a necessary part of life. It calls for some adjustment and the hope is that it will always result in growth. The members of the women's volleyball team certainly hope that sentiment is true as they've entered this season with their third coach in four years.

Coach Bagge spent 17 years at the helm. Then, the popular head coach Deb Matika departed this summer after two seasons. Luckily, PC didn't have to search far to find a successor. In fact, they didn't have to look past Rhode Island. Karen Mendes, who spent seven successful years at Bryant College as head coach, was named as the Lady Friars' new leader.

The senior class of this squad, Carol Lukasik, Sarah Parsons, and Becky Loftus, is the only class who has endured all three coaching transitions. "It was nothing I expected," said captain Becky Loftus, "but it's turned out good every time it's happened. Every coach is different and I've learned something new from three differ-

ent coaches."

"Different" was the word Mendes used in describing her coaching philosophy. She realized, however, that overhauling the team by making too many changes would have been detrimental. "We have a more 'back to basics' style, stressing fundamentals," said Mendes. With the help of new assistant coach Ken Nichols, Mendes has been teaching a more conservative, defensive style than her predecessor.

"She stresses a good attitude. It doesn't matter who you are; if you're working hard, you'll play"

Junior Kristen Kam, a setter, has benefited from the change in focus. "I've learned a lot of new things. Both coaches (Mendes and Nichols) played my position." In fact, Mendes' play in 1987 as a Lady Friar earned her Big East MVP honors. Her success as a player lead her to pursue a coaching career. "Overall it was a great experience," said Mendes of her

years at Bryant. "We were regionally ranked each year, but we weren't getting the scholarship money necessary to make it to the next level."

Returning to Providence has been "like coming home" for Coach Mendes. "The transition's been easier since I'm familiar with the campus, the administration, and the personalities here." Feeling comfortable in her surroundings was a good start in trying to settle herself and her team so that they could focus on the challenges ahead. "We're all understanding the transition, trying to make the best of it. We've intensified practice to try to make playing more enjoyable and it seems to be working." Loftus commented, "She stresses having a good attitude. It doesn't matter who you are; if you're working hard, you'll play."

Despite the many changes these past few years, the goals haven't changed. "Our primary goal is to make the Big East Tournament which is well within reach with the talent we have," said Mendes. "It's putting certain individuals on the floor with good chemistry. We're finding what each player can offer in a positive way to make what we have work." These players, who all carry different influences, must incorporate their similar experience of change to reach their single goal of winning.

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Field Hockey Sets Sights On UConn

Head Coach Jackie Barto Looks To Take a Group of Veterans Into Battle

by Mike Friess '97
Sports Writer

Providence College field Hockey is back. The Lady Friars are looking to upset favorites UConn and Syracuse to earn their first ever Big East championship. With fifteen returning letter winners, including five starters, the Friars should have the talent and experience necessary to reach the next level and challenge the Big East elite.

The Lady Friars' strength is in the midfield. Senior tri-captain



Christine Cameron '97

hard play in the middle while Wagoner, an All-America candidate, will provide consistency and scoring from the midfield. Wagoner, who missed two games last year due to injury, had twelve points, including four goals, in the remaining fifteen games. A welcome addition to an already strong midfield is High School All-American Jennifer D'Amore.

Offensively, the Friars are lacking in experience, losing Bonnie McDonald and Meredith Zenowich to graduation. The new corps of forwards are young, but very fast. They are led by juniors Heather Koopman and Alissa Wickles. Neither started consistently, but both saw plenty of playing time and should contribute to the scoring.

With inexperience on the offense, the backfield defenders will have to be doubly effective. Defenders Kathleen Schanne and

Christine Cameron, both senior tri-captains, will share the leadership, along with Fahey, of a young team. Schanne was an All-Big East Second Teamer last year and Cameron has started 39 games in three years. Sophomore Jamie Shipman and senior Denise O'Sullivan will add depth and talent.

In the cage, junior Jamie Soteriades returns for her third starting season. Last year, she posted an impressive 1.48 Goals Against Average and an .844 save percentage. Freshman Andrea Weyl will back Soteriades up in goal.

Jackie Barto, a 1984 Providence graduate in her twelfth year of coaching, assessed her team. "This team will be solid defensively as we return four of five starters. Offensively, we will be quick and explosive after working hard in the off-season." In the pre-season coaches poll, Providence

was picked to come in fifth out of six Big East teams. UConn was picked first with all but one first place vote: their own. Although UConn is the clear favorite, three-time defending champion Syracuse will also be tough to beat as will an improved Boston College team.

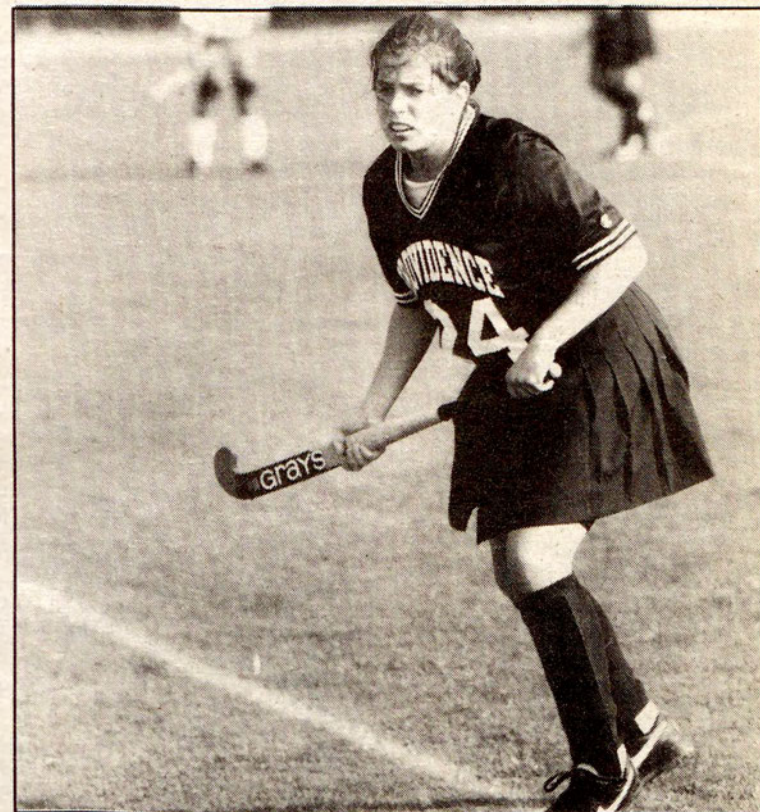
The Friars lost their first three games of the season, including the

season's only match against UConn. At the end of the season, only four of the six teams are invited to the Big East Championship Tournament held at UConn. Already 0-3, the Lady Friars will have to work hard to catch the Huskies and the rest of the conference in hopes of qualifying for a slot in the tournament.



Julie Fahey '97

Julie Fahey joins First Team All-Big East junior Paula Wagoner as the midfield nucleus. The speedy Fahey will provide experience and



Kathleen Schanne '97



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Women's Cross-Country Receives Perfect Score

by John Carchedi '98
Asst. Sports Editor

The University of Rhode Island women's cross country squad have been nice enough to act as a crash test dummy for their Providence College opponents this month.

After being run over by the Friars the previous weekend at the Central Connecticut Invitational, the Rams had the misfortune of hosting PC (among others) for last Saturday's URI Invitational. The Friars returned the favor by grabbing the first five spots for a score of 15, while the Rams stumbled in with 64 points and second place.

"We expected to win it going in, obviously, but the way the girls ran was very encouraging," noted Providence head coach Ray Treacy.

In her first race since spring track, junior Maria McCambridge was phenomenal, crushing a ten-year-old course record by sixteen seconds and finishing 45 seconds ahead of the second place harrier.

"Maria had her first race since the NCAA outdoors in June and she looked fabulous, she looked the best I've ever seen her look," lauded Treacy. "It was a good course record that stood for over ten years and had withstood the onslaught of (former Friar greats) Sinead (Delahunty) and Geraldine Hendricken and Amy (Rudolph). All those girls had cracks at the

course record and nobody's been able to break it, but Maria demolished it."

Providence sophomore Sarah Dupre continues to impress, taking second place in 17:55. Senior Heather Couture nabbed third (17:58), co-captain Krissy Haacke placed fourth (17:59), and super freshman Dana Ostrander finished fifth (18:19).

"It was a good course record that stood for over ten years... nobody's been able to break it, but Maria demolished it"

"Krissy, Heather, and Sarah ran very well," added Treacy. "Having four of them break 18-minutes on that course at this stage of the season is very good. Moira (Harrington) ran 18:01 there last year, so the group is on par with what Moira was doing this time last year which is a very good sign. And Dana ran solidly as well. She ran 18:19, which is probably the fastest freshman we've had down

there over the years."

Team co-captain and 1996 Olympian Marie McMahon and super sophomore Gladys Ganiel sat out this race in preparation for the major races. The first of these races takes place September 28th at the University of Minnesota Invitational. So we have seven solid runners headed to Minnesota to face some of the nation's top competition.

"You're looking at now, with Marie and Maria, the best 1-2 in the country," explained Treacy. "The NCAA title could come down to the two of them. They'll be two of the top four, anyway."

"So we bring most of them together for Minnesota," continued the coach. "We bring Marie back and Gladys back, and we're going to have a very strong seven out there."

These first two meets are useful in gaging how effective the summer and early season training has gone. By the captain's account, it has gone very well.

"All the girls are running better than they were at this time last year," acknowledged McMahon. "Everyone's in great shape and we've started very well."

It is Minnesota, where PC will face the nation's finest and not just Rhode Island's finest, that will speak volumes about how good the team is.

"Just get out to Minnesota,

that's what I want to do, and see how they race, see how they react to the situation in Minnesota," replied Treacy. "They're all very experienced at this stage so I think (Minnesota) is something that will just show us exactly where they are at this point in time. After that we're three weeks before our next race, so it will be a lot of hard work

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in those three weeks.

"Maria and Marie are exactly where they want to be and all we have to do is maintain those girls and just get them fitter and fitter as the season goes along. The other girls are running very well, too. So, the fingers are crossed."

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Woes On The Field

by Mike Friess '97
Sports Writer

The 1996 Providence College Field Hockey squad got off to a rough start, facing three tough opponents right off the bat, and losing to all three. Ball State, Northeastern University, and the University of Connecticut are all ranked in the top twenty nationally.

This year's team is very young, with nine freshmen compared to four seniors. Many of the younger players had trouble making the adjustment from high school to college, or from a back-up role to a starting position. Many of these young talents were thrown into the fire in the season opener against Ball State.

The Ball State game was a tough battle waged in rainy conditions here in Providence on September 7. The Lady Friars showed both their offensive shortcomings and their defensive strength by failing to score but holding a prolific Ball state team to only two goals.

The next match was against Northeastern, another good team. This time the entire team, including the young players, performed much better. All-American candidate Paula Wagoner called the September 8 showdown a good game that the Friars should have won. The score went back and forth with Providence leading for a good portion of the game.

"We played well, well enough to win, but it just didn't happen," said Wagoner, who scored the first goal of the game from her position in the midfield.

The third game was against the

University of Connecticut. This September 14 match was the first of five pivotal Big East games this season. UConn is clearly the team to beat in the Big East and is ranked nationally in the top five. Again, the Lady Friars played well enough to win, despite the 7-2 final score.

The score was only 2-0 in favor of UConn at the half. However, in a five and a half minute span, the Huskies rattled off five quick goals and the Lady Friars never recovered. Providence scored two goals in the second half, but it was too little too late.

"We played well, well enough to win, but it just didn't happen"

About halfway through the second half, with the game virtually out of reach, Coach Jackie Barto pulled junior goaltender Jamie Soteriades and replaced her with rookie Andrea Weyl. Weyl played the remainder of the second half and shutout one of the best teams in the nation in her first collegiate experience. Could there be a goalie controversy in the making?

Soteriades had a very good sophomore season, with a 1.48 goals against average and an .844

save percentage. However, she has been ineffective thus far this season. On the other hand, she did have six shutouts last year; Weyl only saw playing time after the game was over and probably only faced UConn's reserves. In any case, it will be interesting to see who Coach Barto starts in the cage this weekend against Villanova. Since the offense is so young and has not quite gelled yet, the goalie position becomes that much more important and her decision much more difficult.

The Lady Friars' next game

happens to be with another Big East foe, Villanova. With one loss in the conference already, the game against Nova becomes that much more important if the Friars want to see any action in the Big East Championship Tournament to be held in November in Connecticut. Wagoner assessed her team's chances. "If we play the way we're able to, we should beat them." The Lady Wildcats come to Providence on Sunday, followed by road trips to Holy Cross and Maine on Wednesday and Saturday of next week.

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The Bigger They Are....The Harder They Fall Men's Soccer Team Topples #4 Ranked Rhode Island Rams

by Cory R. McGann '98
Sports Editor (that's right!)

Miracles can happen. Just ask the 1983 North Carolina State basketball team. However, if you cannot get a hold of any of them, just try the Providence College Men's Soccer team.

The Black and White left the #4 ranked URI Rams black and blue on Saturday as they stole a 1-0 victory and handed the visiting Rams their first (and probably their last) loss of the season.

Let's put this in perspective: it would be like the men's basketball team beating Kentucky. Yes, that big. And though many turned out to see the team play, few knew of URI's stature in the soccer world. Yet as the game progressed, the realization of what a huge upset this would be seemed to seep in on the many fans standing some three deep along the sidelines.

PC played beautiful soccer as they completely dismantled the high-powered URI offense, while tallying a single goal: a Robert Kruse back-of-the-netter from a sweet feed by freshman Michael Eisenhut.

The story of the game, amid Kruse's sweet shot, smart midfield play, and gutsy defense, was the play of by sophomore goalkeeper Daniel Pires. He faced ten shots on goal and recorded four saves while notching his second shutout of the year.

It would seem that there would be a lot of pressure on the young netminder. Figure that Providence, although good intentioned, is not going to score many goals against the Rhode Island juggernaut. And also figure that the Rams would keep the ball on Providence's side pretty much all day (which they did) and be able to switch from defense to offense rather quickly

(which they could). You would think that this would be a whole lot of pressure, right?

Wrong. "I don't think so," denied Pires. "I think we just concentrated on playing more solidly. We just have a lot of positive attitudes."

Don't laugh. Maybe that's exactly what this team needed. Not many people expect too much from the soccer team, and sometimes write them off before the first practice. Yet this team has a lot of talent. They work hard and play harder.

Second-year head coach Brian Ainscough has been part of the change in attitude. Combine that with a healthy mix of young blood and seasoned veterans, and this team seems to be on the verge of a turnaround. Pires doesn't quite know where the new attitude came

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Goalie Daniel Pires looks focused against stiff competition

Working For A Return Trip

Heather Couture Missed Last Year's Championship Run.
Now She Looks To Be a Part of Title Number Two

by John Carchedi '98
Asst. Sports Editor

An injury is the most frustrating thing in the world for a Division I athlete. Imagine dedicating your days to a sport, to a team, and then being forced to sit and watch.

Senior harrier Heather Couture suffered a stress fracture while training for last year's cross country campaign. She had to sit out the season and watch her teammates capture the National Championship.

Now she wants to help the team repeat.

"(Injury) is definitely difficult at the college level," explained Couture. "Being on a team that's one of the best in the country running is very important to us. It was a little depressing. But I knew they could do it and I was very happy for them."

The work's paid off, as the Manchester, New Hampshire native has placed second and third, respectively, in the Friars' first meets of the season, and looks like a lock to remain in the top five for the remainder of the season.

"Right now she's running brilliantly," noted Friar co-captain Marie McMahon. "I think the fact that she missed last cross country season has helped her prepare for this season."

Couture was preparing to run brilliantly last season before developing a stress fracture in her right femur in August. Since the injury would slow her long enough to keep her from breaking the top seven, the decision was made to scrap her X-C campaign and concentrate on indoors. The move paid off.

"She just used the months of October and November to get ready for indoor track," recalled Providence Head Coach Ray Treacy. "As soon as she hopped on the track indoors she started running (Personnel Bests). That's the way her indoor and outdoor season went: she got better and better as the seasons went along. I think the kind of confidence that she had during the outdoor season last year carried into the summer. She's come into cross country very confident."

But while the decision paid off in the long run, it's never easy to



Heather Couture '97

simply watch.

"It was very difficult for her because the team went down and won the NCAA's and she's feeling that she could have been part of that," explained Treacy. "That was very difficult for her to watch. But the fact that she took the positives out of that situation rather than the negatives showed why she ran so well during the indoor and outdoor seasons. A lot of people

would have taken the negatives and would be down in the dumps. She took the positives out of the situation and ran well.

"That's going to help her this year," continued the coach. "She now wants to be part of an NCAA-winning team. And she wants to be part of this team as they try to repeat."

O.K., here's the kicker. While Couture is one of the top runners on one of the top team in the nation now, there was a time when no one knew who she was. Although finishing in the top fifteen in the New Hampshire high school state meet, she was not recruited by college coaches. She arrived at prestigious Providence, and decided to take a shot at being a walk on.

"I was a crap runner in high school," Couture fondly recalled. "No one knew me. When I went to Coach Treacy's office, they must have been wondering what I was doing there. But I knew Providence had a good distance program, I knew Coach Treacy was an excellent coach, and I knew he'd help me get better."

Treacy has benefited.

"She's made vast improvements," lauded the 12-year Friar mentor. "She's probably the most improved athlete over the course of a four year period that we've ever had. Heather just came in and decided 'I can run with these girls, I can train with these girls, and I can get better'. And she did. She got better and better year after year. And now she's at the point where she's running with the best girls in the country. It just goes to show what you can achieve when you work hard at something."

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