Health Alert: Mosquitoes Bring Virus to the State

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 15th. 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 immediate 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 Report, PC was ranked third.

According to Dr. Canavan, this year's methodology suggests that PC is doing the "right things" in terms of its range of programs, graduation rates, and faculty size. Another important area that determines the rank of a school is the financial support it receives from its alumni. Dr. Canavan explained that the high level of alumni giving is based on the satisfaction a student finds from his or her educational experience after graduation, and contributes some of his or her success, which contributed to the rating received at the college.

In this category, PC is 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.

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 victim 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 previous occasions, but they were able to get away. Another rumor suggests that the person who exposed his genitalia to 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.

Some attacks of this nature were reported to Security," 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 had known someone capable 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 were reading them." Security on campus is an issue which concerns all students. When asked if the Rhode Island Ramp Crisis Center at 421-4100, 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."

by Rachel Mays '99

Assault Rumors Addressed

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PC Celebrates Mass on the Grotto

by Whitney Wallace '98

Campus Ministry and Valerie Politano '99

The Grotto Mass, despite some sound difficulties, and the threat of rain, was a success. With 500 students comfortably sitting on the ground, Fr. Barranger offered the sermon that all students could relate to.

Syner '97 commented, “It was an inspiring homily that not only 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 there listening to the homily, I looked around at all the faces that made up PC and felt an overwhelming sense of community.”

Students enjoying themselves at the Grotto Mass

Presidential Debates

by Michael J. Walsh '97

Student Congress President

The presidential debate was held to PC, where it always rains. Well, we are all into our third week of classes and should just get used to 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 or RHA office. The elections will be held on Thursday, October 10. 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 going to Congress office at Slavin 109 or coming to our weekly Congress meeting every Tuesday at 6pm in Moore Hall to learn more about our various committees.

Another great opportunity is being held an informational JRW core meeting on Tuesday, October 1st at 3pm 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 it was canceled because of the weather. I would like to thank the Clubs and Organizations Chairmanship for their continued support in organizing the event. If you signed up join any of the numerous clubs available, 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 had a lot of fun.

Mosquitoes

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will remain in some danger. Local school systems have revised school schedules to protect students from the insects. The Student Health Center suggests getting immediate medical attention if any of the following symptoms are experienced:

- High fever
- Severe weakness
- Vomiting
- Severe headache
- Severe sensitivity to light
- Stiff neck

West Warwick, R.I.: The Rhode Island Food Bank finds itself in a bind— itself is none too 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 brought to us every week from Stop & Shop and Shaw’s supermarkets.

Executive director, Bernie Beaudeau, 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.”

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.

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- Wednesday—Politics
- Thursday—Campus Issues
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PC's Democrats and Republicans Prepare for Elections

by Colleen E. Pappas '99
Adviser News Editor

As the National Democratic and Republican Parties gear up for this November's presidential election, here on campus, 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 advantage of the right of the 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 Attalanti '97, president of College Republican Club, and Amy Rodgers '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 opening a significant amount of time lending a hand to campaigns in the Providence area. One campaign that both College Republicans and College Democrats will be involved in is the Senate race.

"The top priority is to get as many people down to Jack Reed and Republican challenger Nancy Mayer's campaign headquarters and manpower," said Rodgers. "People will be out there canvassing to acquaint them with the candidates that they have chosen to support. As Rodrigues explained, "We are getting people to place a vote."" College Democrats can, for example, send a group of people down to Jack Reed's office to help out for a couple of hours," it helped because we're getting involved and helping out the campaign.

There are also other campaigns that will be receiving help from PC students. As Attalanti explained, "[College Republicans] will be working on three state level campaigns for people who are running for state representative."

"These will be really grassroots coalitions," continued Attalanti, "where some of us will be actual campaign managers for those running for offices."

Added Attalanti, "We are going to try to get active in Bill Dew's campaign in Massachusetts for Senate because that's a national race that's getting a lot of media coverage.

There are other campaigns on the Democratic agenda as well. The goal plan to volunteer time to the Bill Weygand campaign and possibly the campaign of Patrick Leahy for Senate."

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, as 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 already out 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 President Rodrigo, "and this is yet another thing 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 as it really does, whoever is sworn in to presidential office will affect what happens for the next four years."

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 concern- ing 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 check the site at All Politics-CNN/TIME, a web page devoted to Campaign '96 at http://AllPolitics.com.

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Making Your Voice Heard In Local Government

by Adair Romrell '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 operates.

The reason for this is that the majority of our College Republicans and College Democrats 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 begun.

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."

1,000 students registered to vote in Rhode Island then the city council would not have been able to hold a 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 added that, "we can potentially help our relations with off-campus police.

According to Gloria Conte, clerk for the city of Providence's Registration Office, there have not yet been any PS students who have voted in a local election this year.

This is not due to low voter participation or lack of civic duties, said Conte, "It's just that a lot of people are not registered to vote."

"Aside from registering to vote, we hope to recruit a group of students to volunteer to hold these events," Conte added. "The group plans to hold voter registration drives on different days, both on and off campus."

The meetings, which will be held on the campus lawn, will be open to the public.

The schedule will be as follows:

Tuesday, October 22: 5:00 to 9:00 PM

Wednesday, October 23: 5:00 to 9:00 PM

Thursday, October 24: 5:00 to 9:00 PM

Friday, October 25: 5:00 to 9:00 PM

Saturday, October 26: 5:00 to 9:00 PM

Sunday, October 27: 1:00 to 5:00 PM

Tuesday, October 29: 5:00 to 9:00 PM

Wednesday, October 30: 5:00 to 9:00 PM

Thursday, October 31: 5:00 to 9:00 PM

Friday, November 1: 5:00 to 9:00 PM

Saturday, November 2: 5:00 to 9:00 PM

Sunday, November 3: 1:00 to 5:00 PM

Tuesday, November 5: 5:00 to 9:00 PM

The Voter Registration Office is located in the Slocum Student Center.

The Providence College Office of Student Life will provide information and a table for registration.

Do The Dew: Winterim '96

by Matthew F. Stauff '00
News Writer

Winterim '96, aka 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 Sugarbush/USA were present at the event. Among the sponsors for the Winterim '96 included Mountain Dew, Jeep, and Sony. There were also deals for covering the cost of raffle prizes, some of which were t-shirts, a pair of skis, and a snowboard.

The entire presentation was hand-handled by the Student Life Office. 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 ski- ing 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 parade stations for snowboarding. Students could also attempt the "dew wall" that was set up at the event. There was also a raffle pool for the purpose of a raffle draw.

John MacDonald '00 said of the interactive aspect, "I thought it was pretty good and I actually played a few of your winter sports. They really showed what today's technology could do, as well as the sports at the tail end of summer." Three tents were solely devoted to the raffle representatives. In these areas, students could obtain pamphlets and information about the raffle prizes, free tickets, and could also register for the raffle.

BMP board member Brian Pestefy '97 said of Winterim '96 that "they [Winterim '96] are very well-planned out and the PC What various ski resorts were offering college students this winter, competed in a final obstacle course.

The 10 members of the winning team each received a gift certificate to area malls, including Em- erald Square, Square, and Montgomery Ward. The winners, in part, a way to help motivate the freshmen class to take advantage of the shuttle bus that goes to the Fort. As well as in order to spawn more student interest they have recreate MTV's Tabula Rasa, a show 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. Con- tact him by leaving a message in the Student Congress Lobbyist's mailbox in Slavin.

Freshmen Battle at Friar Fights

by Yvonne M. Arsenault '99
News Writer

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

Due to the damp weather of the night before and the recent mos- quito scare, Friar Fights were held outside Peterson Center this year and the barbecues were canceled. But this didn't seem to dampen the enthusiasm of most freshmen or the coordinators. Many students shared the sentiments of Cathy Sangiovanni '97 that she was "the most fun I've had since I've been here."

Friar Fights are a series of events in which all 24 teams partic- ipate. In a round-robin type event, each team had hula-hoop races, water balloon tosses, a 4-legged race, and the popular popular tug of war. The events were divided into three fields and the winners of each field were announced. The winners were then placed in bracket form for the final round of the competition. The winners then moved on, with 12 teams making it to the second round and the final four teams competing in a final round. The winning team was announced at the conclusion of the final round.

The first round of the competition was held on Tuesday, September 17, at 7:00 PM. The events included the a round of races, "the cement mixer," a round of throwdowns, and the tug of war. The winners were announced, with the top 12 teams advancing to the second round.

The second round was held on Friday, September 20, at 7:00 PM. The events included the a round of races, "the cement mixer," a round of throwdowns, and the tug of war. The winners were announced, with the top 8 teams advancing to the final round.

The final round was held on Tuesday, September 24, at 7:00 PM. The events included the a round of races, "the cement mixer," a round of throwdowns, and the tug of war. The winners were announced, with the top 4 teams advancing to the final round.

The final round of the competition was held on Tuesday, September 24, at 7:00 PM. The events included the a round of races, "the cement mixer," a round of throwdowns, and the tug of war. The winners were announced, with the top 4 teams advancing to the final round.

The competition included a wide variety of friends, family, and past residents from Providence College. The competition was a great way to meet new people while enjoying fun competition.

J. Hanley '00 commented that, "They only thing I don't like about it is that it is a little too long, but I'm hav- ing a great time." The competition was 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. Many had an abundance of smiles, laughter, and cheers. When it was over, the students walked away with new friends, some great memories, and a free T-shirt to top it all off.
by Tammy A. Ledoux ’99

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The Fate of the Tropics

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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?

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 attended 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

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Public Schools Are Failing: We Need Private Education

Russia and the Blessed Mother

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 Vallary
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 problem, however, depends upon 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.

Without these subsidies and tax breaks is a waste of money. Ford Motors, for instance, receives government grants to work on improving new 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 $4 billion spent on price supports for the sugarcane 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 spent $300 million last year to help them market their chicken McNuggets in foreign countries? 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 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 last year that we have figures for, 60% of all corporations and 74% of foreign firms that did business here did not pay anything in federal taxes. It is not fair to expect a marina to have to pay three kids to pay more taxes in a multi-million dollar industry. Although many businesses probably shouldn't be paying these taxes, there are strange things that 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, but we wonder why our economy is not doing as well as we would like to.

When Senate Majority Congress passes its yearly welfare bill last month, one of its top goals was to abolish the "culture of dependency" that has been created. Congress members from both sides of the aisle condemned the idea of giving people money for no reason. The idea of making them abdant about scaling back the $17 billion we spend on help for the poor, why are they so silent and careful for these 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 millions of dollars into the pockets of big corporations who simply do not need it and do not deserve it. It would be much harder on the people who work hard, play by the rules, and pay their taxes honestly. If we are going to help the great majority of people to society to survive without handouts from the government, we should expect the same from the wealthiest people.

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Do Not Give Up on a Clean Environment

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Editorial Writer

A common concern among many colleges today is the number of students going off campus to do "party business." Providing safety to these students and helping them from off-campus dangers is a prominent objective at many colleges and universities. Some initiatives have been turned into "dry" campus, eliminating any opportunity for the students to consume alcoholic beverages. 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: a clean and "safe space" on campus where beer is served and entertainment is provided. A large dance floor, music, food, and drinks are available in a few pool tables and video games, and exceptional sound equipment for bands to perform. This air-conditioned atmosphere is an improvement over the smoking and drinking that often takes place on campus, but it might also make Stuart's a more appealing and more frequently used by the students.

Sometimes students love to go out and relax with their friends and have a beer. Going off campus is too far and too inconvenient. If Stuart's serves beer every night of the week it probably would be more popular. It would be ideal to go there, play some pool and watch TV. I know it may cost more to get insured for that, but it would be worth the cost. A popular misconception is that beer is served at Stuart's during the week, everyone is going to get drunk and Providence College may turn into a party school. This is entirely false and would definitely not be a different place to go on weekends.

The other suggestion is to extend the alcohol hours and allow students to select beer cans monotonous. Students will travel off campus so they can get beer and then serve beer on campus. The wages they 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 encourage the four new graduate students who have been working hard this week to come to be aware of what is going on. They have made impressive signs and posters to help decorate the normally bland walls. They have done a good 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.

No More Welfare - For the Rich

by Lori Andrade '98
Editorial Writer

In his letter of 9/12/96, Russell P. Demo criticizes the decision to provide smoking and nonsmoking dining areas as "paternalistic and morally tainted." In support of this point, Demo correctly notes that cigarette smoke is only one of many contributors to air pollution at PC. The car driven by staff and students, the landscaping equipment used on college grounds all produce toxic emissions. In support of this idea, it would be better off not breathing. Sadly, though, Demo 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). 1 Are we really so helpless? Is "if you can't beat 'em, join 'em" a morally defensible position?

I'm certain we can do better. Instead of succumbing to the popular (though wrongheaded) idea that pollution is necessary by-product of progress, PC could choose to be a leader on this issue. A great opportunity is before us: what's stopping us from stepping to the forefront as creators of a healthier environment?
I will assert that private schools, at both the collegiate and high school levels, provide an activating 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 more likely to be tailored to the student’s interest and abilities. The school and the work load is almost always more demanding. From my experience at a private girls’ preparatory school, I can think and speak for myself; I obtained leadership and time management skills. I received an excellent education from 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 and perhaps better than the one that I have mentioned. I would guess that the public schools where they have attended were better in some 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 in which some of these schools are situated also include more cultural diversity. The students who attend these schools are confident about what they have accomplished.

Fortunately, the majority of public schools are not in wealthy areas and are not as well supported by the surrounding community. Often, 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 chance 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 of which we have come to find in private school teaching. The most basic element required in the movement to improve the quality of public school education is money. We should encourage our leaders at the local, state and federal levels to increase their 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 expect less. We, as taxpayers, will work for the common good of the students and be established in our communities. Mike Sullivan, in his book The Cowl, which I mentioned last semester, has written: “Our schools are one of the most important social institutions in the nation. They inspire us to do better, and when they fail, we are able to talk about difficult situations.”

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 situation 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 this.” It is simply too painful and thus we put it off until we open up and say what is really on our minds. Why do we try to keep hidden, and why do we refuse to allow our weaknesses to show? 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 challenging. 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, I do not feel human. To think that so many antinomies 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 Holocaust is a lesson I will ever 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 subject matter, “I would rather 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 scarcest 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. Much can be learned 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 a long way in understanding “the Belsen story” and what happened and that there are ways of handling these traumas. We can turn to others for support or lend our support when someone else needs it.
A Response From Those Who Like To Breathe

by Patrick Canale '97
Features Writer

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

Democ's Letter to the Editor in last week's issue, "A case for banning smoking," misrepresents 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 air that is being voluntarily polluted by their peers.

I agree with Mr. Democ's views, and I think it is a matter of comfort for the rest of us who do not smoke.

Mr. Democ 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 I am now running a combustion engine in my own bedroom. Although cooking smoke is a necessity by-product of one meal, that smoke is voted 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 areas 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. Democ may think smokers are welcome in such places of business and encouraged to spend all designated as the smoking section affect the non-smokers in the immediate area. If given a choice between taking a seat on the edge of the smoking section and leaving, I would choose the latter.

If you want to smoke in your own personal area, that's your problem with that. If you want to smoke outside, do it away from the food. Don't go outside to smoke after 5 pm, as he mentions in his letter. It has also been a problem that the people with the fragrant aroma of the cigarettes have not been able to make it to the nearest bathroom to dispose of it. Have you ever been to a restaurant and not been able to breathe because the smell was so bad that you couldn't eat?

I have never heard anyone complain that the smell of cigarettes has made them sick. In fact, I have heard that many people actually enjoy the smell of cigarettes.

Finally, I would like to add a note of congratulations to Mr. Democ for being able to quit smoking for 5 years, as he mentioned at the end of his letter. Although he may not feel that he has any noticeable improvements 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, thanks him.

The Image of the President

by Jamie Lantinen
Editorial Editor

It's necessary that a good President succeed. Is this a reasonable political theory? Is it possible to make a President win?

Recently, political theory experts in the political process and political psychology have pointed to the need for a President to be perceived as strong and effective. Yet, in recent years, the fear of a weak President has been met with calls for a strong President. This trend has led to the idea that the President must be strong and effective to succeed.

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.

The Image of the President may sound like a familiar phrase, but it is not. Mr. Dole's campaign is reaching a crossroad on the abortion issue. Mr. Dole is courting pro-choice voters, but they are not as likely to vote for him as those who support him. Pat Buchanan's campaign will not allow him to waffle on any issue, particularly on abortion.

Pat Buchanan made a living debating issues on television and would make the President and Perot look like amateurs. This is why 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. 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 and the Republican Party, a benefit that Republicans rarely enjoy.

Mr. Dole is willing to sell his soul to win the election. 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 Buchanan to reconsider. Buchanan's lack of conviction and commitment to conservative ideals.

Publicans should consider their options carefully. Buchanan's opposition to NAFTA will be a strong point in his favor, and I am afraid the presidency will remain in the hands of the Democrats.

All this because Bob Dole selflessly refuses to step down and admit he is unelectable.
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's spinning records from 9 pm - 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 load 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 the traditional 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 feel to WDOM, they also have a new General Manager. Taking over the reigns in Chris DeFusco ‘98. Chris was Rock Director last year and he has big things in store for WDOM. DeFusco states that WDOM’s goal is to "get new music out to the college community, as well as the surrounding community." With a 30-mile broadcast radius, the surrounding community stands to be greatly impacted by WDOM’s programming.

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 showcasing new music once a 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 Lifshutz 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; Beets will be helmed by Anthony Roman; Jim Fisher handles Productions; NewsCenter 91.9 is Tom Lyman’s hands; Sports Director is our own Cory McGinn; 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 time is 865-1091. 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 exposure 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.

JUST IN CASE YOU FORGOT, WDOM OPERATES AT 91.3 ON YOUR FM DIAL.

91.3 FM PC’s student radio station.....for students and by students.

look here next week for the programming and DJ schedule. In the meantime, turn up the volume and see if you hear a friendly voice.
A PAINT BRUSH AND CANVAS

by Venessa Anderson '99
A&E Asst. Editor

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.

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 can fly.

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

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-Cavagnari gallery. The project is the product of collaboration between sculptor Larissa Marangoni and poet Sean Thomas Dougherty, where raw physical materials and language is 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. 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 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, a new form 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 direct representation through abstraction, the figure which inspired the pieces is not readily apparent. Despite this, the viewer's curiosity is perpetually peaked by the mysterious forms and the significance of the materials. The installation uses bricks, shells, wire, beewax, 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 punishments and flagellation. The artist chose this painful process intentionally, but of the mutilation of her body parts, which were scattered throughout Italy as relics after her death. These objects are laden with powerful significance and meaning. The only outspoken reference to pilgrimage in the installation is a small reliquary which seems to serve as a focal point in the exhibit. Inside the wooden and glass box is a piece of clothing materialized into a cross she became awarded reference to St. Catherine's self-inflicted punishment.

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In an interview with Sean Thomas Dougherty from the journal Providence, Larissa Marangoni explained that language should be incorporated into her work, and "I continued on page 11
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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 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, especially 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 gallery, 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 informative Providence College Arts Calendar (on display in various places around campus) which promises a year full of exciting exhibits and other events.
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, testosteron, testosteron." The sound of guitarist Angus Young wafting away on his mighty as turned even the averse of college guys into a fist-pumping maniac. To add to the atmosphere was a short cartoon starring mortons 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. Interpersed with the live shots were video clips, cartoons, and the occasional photo of AC/DC pulled out the big guns, literally. Six cannons rolled onto the stage for the show-stopper, "For Those About to Rock (We Salute You)." Blasting every time singer Brian Johnson screamed "TNT!"

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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 lull came, 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, 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. Bouncing 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 "Hells 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 Worcester, Massachusetts!" If he had done his homework, he would have known how to pronounce Worcester, or at least call it Woonsocket.

Despite the opening band, the show as a whole was a 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."

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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 roommates car and began our search. The car, you should know, was a small Spitnik 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.

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ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

THE BEGINNING OF
THE END FOR
"TRAILERS"

by Michael P. Sablone '88
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 want 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 “trailophobia.”

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 99% of movie soundtracks (except for Epic Soundtraxx). 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 running 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, which 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 movie 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 Vrdeo 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. The jokes make more sense, and you can see what someone else thought the highlights of the picture were. In following my policy about previews, one can foresee a slight problem. My case might be seen as extreme (extreme 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 Moviemog,” can again 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 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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FEATURES

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 you will understand why I have come to only one conclusion about them: there is no point in their existence.

Poppy seeds are always getting stuck in people’s teeth. Whether you are a big shot CEO or a supermarket 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 hamburger in class before you went to the gym. 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 forgot
ten 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 happen-
ing are nil), and your friends. As for your friends, you do not really care that you looked stupid in front of them, but hey! 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 no-
tice 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 stick between your teeth 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 bag 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.

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A Passion Play

by Sarah Valente ’99 Features Writer

I had been sitting at the bar for almost an hour. I got a drink from the bartender and made my way to the joke 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 turned my head and saw my friend, the guy who looked old enough to be my grandfather. He smiled at me and said, “Your choice darlin’” as he tossed the menu.

I checked 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 colder 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 ap-

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 de-

cided 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 never learned never to make plans with Jay again, and had an intense feeling of relief. 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 joke box.

The song was almost over and the man was about to throw a dart to a blond who tried to look 25, but in reality was probably 65. As I made my way to the door I cringed, and that sweet smell was still lingering in the air. I hopped in a cab and rode home, all the while 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 de-

elete and turned up the TV. An old Fred and Ginger movie was on, so I grabbed the ice cream and went. Until I couldn’t hold 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 turns into a disaster. For the worse. You’re sitting at your desk, notes open, pen in hand and drool on your shirt. So, you didn’t do the homework last night and you have to go through the past thirty minutes: what are the chances (of all other these other stu-
dents) 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 lifless 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 par-


cular moment you are feeling more like a lava lamp that is stuck between your teeth. As you stumble to form some sort of an intelligible answer, blood flows directly into The Rolling Stones come out, but you’re not even sure they make sense. Hey, the teacher didn’t ask you to clarify your state-


ment. Maybe that means he liked it... or maybe he just gave up hope.

I witness this grisly event ev-

day in practically every class. Whether it is happening to myself or others, I don’t know. I can always feel the whole class cringe. It is not just moments like this that can make you feel like a “class spaz”; it can be any other embarrassing moment within the edu-


cational experience.

Take, for instance, the various types of furnishings around campus. Are you familiar with the desks that have the book racks on the bottom? It’s great to rest your feet and stick your head in front of you. But somehow dur-

ing the course of the class, you have decided to rest 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 you can’t push against the walls. The more you squirm, the more you can’t get up. When you relax, your elbow has been miraculously sprung free.

My point is that these are all common events in everyone’s life. So you break a glass in the cafeteria under a table and wait until every-

one leaves before you come out again. Let’s face it, 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 happen-

ed, 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. You never have to worry about re-

minding the event, just laugh it off.

Let’s think for a moment, hu-

man are the only animals on earth that have the capacity for this behavior. We’ve been to the moon, yet we can still trip over our feet. Any-

way, I don’t think God meant for life to be totally serious - just look at the playtypes.

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ISSUED ON THE SPOT!
by Patrick Canole '98
Features Writer

"By my fourth year at PC, I knew how to get the most out of my time. I know when to hit the computer labs, 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 are probably thinking to yourself right now. I'm talking about such problems encountered in class as "Are there any questions?"

Well, in this situation, the general rule is to look around you and see who is wearing the same type of shoes as you. There are the times that make you want to play hide-and-seek, or go into a corner and cry. There are also those times when you simply have to 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 animals were too docile and cute to feel like a kid myself. I dunked through the prairie dog tunnels and snorried in the pigtails of the penguin.

I stood in front of the elephants for fifteen minutes because it happened to be bath time. The little baby elephants, their kids, hid high up to see the huge beasts fall over backwards in the water. Later, some baby penguins showed their quills for me, and I came face to face (through a thick pane of glass) with a porpoise, and my personal favorite. It took my friends and me at least two hours to walk 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 sandals and be well fed. It seems 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 admission to the park, but there is a small fee for your car and the other things. The park is open daily, year-round. Roger Williams Park is located south at exit 17 off I-95.

By Scotty '99
Features Writer

r I am also talking about such problems as being comfortable in the deskchair contraptions that obviously were invented by some individual (I said one under 35). 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 comfortably on the bottom rack of the next seat (and if you still cannot get comfortable, you can at least annoy the person sitting 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 same 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 uptight thang. 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 suavely acceptable option for such a problem is to walk until into class and find a quiet hallway. But I know sometimes this just isn't possible. If you can't wait, there is one area around 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 less satisfaction is a problem. Whether or not your actions will be detected by others, as there will be plenty of time for denying allegations later.

-By Shaggy '99
Features Writer

I have always found sappy "What Did I Over the Summer" articles to be pretty lame. We're not this mysterious and Woodworth's second grade English comp. class. In this one rate reunion, I'm not going 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 blunder 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 coffee machine, and an occasional cup of coffee. I worked 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 the younger generation. I kept touch with current trends. Most importantly, I was the first to learn the Windows 95 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 false guide of humor. Sure, the cash was good (as in, "Phat, all that, and a bag of chips to boot!"). And the resumé-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

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Stapled to a Telephone Pole

by Sarah Antonello '98
Features Writer

I was walking along Healy sometime last weekend and happened to notice, stapled to a telephone pole on our campus, a sign that said, “I found this sheet up on this pole here, and maybe I can get a bounty 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-

Everyone sees 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 il-
licit and dirty. It makes me feel like someone is feeding off what they believe to be a desperate situ-

topic of the day was a political debate between Miller and Republican presidential candidate, Sena-

ator Bob Dole. “I’m with my good friend, Bob Dole,” says Miller. Pure human brilliance, I tell you. Wearing his stylish Knight Rider and Luke Perry shirts, Miller was

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When asked about the paper, Miller responded, “I don’t even know where I put it. I just had one sitting on my bookshelf. I’m not sure if I even read it.”

When New Jersey Transit trains would be indefinitely delayed, Miller took panhandling booths when they were offered, but he never begged. On my final day in the world of bus business, I took a few minutes to talk to Sam and tell him that I would no longer be seeing him. For this upon a pedestal in front of all the others and proclaimed that I was at least a better man than I had ever imagined. 

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 the opposite sex. I am more less 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.

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I was passed on several times before I finally got through to someone and was told that my adoption had been placed. Though I was happy to hear this news, I was also sad that I would never meet the child that I had been interested in adopting.

I am a member of the group of people who believe that adoption should be a personal decision, not one that is made by others. I believe that people should have the right to choose whether or not they want to adopt a child.

The process of adoption is long and difficult, but it is worth it in the end. I am glad that I was able to adopt my child and I hope that others are able to do the same.
A Touch Of Fiction

by Yvonne Arasenall '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 Cliff Walk. It is just down the street blocks at 673 Smith Street and within easily walking distance. You can go there for some "real" 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 on 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.

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 film at Frians Flicks; movie watching on a Saturday night is a great way to chill with your friends. And don't forget to stop by the Brown Bookworm or the Cookie Connection for a cup of coffee or hot chocolate.

In the other parts of campus is Stuart's, located on the ground floor of Bedford Hall. This is a great place on campus that is open at night for students as a place to go to have some good food. Numerous scheduled events are held throughout the year, but Stuart's is always a good place to go to unwind or get some good conversation or to 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.
'96 Pickup .... by Viungxay Sihapunya

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**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-UFL 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 Glavy Field as the fourth-ranked team in the country, only to fall to the Friars 1-0. Behind excellent midfield play and superb goalkeeping by Daniel Pires, the Friars pulled off the miraculous upset. Hey be a believer. FRIAR FEVER is alive at Glavy 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, 264 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.*

*Florida. This game has all the hype. It has Heisman implications, title implications and a chance for Chris 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 campus drug use that goes on at Brown University?*

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**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 backboned 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.

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**THIS WEEK IN SPORTS**

Friday

- Men's Soccer
- Volleyball

Saturday

- Women's Soccer
- Volleyball
- Men's X-country

Sunday

- Golf
- Women's Soccer
- Men's Soccer

Tuesday

- Field hockey
- Golf

Wednesday

- Volleyball
- Women's Tennis

Thursday

- Men's Soccer
- Field hockey
- Women's Tennis
West Coast Woes

by Ken Martin '99
Sports Writer

September in New England can sometimes be a little gloomy. 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-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 team's recent trip. "Overall, we took some positives out of the weekend and it will help us as we move ahead this year." Loftus is one positive that has 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 sparkle, that's why she is our captain."

Force 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 Coulis.

"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 the road and we definitely have that opportunity during the next few weeks."

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, September 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 Ken- tucky especially his sweeper, Chris Coulis. "He just played great," pushed 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 mistakes, 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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by Kim Galbraith ’99
Sports Writer

Though rain, unfortunately, doesn’t cancel classes, it does cancel outdoor activities.

Both the men’s and women’s tennis teams were prepared to travel to the Comic last Thursday, until this bothersome precipitation forced the games to be postponed until Wednesday, October 2nd for the men and Friday, September 28th 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 weather of the September 27th, will be the men’s first challenge this season at the Yale Invitational, as well as the National Clacknor Championships in Baltimore for junior doubles partners Dylan Williams and Hope Vosper. 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 two freshmen, Jessie LeMasters and Kim Bergin, volleyed their way into their first victory in their respective singles matches. “We were pleasantly surprised with the 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 the #1 singles position. “I really hate that time,” said LeMasters, “because I work so hard to play against your teammates.”

It would look that being a freshman having to play against #1 seeded players with much more college experience had 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 6-1, 6-1. She went on to play in the Third/Fourth match.

Syracuse Invitational “gives an early season check on where the team stands. Considering the competition, all the girls played really well,” said LeMasters.

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 singles spots will be shared between Kim Bergin and sophomore Katie Burke.

Junior Cabrha Castellini “has much improved,” said LaBranche. “She will be playing possibly doubles, and will push for singles.”

Senior Captain Chris 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 roster consists of juniors Ilaria Wodecki, and sophomores Kyel Garroughan and Shana Pinto.

“I think our team has a lot of depth this year,” said 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, for the PC women’s tennis team. Complete with two outstanding freshmen, will get their chance to shine.

by Gladys Ganley ’99
Sports Writer

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

"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." Causes for concern among the Friars and the Deacons included the weather and the upcoming match against the Bears.

Amanda Lynch "hopes to settle the Friars"

Lynch conceded that "Wake Forest is really good," but she said that PC outplayed the Black Bears. "We dominated the Maine game," she said. "Maine capitalized on our errors, but we just couldn't capitalize on theirs." Maine only out shot PC 17-14, and both teams recorded six corner kicks.

Amanda Lynch ‘97 hopes to settle the Friars.

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 experienced as it improves on its transition game. That improvement has already been evident in this week's games. Now the only place left for it to pay off is in the victory column for the Friars.

The Friars were slated to take on Brown Wednesday afternoon, but the rain forced the game to be rain. The game has been re-scheduled for November 6 at 2:00
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 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 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, returns for 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 preseason coaches poll, Providence
Women's Cross-Country Receives Perfect Score

by John Carchedi '98
Axt. Sports Editor

The University of Rhode Island women's cross-country squad have been unanimously pegged for a perfect score in their season-long team test dummy for their Providence College Invitational meet.

After being run over by the Friars the previous weekend at the Central Connecticut Invitational, Providence 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 1, the Rams stumbled in with 64 points and second place.

"We expected to win at 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 phenomenon-like, creating a 10-year-old course record by sixteen seconds and finishing 45 seconds ahead of the second place harrier.

María had her first race since the URI Invitational in June and she looked fabulous, she looked the best I've ever seen her look," lauded Treacy. "Having run the 1800 meters in 18 minutes on that course at this stage of the season is very good. María ran in 18:30 there last year, so the group is on par with what María was doing this time last year," acknowledged McCambridge. "Everyone's in great shape and we're looking very 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 as a team."

After that we're three weeks before our next race, so it will be a lot of hard work.

"You're looking at now, with Marie and Maria, the best 1-2 in the country... the NCAA title could come down to the two of them." in those three weeks.

"María 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."

WOES ON THE FIELD

by Mike Fries '97
Sports Writer

The 1996 Providence College Field Hockey squad got off to a rough start, facing three tough opponents in the first nine games of the season.

This year's team is very young, with nine freshmen compared to four seniors. Many of the younger players, who are still adjusting to the rigors of college, will be given a chance to develop at the collegiate level.

The next match was against Northeastern, another good team. This time the entire team, including the young players, performed exceptionally well. Even the seniors, like seniors, minutes stopped cold on the field, keeping the pressure on.

The score was 0-0 in favor of UConn at the half. However, Providence scored two goals in the second half, but it was too little too late.

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Men's Soccer Team Topples #4 Ranked Rhode Island Rams

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

Mistakes 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 clock read 9:15, the realization of what a huge upset this would be continued 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 Eisenhart.

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 notchting 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 didn't think so," de nied Pires. "I think we just con centrated on playing more solidly. We just have a lot of positive atti tudes."

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 from, but aside from going 1-1-1 in their last three games, the Rams are in a good position to make a run in the RIAC this season.

PC now faces URI again this Saturday, a team they beat 1-0 in their first meeting.

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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
Associate Sports Editor

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

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

Now she wants to help the team repeat.

"Every year 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 Mariner. 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 XC 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 (Practically the Py). 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 indoor. She's come into cross country very confident."

But while the decision paid off in the long run, it's never easy to 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 teams in the nation right now, there was a time when no one knew who she was. Although laughing 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."