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Dean's Contract Not Renewed

by Colleen E. Pappas '99
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Over the past two weeks, there have been many rumors circulating within the PC community, among students, faculty, and administrators, concerning the status of the position of the Dean of the Office of Admissions.

Though declining to grant an interview to *The Cowl*, Mr. William DiBrienza, Dean of Admissions and Financial Aid, was willing to state, "I have been notified by Fr. Smith that my current contract, which runs until June 30, 1997, will not be renewed."

The Office of the Rev. Philip A. Smith, O.P., the President of the College, declined to offer any comment on the issue. Dr. Thomas Canavan, Vice-President of Academic Administration, was unable to be reached for comment as well.

DiBrienza has now been with the Office of Admissions for over two and a half years. After being made aware of the decision by Fr. Smith, many co-workers in the Office of Admissions commented on their experiences in working with the Dean DiBrienza.

"At the time Mr. DiBrienza arrived the office had reached a plateau," explained Vera Candelmo, an Associate Dean, "and when he arrived there was a great redirecting of energy."

"Working with him [DiBrienza] energized all of us," added Associate Dean Elizabeth Fusco, "Mr. DiBrienza brought with him new ways to attract students to the college and it was always a positive experience."

Cathy Solomon, also an Associate Dean, explained: "When he [DiBrienza] arrived there were many admissions and enrollment obstacles to face. Among the new initiatives that were

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'98 Celebrates JRW

by Erin R. King '98
News Editor
and Adair Rommel '98
News Writer

The Class of 1998 Junior Ring Weekend, on November 15, 16, and 17, was the first to be held in the Providence area. Approximately 900 people attended.

"A Tradition in the Making" was the weekend's theme. Core Chairperson Matt Potter suggests "A Tradition in the Re-Making" as another option, because there were numerous changes made this year, besides the fact that the celebration was not held in Boston as it has been in the past.

Friday night's semi-formal at Dimitri's Convention Center in Foxboro, Massachusetts was the first event of the weekend. The decor was tasteful; the tables were decorated in oh-so-school-spirited black and white. The room was large enough to accommodate the group, and there was ample room on the dance floor. Most guests stayed until the last buses returned to PC.

The Mass and Ring Distribution was held in Peterson Center early Saturday afternoon. Rev. Philip A. Smith O.P., President of the College presided and Rev. Joseph Barranger, O.P. preached. The Campus Ministry Chorus filled the room with song. After the celebration, the rings were blessed and presented by several Dominicans.

At seven o'clock that evening, the formal began at the Rhode Island Convention Center's Ballroom. The cocktail hour was followed by dinner and dessert, and

dancing lasted until around 2 am.

After the formal, many people stayed overnight in either the Westin or Biltmore hotels, but shuttles back to PC were available.

The next morning, bright and early at 10:30 am, was the brunch and presentation of the class video,

primarily from loud noise and irresponsible drinking. Contrary to some rumors, only one student was arrested, and Fr. McPhail stated that at press time he did not know of any damages done to the public areas of the hotels. Some rooms, however, "were left in pretty

area, determined exactly who was worthy of a free bid, and agreed that the price should be kept as low as possible, both overall and for individuals.

Potter admits that the price of the Class of 1998 bids, \$98.00, was "more of a marketing ploy," but the Core was able to reduce the price from last year's \$100.00 without sacrificing quality for a number of reasons.

The major cost-saving came when the Core chose locations in easily accessible Downtown Providence for the formal and nearby Foxboro for the semi-formal. Also, the company which produced the class video was able to keep it the same length as last year's (28 minutes), but for one-fifth of last year's cost. As a result, the video will be sold for only five dollars. They are on sale all this week. "After we sell all the videos, we'll be taking orders," Potter said. "Just call '1-JRW' if...you still want one or if you didn't get a chance to buy one, and leave a message."

All in all, this year's JRW was a success. "From the Core's perspective, everything we planned went off basically without a hitch. It was very successful," Potter said.

"The ring committee, and those who organized it, did an excellent job. They worked very hard, very diligently, and they deserve all the kudos that they are receiving," Fr. McPhail stated.

"Thanks to the Class of '98 for making it a great weekend," Potter added.



by Jennifer Piehler '97

Fr. Barranger poses with several juniors at the Formal

in the same Ballroom at the Convention Center.

The only real problem with the weekend involved students' accommodations after the formal. Rev. J. Stuart McPhail, Vice President of Student Services, explained that "the junior class booked blocks of rooms in hotels [the Westin and the Biltmore] so that students could stay over following the formal itself. [The practice of the College reserving rooms in hotels specifically for students] is coming to an end."

Fr. McPhail explained that the problem with PC students came

messy situations."

The College wishes to preserve its reputation by no longer reserving rooms in hotels specifically for students. "I felt [the situation] needed to be addressed by a college official to show the importance and seriousness of the decision," Fr. McPhail continued.

Other changes to the weekend were introduced by last year's JRW Review Committee. The Classes of '96, '97, '98, and '99 were all represented by Core representatives and/or Student Congress members. They decided to move the event to the Providence

Pie Pandemonium Returns

by Erin R. King '98
News Editor

Although the Hellenic Society's Second Pie Pandemonium was not as profitable as last March's, it was still a good excuse to get messy for charity.

Vice President Liza Pappas '98 explained that the proceeds are to go to Project Mexico, "a non-profit organization that funds people of Greek heritage to travel to Tijuana, Mexico to build homes for low income families." According to a

Project Mexico publication, Project Mexico "relies on the good will of individuals, parishes and charitable groups to meet their expenses."

Joy Constantine '98 helped plan the fundraiser. "I spoke to the woman from Project Mexico and she was very happy to hear from us [she's a PC alum], and to receive a donation from us."

"Project Mexico builds one house each summer," Constantine continued. "My cousin worked with them, and he said it was a

wonderful experience not only for him, but for the people he helped out."

The 49 volunteers were very happy to help out for such a worthy cause.

J a y Vallee President of the PC Women's Softball team, was hit by Jerry Alaimo, Director of PC Athletics. "[He] was going a few minutes after me, so he bought it and threw it at me."

Maura Sichel and Christine Harding, both members of the Class of '98, "sold" for \$6 each. The two are class officers on the Student Congress.

"[The Hellenic Society] did

such a good job with it," Sichel stated. She went on to compliment the group on the great-looking tee shirts they gave to participants.

Pete "Shaggy" Keenan '99 also had good things to say about the shirts. "The free tee shirts were great, because the wooden barrier did not protect me sufficiently, so the tee shirt was a nice added buffer zone between myself and

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by Laura Humann '99

Dr. Thomas King gets messy for Project Mexico

News Briefs

Inside Congress

Thanksgiving is right around the corner and the Student Congress meeting on November 25 has been canceled. Joe Rushworth, manager of the PC Bookstore, will be at our next Congress meeting to address any questions about the book buy-back process.

The Class of '98 held their JRW this past weekend. On behalf of Congress and the student body I would like to thank the JRW Core for their hard work and dedication. They did a marvelous job and should be commended by all.

Unfortunately, there is a piece of news for the Class of '99. Fr. McPhail announced that in the future the college will in no way be connected with students staying overnight in Providence hotels. This is not the first JRW change in recent times. Last year the Congress voted to move the JRW formal from Boston back to Providence for good (see article, page 1). The Friday night semi-formal was also eliminated and will be replaced with a special events night.

The JRW is a traditional PC event that hopefully will be with us for many years to come. This should be an event that the college, class, and city can be proud of. In the past the after night activities following the formal in both Boston and Providence hotels has been diminishing PC's strong reputation. We can not afford to continually tarnish the college's reputation every time we hold a JRW.

The reputations of PC alumni are affected by the actions of the present student body. We owe it to ourselves and our alumni to preserve PC's well-earned reputation.

The PC Spirit Focus Group is working on a tip-off party before the first Big East home basketball game against Notre Dame. The game is scheduled for Friday, De-



Rachel Watt '99

Mike received his "just desserts" from Matt Smith '98 and Kevin Hunter '99 at Tuesday's Pie Pandemonium.

cember 7 at 4 pm. The tip-off party before the game will consist of food, beverages, and face paint. There will also be special seating available for all those attending the tip-off party. The cost of the ticket, which includes lunch, transportation, and admission, will be \$10. The tickets will be on sale in Slavin, Raymond, and there will also be a door to door ticket sale. We hope to see you there on our way to the Big East Championship. Don't forget about the URI game on December 10, as we face our traditional rivals.

In Hockey we encourage everyone to attend our next big game on December 3 against Vermont. This is a crucial game for the Men's Friar Hockey team. Your support would be instrumental for a victory!

That is all for now, good luck with your last minute papers and projects. See you next week.

Mike

Michael J. Walsh '97
Student Congress President

School Community Service Projects

Philanthropist Alan Shawn Feinstein and The Rhode Island Foundation are jointly sponsoring a \$40,000, two-year effort to encourage community service projects in the state's public and private high schools.

Schools selected through a statewide competition can receive up to \$5,000 to continue existing student volunteer programs or to develop a new one, or \$10,000 for documentation/dissemination projects which spread the word about public service.

"As far as we're concerned, Alan Shawn Feinstein wrote the book on community service in Rhode Island, if not nationally," stated Rhode Island Foundation

President Ronald V. Gallo in announcing the November 27, 1996 deadline for applications. "His vision for community service and his financial support have made possible the programs now existing in scores of elementary, middle, and high schools throughout Rhode Island." Gallo also commended Feinstein's advocacy for, and backing of, college curricula leading to community service majors. "We're pleased to partner with him in this latest version of his dream to see every student working with and in their communities."

Gallo said an advisory committee will assist the Foundation in

selecting recipients. "The committee will be looking especially for proposals which encourage student participation in the plan and design of programs, integration of public service programs into regular school curriculum, community partnerships between the school and nonprofit, business or government agencies, and a demonstrated long-term commitment to community service within the school."

The one-page application is available from the Foundation by calling 274-4564. Awards will be announced in January 1997.

Dress Down For Hunger

Dress down and raise money to fight hunger on December 6, the Second Annual Rotary Casual Day for Hunger. For \$3.00, participants receive a sticker which entitles them to dress casually for work on December 6. Proceeds will benefit the Rhode Island Community Food Bank's Prepared Food Program. For stickers or more information, call the Community Food Bank at (401) 826-3073.

following individuals and companies: The Biltmore Hotel, Physical Plant, Sodexo, Christine Kayola of *The Cowl*, Maura Sichel, the Chemistry Department, Sharon Hay and Student Services, the Copy Center, and all the volunteers.

World AIDS Day 1996

Patches of Love The AIDS Quilt Display

On December 3 & 4, Providence College will host panels of the AIDS Quilt for display in '64 Hall.

Schedule of Events:

Wednesday December 3

10 am-9 pm The Quilt panels will be on display in '64 Hall

6 pm Mass celebration to memorialize victims of AIDS and their loved ones

7 pm Sister Zita Flemming, Guest Lecturer from the Boston AIDS Ministry: "The Changing Faces of AIDS"

Thursday December 4

9 am-5 pm The Quilt panels will be on display in '64 Hall

Quilt panels are created by families, lovers, and friends in homes and communities like ours, all across our country and around the world. New panels are added by those who want to memorialize their loved ones. **We invite you** to create a Quilt panel as an expression of your affection for a loved one who has died from AIDS-related complications. Materials and a private work station to create panels will be available throughout the Quilt display. Volunteers knowledgeable about stitching a panel will be assisting those interested in creating panels. The panels fashioned will be joined with other panels which will travel around the country and the world.

This AIDS Quilt display is sponsored by the Organization of Student Social Workers, Health Services, and the Pastoral Service Organization.

National AIDS Hotline Offers Extended Hours

The National AIDS Hotline is scheduling additional telephone counselors for World AIDS Day, December 1, to prepare for the expected surge in calls that day.

In 1995, nearly 24,000 people called the hotline on Dec. 1, more than five times the number of callers on an average day.

"Last year, we noted an unusual number of people calling for information on how to volun-

teer with their local AIDS service organizations," said hotline director Ami Israel. "We are happy to provide that information, along with information about HIV/AIDS and referrals to local testing sites and other resources."

Free and confidential, the National AIDS Hotline is operated by the American Social Health Association under contract with the Center for Disease Control and

Prevention.

The hotline's English service, (800) 342-2437, operates 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The Spanish language service, (800) 344-7432, operates from 8 am to 2 am (Eastern) seven days a week. The hotline also serves deaf callers through its TTY service, (800) 243-7889, from 10 am to 10 pm (Eastern) Monday through Friday.

Faculty Senate Reaches Tentative Vote

Final Decision Still To Be Reached

The vote on the Faculty Senate floor at the beginning of the meeting on Wednesday was whether or not to keep Civ as the 20 credit course it is now. After much debate the Senate was able to vote. Although the vote was only tentative, the majority of the Senators voted "no" on the measure. The 20-11 defeat was not

the end of the debate, however. The Senate still has not taken a final stance and has many more issues to discuss. The next meeting will deal with the Curriculum Review Steering Committee's proposal of a 16 credit Civ course. The package will be presented and voted either up or down by the Senate.

Meatless Thanksgiving

The smells of home cooking will fill the DaVinci Center on 470 Charles Street in Providence on Sunday, November 24, at 3 P.M. when the Rhode Island Animal Rights Coalition hosts its Twelfth Annual Vegetarian Thanksgiving Feast.

Dinner coordinator Linda Leonard says, "Every dish served at the dinner is vegan—which means the food is entirely free of meat, milk and eggs."

"Guests will receive a free recipe booklet to provide helpful, healthy tips for cooking their own

Thanksgiving dinners," says Leonard. "Amongst the entrees served will be Swedish meatballs, stuffing, lentil soups and tofu quiche. An array of healthy pies and other desserts will top off the meal."

"We will also be presenting Dr. Meredith Bird, a North Kingstown vegetarian, with our annual Compassion Award for her outstanding service in wildlife rehabilitation."

Call 823-8955 for ticket information. Limited seating available.

The Pandemonium Continues Here

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the non-dairy projectile."

Matthew Metivier '99 determined that "Liza [Pappas] is such a good motivator." She led the festivities with a loudspeaker and a sense of humor.

Pappas would like to thank the

PC Helps Out Blood Center

by Kristina Newman '99
News Writer

In response to the recent need for blood in the Providence area, PC's Knights of Columbus, in conjunction with the Rhode Island Blood Center, sponsored three blood drives on campus.

The first two took place last Wednesday and Thursday, November 13th and 14th, in Slavin Center's '64 Hall. On Monday, November 18th, the third blood



Jeff Wallace '99

drive occurred in the Davis Hall Lounge.

According to Jared Stabach '97, a member of the Knights of Columbus and the chairman of the organization's blood drive committee, the drives were successful. "Even though we did not make our goal of 150 pints, we did collect approximately 145, which is better than last year." Stabach went on to say that the blood center was happy with the response it received from the Providence College community.



by Jen Piehler '97 (2)

Fr. Mark Nowel, O.P. (above)

Russian Language Program In Danger

by Susan James '00
News Writer

The Russian Studies Program here at PC is coming to a close. Professor Edward M. Flanagan, who has been the sole instructor of both the day and night classes since the program first began in 1959, is retiring at the end of the '96-'97 school year. No instructor will be hired for '97-'98.

Many of the students who were planning to minor in Russian at the beginning of their college careers have found that they no longer can. Among them is Amy Rizzo '99, who made sure that each school she applied to had a Russian program when she was applying for college. Another student, Chris Zuromski '99, says that she was "shocked" when she found out that Professor Flanagan was retiring and that the Russian program would be closing.

"I was extremely disappointed that I would not be minoring in Russian," Zuromski said. "French is a great language to learn, but Russia will have a much bigger impact on world affairs, and it seems like people are losing sight of [the fact that] just because the USSR has fallen, it doesn't mean that Russia is no longer important [in world affairs]."

Professor Flanagan says that while the future of the program here at PC is "out of his hands," he is still concerned at the apparent lack of disinterest that many people seem to have for Russia and the Russian language nowadays. To ignore the fact that Russia has "a major role in the political and

economic stability in Europe...and to neglect [the language] would be a major blunder on our part," Flanagan said.

Father Leonard Hindsley, O.P., Chair of the Modern Languages Department, says that while he would rather have the program continue on, it was decided by the administration that it would end with this school year.

Both Hindsley and Carol Hartley, the Associate Vice President for Faculty Affairs, agree that the discontinuation of the Russian Studies Program is mostly due to the lack of student interest and enrollment. "It is very difficult to do everything because of limited resources," says Hartley. She added that because of budding new programs like the Environmental Studies Program, the school cannot afford to support the new programs as well as other programs that no longer have much student interest.

Classes in Russian studies are currently being offered at Brown University, but both Zuromski and Rizzo do not feel that they will be able to enroll in classes there due to lack of reliable transportation.

As for Professor Flanagan, he is looking forward to retirement, but he will not be entirely gone from PC for a while yet. He plans to translate 25 years worth of the Russian magazine Sputnik, similar to Reader's Digest, and the translations will eventually be displayed in the library for everyone to read and learn about Russian life.

Zuromski added, "When I am gone, no one will understand the SCOLA channel."

American Studies Is Not Dead

by Carrie Spiros '00
News Writer

If there is any doubt or question as to whether or not the American Studies program will continue, here are some definite answers. Yes, the program is intact and it will continue to be offered. The program is listed in the Office of Admissions' new viewbooks and has been added to the course catalog after an unfortunate oversight in the beginning of the year.

According to Dr. Suzanne Fournier, head of the American Studies Department, the "program is doing well and is open to freshman and sophomores." In fact she has signed new students into the program this semester.

What is the American Studies program? In short, it is an interdisciplinary program with ten courses as with any other major, four of which are seminar courses, that deal with American thought and culture.

A former American Studies major, Christine Kayola '99, transferred out of the program primarily because she felt "that it is not the same program as before." Kayola felt that there had been too many changes made to the program.

When asked about the changes Dr. Fournier replied, "There have been no changes to the curriculum, seminar topics differ from semester to semester and year to year."

The program involves about

thirty PC students. Colleen Doyle '97 is an American Studies major who is extremely happy and thinks they are "offering good classes." She also hopes "to create more of an interest in the program."

A student with a slightly different view is Sean Cunningham '97 who felt there were a "lot of things to be unhappy with." He also feels the program does not receive the support it should.

All in all, Fournier extended an offer to anyone who is interested to stop by her office and ask any questions they would like. In her final remarks, she reiterated that "there is no uncertainty as to whether the program will continue."

Focus On: Jane Lunin Perel

by Jessica Cotrone '99
Asst. News Editor

If you have ever tried to register for a class taught by Jane Lunin Perel, you probably realize she is an extremely popular professor. However, it is a well kept secret that Lunin Perel is an accomplished poet, who has published four volumes of her work.

Poetry has been Lunin Perel's passion since she was 9 years old, beginning with her fascination with language. She explains that her inspiration for writing comes, "If something impresses me through my senses, I want to share that experience with others."

Lunin Perel continues, "It is an aesthetic experience for me. I am able to fuse emotion, thought, and graphic images based on senses."

Teaching creative writing and poetry at PC, she attempts to bring out the art which is in every person. Lunin Perel believes art equals creative freedom, and it is very important for people to be connected to an art form.

Many times people enter her classroom believing they are not creative and can not write. Lunin Perel says, "These people have incredible imaginations, they just have not been given the permission to use them."

One class taught this semester by Lunin Perel is entitled "Gender and Genocide: A Study of Holocaust Literature." In this class students read poetry, personal essays and scholarly articles with reference to gender and the Holocaust.

Two works are compared in the

class: *Night* by Elie Weisel and *All But My Life* by Gerda Weissmann Klein, to see how gender influenced experiences during the Holocaust. Lunin Perel points out that, "Prior to 1980 the male experience during the Holocaust was characterized as 'the' experience. Now there is some scholarship to show that gender did vary people's experience."

Lunin Perel decided to add a Feinstein component to this class, as she had previously done with her Creative Writing Workshops. Working with the Holocaust Museum of Rhode Island, the class is



organizing a Holocaust Awareness Day on December 2 in '64 Hall.

Aside from her poetic contributions to PC, Lunin Perel was one of the founding "mothers" of the Women's Studies Program.

Her interest in the program began when she became aware that women in literature and in life were focused on more for their sexuality than their intellect. She became dissatisfied with the canon of literary females discussed at the College. Although she emphasizes

she had "tremendous respect" for her colleges, she still felt "isolated."

In 1992, a group of interested professors attended a conference at Boston College sponsored by the National Association of Women at Catholic Colleges. Here, they learned ways to begin a Women's Studies Program, lobby for the funding, and how to actually run the program.

The years between 1992-1993 were spent lobbying and attempting to get the program passed. In the Spring of 1993, the program was introduced with Lunin Perel as the director for the 94-95 school year.

When asked her goals as a teacher, Lunin Perel stated she was, "Interested in creating classroom freedom and democracy. I want an open classroom in which everyone is welcome to express his/her views."

In her teaching as well as her poetry, the tender and loving nature of Lunin Perel brings out emotions in students they never knew existed. She feels that only through the trust of her students is her goal of teaching met.

"I try to connect students not just with a piece of literature but a whole manner of how expressing that literature affects them in a political, philosophical, religious sense." She does accomplish this and more.

Assistant Editor's Note: John Lennon is Prof. Lunin Perel's favorite Beatle. She says she likes his "great lyrics and something about his eyes."

Feel Better Mary Shaffrey!

Happy Thanksgiving!

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PC Graduates Speak

Child Advocacy Lawyer

Marisol Garcia '94

by Jocelyn Kepko '99
Advertising Staff

On November 12, Marisol Garcia '94 spoke to an audience of about 25 people about her experiences of applying to law school and becoming a child advocacy lawyer. As a graduate of Providence College, Garcia was invited to speak at PC through the Martin Luther King Mentoring Series. Through this program, alumni of such scholarships as the Martin Luther King Scholarship are invited back to speak to new recipients. As a result of the combined efforts of the Balfour Center for Multicultural Affairs and the Career Development Office, everyone had the opportunity to attend the presentation of Marisol Garcia.

Garcia began her presentation with a summary of her achievements and the goals she has had since she was a child. Now a law student at Northeastern University, Garcia began her quest as a child advocacy lawyer while she was still a student at Providence College.

Garcia had been part of an organization known as CASA (Court-Appointed Special Advocates) in which she would be assigned a case to follow and later report her analysis of its status.

Early on in her career Garcia had gained experience in the courtroom. Garcia emphasized the importance of getting involved and made it known that there were plenty of opportunities out there.

At Northeastern, Garcia is

part of the co-op program which she praised throughout her presentation. The co-op program consists of school all year which encompasses not only academics but internships of which you have the option of developing on your own.

"The co-op program," said Garcia, "was the reason I decided to go to Northeastern."

Garcia expressed her sole concern for civil cases dealing with issues such as child abuse and neglect, battered women, welfare reform, and prisoner's rights. She has no firm or corporation work.

"She is mostly concerned with the children," one audience member recognized. "She is not one of those people who wants to be a lawyer so that she can make

money—obviously, because most of her clients are children. By the way she spoke she seems like she would keep advocating even if her clients could not continue to pay."

Garcia had identified herself as being able to "speak child." As a child representative Garcia said she "remembers what it was like to be a child especially a teenager."

This served to aid her greatly in understanding children and their needs. It has come to Marisol's attention that foster care is not the all time hero.

Having Spanish as a second language, Garcia sought to share the importance and need for people who can speak another language in a multitude of careers. At one

point Garcia continued this emphasis by sharing her experience with one case in particular.

"If I had not been able to speak Spanish, I would have had no communication link to a Portuguese mother in a special education case."

"It was lucky that some of my words were similar to some of hers," continued Garcia, "allowing us to convey some sort of communication so it was not total communication but it was something."

She brought her presentation to a close with an evaluation with her whole career in general.

"The best part of it all," Garcia concludes, "is the people you work with and the hope you share in helping these people."

Mindy Souness '92 and Lori Auclair '92: Practicing Physician Assistants

by Kristen Connolly '98
Copy Editing Staff

The Providence College chapter of the American Chemical Society Student Affiliates (ACSSA), the Phi Chi Club, recently sponsored an informational seminar describing career paths as a physician assistant (P.A.). The seminar, given by PC alumnae Mindy Souness '92 and Lori Auclair '92, both practicing physician assistants, outlined the duties of a physician assistant and steps current undergraduates can take to obtain a career in the field.

A physician assistant, the presenters explained, may work in a number of

branches of medicine, including cardiology, oncology, pediatrics, and family practice. Tasks may include assisting doctors, as in an emergency situations, or performing minor surgical operations, such as skin grafting, leaving the doctor free to attend to more complicated procedures. They may also perform many different types of work besides surgical procedure, including research, teaching, and counseling.

Souness, who was a biology/chemistry double major and has been a practicing physician assistant for one and a half years, said that even though she and Auclair had planned on going into some kind of career in medi-

cine, the option of being a physician assistant never occurred to them until the two attended a seminar on the subject at Yale University.

"It's not something usually promoted," Souness said, adding that students should know that "there are actually other options besides research or medical school."

Physician assistant programs can yield either undergraduate, or, as in the cases of Souness and Auclair, master's degrees. There are currently 60 institutions in the United States which offer a four year undergraduate program, and 15 that offer a two year master's program.

The presenters stressed

that the amount of educational background needed may vary with the specific aspect of medicine the future PA intends to work within. The annual income for recent PA graduates also varies with interest but averages \$50,000 per year.

Dr. Kathleen Cornely, associate professor of chemistry and moderator of the Phi Chi Club, saw the presentation as being extremely beneficial for undergraduate science majors still exploring their career options.

"Students, I thought, responded very positively to them [Auclair and Souness]," Cornely said, "and got very informative answers to their questions."

Dr. Cornely's sentiment was echoed by Claire Cassidy '97, who said that even though she wasn't planning on a career as a physician assistant in the immediate future, she found the presentation "very interesting" since she hopes to "work in the health care field." Commented Cassidy, "It's nice to have alumni come back and share their experiences."

For more information on a career as a physician assistant, contact the Rhode Island Association of Physician Assistants, P.O. Box 5, Lincoln, R.I., 02865, or The American Academy of Physician Assistants, 950 North Washington St., Alexandria, Va., 22314.

Thanksgiving Break is Tuesday November 26 through Sunday December 1...Happy Turkey Day!

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introduced were the Merit Scholarships that we've used to bring in better quality students."

"Initiatives such as these helped to turn around the negative enrollment pattern," added Solomon, "Mr. DiBrienza definitely brought a positive dimension to this office. He was able not only to build a team within the Admissions Office but was able to extend that sense of teamwork to the larger college community, particularly faculty, alumni, and students."

"In terms of the college marketplace, PC has, because of admissions and enrollment, been in a very enviable position," noted Solomon.

"Many colleges, in order to obtain the quality of admission that we have, had to downsize and it cost some colleges a great deal of money," Solomon remarked, "Providence College has been able to succeed in this area without downsizing."

It can be noted that the Office of Admissions has had two very successful years in recruiting high quality students to the college. Statistically, the classes of 1999 and 2000 had higher combined SAT scores than previous classes. The combined SAT score for the class of 1998 was 1122. For the class of 1999 this average rose 10 points to 1133 and for the class of 2000 it rose 25 points to 1147. (N.B. - As a result of the recent change in the scoring of the SAT's, the scores for years before this change have been recentered.)

Also, for the past two years the percentage of incoming freshman that ranked in the top 10% of their high school graduating has increased, going up from 20.9% for the class of 1998 to 27.2% for the class of 1999 and 29.8% for the class of 2000.

Given these statistics, it is clear that the Office of Admissions was successful in recruiting quality students for PC. In light of these facts, other members of the Office of Admissions who wished to remain anonymous also offered their sentiments con-

cerning the news that DiBrienza's contract will not be renewed.

One employee stated, "His leadership was pivotal to the functioning of the Admissions Office, he had built the Admissions Office into working as a team who had grown to respect and admire his years of knowledge and wisdom in the Admissions field."

Another source remarked, "Under his [DiBrienza] direction, the Admissions Office has increased the academic quality of incoming freshman for the past two years."

Likewise, another source commented, "We can only hope that future leadership will be as exceptional as that provided by Mr. DiBrienza over the past two and a half years."

Other members of the PC community have also voiced concern about the recent decision.

Dr. Carl D. Baer, professor of chemistry, was a member of the search committee established to find a replacement for the position of Dean of Admissions after the resignation of the previous Dean three years ago.

Baer remarked, "I was impressed with Mr. DiBrienza at that time and was very happy to see him hired."

Continued Baer, "There weren't a lot of people who came close to his qualifications in my opinion."

"I thought Mr. DiBrienza made some very positive changes in the Admissions Office," added Baer. "I was very concerned when I learned he was dismissed."

"While I support Mr. DiBrienza I understand that Fr. Smith may have information that I am not privy to," stated Baer.

Baer concluded, "The faculty members I speak with are all concerned and I think we feel bad for Mr. DiBrienza and are sympathetic to him but we are also worried about what the future holds too."

With no comment from the administration it is unclear at this time what, if any, further actions will be taken concerning this issue and the replacement for the position of the Dean of Admissions after June 30, 1997.

Residence Hall News For The Holiday Season

by Erin R. King '98
News Editor
Vice President of RHA
and all-around great gal

The Residence Hall Association is planning several end-of-the semester activities and programs, both campus-wide and in the individual halls.

The first event will be "Tuck-Ins," which consists of two RHA members "tucking in" a person of the opposite sex. A bedtime story, candy cane, and a peck on the cheek—all for a dollar! They will be sold Monday, December 2 through Thursday, December 5 in Lower Slavin from 10:30 am to 2:30 pm and in Raymond Cafeteria from 5:00 pm to 6:00 pm. The fun begins Tuesday, December 3 at 8:30 pm and continues until 10:30 that night, as well as Wednesday and Thursday that week.

Each traditional hall will be having study breaks during the reading and/or exam periods. There, you will be able to make Christ-

mas ornaments for the tree at the Biltmore Hotel—for each ornament made, one toy will be given as a Christmas gift to a needy child.

The Apartment Council is sponsoring study breaks at Stuart's on December 15 and 17. They are also conducting a Secret Santa program in the apartments in an attempt to get to know other people on your floor. Sign up on the sheet provided in each building by November 24 and look for more information.

Each residence hall is busy with activities within the individual buildings:

Fennell Hall will have a Band Night on Monday, November 25 in the Fennell Lounge. "Be there or not," says Fennell President Tim Coughlin.

Dore is working with their Hall Director to provide a "stress wagon" with food, beverages and stress relievers during exams. They also plan to have a holiday door decorating contest.

St. Joseph is now taking deposits for Paintball, to be held sometime soon. Also, there will be a Hall Mass on

December 8.

Guzman will sponsor study breaks.

Raymond held a highly successful Halloween door decorating contest, and the officers report some very exciting news: "The clothes dryers are fixed!"

Aquinas' November 6 *Party of Five* pizza party had a great turnout. All 30 pizzas were devoured.

McDermott will present a Christmas Study Break on Sunday, December 8 featuring holiday films, hot chocolate, and a chance to decorate your own Christmas cookies. Also, for the ever-popular stress relief, they will provide Play-Doh & clay.

Meagher's Pool Tournament was a success. The hall is currently working on improving the study lounge, and also getting a foosball table.

McVinney is busy planning a hall-wide Christmas semi-formal. They have elected floor representatives, and building and individual floor pictures have been taken.

PC Students Visit Villanova

Join Other Colleges For Intercollegiate Conference

by Sarah Roque '99
Contributing Writer

Last weekend, students from universities across the northeast gathered for the Pro-Life Intercollegiate Conference held at Princeton University. During the conference, the audience heard several diverse perspectives disputing the "right" of abortion. Among those who spoke was Alan Keyes, the U.S. Ambassador to the U.N., and a candidate in the Republican Primary election. Other speakers included representatives from Femi-

nists for Life, Libertarians for Life, and a former Pro-Choice psychologist. At the close of this conference, Christopher Maroney, president of The Ivy League Coalition for Life (ILCL) and head of the Pro-Life group at Fairfield, nominated Providence College, Boston University, and Northeastern as new members of the ILCL. Providence College was elected as a member, joining other prestigious universities including MIT, Harvard, NYU, Cornell, Simmons, Fairfield, and Columbia, all present at the conference.

During this inauguration, Providence College was also

commended for their core curriculum, which incorporates the catechism into religious studies. Maroney cited *The Fairfield Mirror*, the university newspaper, in an article titled, "Doctrine Without Doctrination". It states, "Teachers (at Fairfield) do not agree that the Catechism is suitable for classroom purposes...or can be easily incorporated into religious studies...(But) a precedent has already been made for this at Providence College, where the Catechism was included in the curriculum of Intro. to Religious Studies".

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Do Not Blame Residence Life

To the Editor:

It must be really easy to kick people when they're down. At least that's the impression I got when reading a letter that appeared in last week's *Cowl*. I am writing in response to the letter where Kathleen Powers seemed to blame Residence Life for the delays that are occurring in Physical Plant. She claimed (or should I say accused) Resident Assistants of failing to report maintenance concerns in a timely manner. Supposedly, her closet has been broken for some time and her RA has yet to fill out a work order for it. I find that hard to believe. I'd be willing to bet that the work order has been placed and that Physical Plant just does not see that as one of the most pressing issues on campus.

In an average week on campus, Resident Assistants can report nearly 100 (if not more) maintenance concerns in the residence halls. From there, the Assistant Director of Res. Life, Richy Kless, reports them to Physical Plant. I know I'm not alone in saying that Richy Kless is the hardest working man on campus. Not only are the concerns specific when Physical Plant gets them, but they are sorted as to what type of concern it is (electrical, locks, etc.). That

means that Richy Kless has 100 tasks (minimum) to accomplish each week. I do not know about anyone else, but I know I could never accomplish that many things in a full week (not the 5 days that Richy works). I know for a fact that Richy Kless reports and follows up on all work orders on campus. He makes sure that the important ones are fixed immediately, and the less important ones filled ASAP. By important, I'm not referring to nonessential problems like broken closets. Things that are necessary to survive are important, like heat. Just ask the three residents of Fennell who went through one night last week without it.

I'm quite sure that Ms. Powers takes her part time job seriously. I also know that there are at least 80 people on campus who take their full time jobs seriously. RA's are required to work 17 hours a week. That's what we get paid for. The hours that we put in, however, are much more than that. Unless Ms. Powers is willing to take on our jobs, then I suggest she sit and wait for that closet to be fixed. I also recommend she leave Residence Life alone.

Jonathan Miller '99

What Good Guys?

To the Editor:

I am so sick of reading Mike Sullivan spew his rhetorical nonsense on the pages of *The Cowl*. Let's cut to the chase: Bill Clinton should be embarrassed that both times he was elected President, more people voted against him than for him. Failing to get 50 percent of the popular vote in both 1992 and in 1996, and the electoral college victories he's gotten: 370 to 168 and 379 to 159, respectively, which in electoral terms are by no means landslides, both imply that Clinton in no way, shape or form, got a mandate from the American people, as he so often likes to claim. On both election nights and many times thereafter, I had to listen to Clinton say, "The American people have spoken loud and clear." If 43 and 49 percent are "loud and clear," then I must need a hearing aid. In 1988, George Bush received 54 percent of the popular vote and 426 electoral votes. In 1980, Ronald Reagan received 51 percent of the popular vote with 489 electoral votes. And of course, the jewel of them all, Reagan received 59 percent of the popular vote and 525 electoral votes in 1984.

These, Mr. Sullivan, are mandates. What Mr. Clinton got on November 5 was a "Yeah, I guess so" from about half of the Americans who decided to vote. If people were so enthused about Bill Clinton and his ideas, how come voter turnout was the lowest in 72 years? The last time this few people came out to vote in a Presidential election was in 1924.

I have to laugh when I see Mr. Sullivan claim that the American people have rejected the Republican ideology. Quite the contrary! In 1980, 1984 and 1988, the Republicans and the American people together asserted the things most important to us: less government, more personal autonomy, economic freedom, opportunity and character. These are our most fun-

damental values from the time of our country's founding. In the tax and spend era of the 1960's and 1970's we somehow forgot these values. In the 1980's, we put them back where they belong: on the front burner.

What the Democrats came to realize was that if they wanted to get votes, they had to become like the Republicans. And who better to jump ideologies than Bill Clinton the consummate politician? No ideology is beyond his scope, no belief beyond his wrath. If it gets me votes, I'll espouse it. And so Clinton started to move toward the right - welfare reform, tax cuts, support of the death penalty, etc. Was it not Clinton who declared in his 1996 State of the Union Address, "The era of big government is over?" Sounds very Reaganesque to me. Perhaps Senator Bob Dole put it best the night of his acceptance speech at the Republican Convention, "I was expecting him (Clinton) to show up here tonight."

So what is Bill Clinton's formula for success? Disguise yourself as a Republican, keep those Democratic views that will win you votes (pro-choice), do whatever you feel like in your personal and (often professional) life and get a little help from the economy.

To me, there are more important things than winning elections, like keeping your self-respect and sticking to your ideals. That is what made Ronald Reagan so special. He stuck to what he believed in and was still popular. And this is why since he left office on January 20, 1989 so many politicians, Democrats and Republicans alike, have tried to be like Reagan. I can picture Bill Clinton sitting in the Oval Office early in the morning, staring out the window thinking of Reagan and singing that old song by the Carpenters - "Just like me, they long to be, close to you."

Joseph W. Polchinski '96

"Act Up" Misinterpreted

To the Editor:

I have spoken personally with Father Martin Diggins about his letter to the Editor in last week's edition of the *Cowl*, and now I wish to "speak" to all of you. The words "Act Up" that were printed on the Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual pride signs were not meant to be associated with, nor condone the actions of that malicious group of that desecrated St. Patrick's Cathedral.

Indeed, "Act Up" was a harmless slogan to try to get the students of Providence College to unite and combat hatred towards homosexuals and bisexuals that exists, not only here at our beloved PC, but in our society as well. And, above all else, they were printed to provoke Providence College students to fight the apathy that seems to be swallowing us all up.

"Act up," "Be Strong," and "Be Proud." They are all synonymous slogans to try and make the community of Providence College realize that homosexuals and bisexuals do exist. And no matter how many signs disappear, the gay/lesbian/bisexual students here at P.C. will not.

Lynn M. Souza '97

In Response To "Act Up" Literature

To the Editor:

First of all, although this is the editorial page, I believe we should attempt to be somewhat objective. The "hate organization", "Act Up!", which Fr. Martin Diggins described in his letter "Act up!" Literature Hateful, on November 14, is actually an AIDS activist group. The group consists of homosexual and heterosexual individuals inflicted with the AIDS virus. I researched the organization and discovered that it does have a reputation of using disruptive political tactics, but it is not a gay and lesbian organization.

From the sign I noticed briefly while rushing to class one morning, (it was torn down by the time

I walked back) I received the message, simply, that gay and lesbians should be proud of who they are. Whether or not these signs were referring to the "Act up" organization I do not know. I do know that I have used the words "act up" before and I hope I was not assumed to have or been affiliated with those who threw condoms at priests' mothers.

What disturbs me most, however, is that this group made a non-belligerent attempt (as innocent as the flyers we all post wishing our roommates a happy birthday) to reach out to others who may be struggling with their sexuality and their identity. Almost instantly,

these attempts are ripped off walls and condemned as hateful. What does this say about our Christianity? Our morality?

Unfortunately, I did not read Erin King's article concerning the signs in the November 7th issue of the *Cowl*, although I am certain I would have agreed with it. It is reassuring to know that there are others who believe in the compassion and understanding our faith teaches. So, to those who posted the signs, and to all those who are struggling to be proud of the way God made them, I repeat, "Stay Strong! Be proud!"

Liz Condon '98

Some Unanswered Questions

To the Editor:

Having been somewhat pleased by the liberalism and controversialism of the gay/lesbian/bisexual propaganda appearing on this campus, I was further impressed that such a topic was treated in the *Cowl* with Erin King's feature of 7 November. While there are limitless things to be said about the topic and King's feature, I comment in brief on a few points presented (and not presented) in the feature that disturb me.

In the feature, King adopted as a mission the discovery of those responsible for taking down the signs, not of finding who posted it. That made sense to me, as I assumed that the posters were hung (like those for PC for Life or Stewart's) by advocates of the message of the posters. Why certain posters would prompt an unhealthy obsession to know exactly who posted them more than others seems absurd. The truly interesting part of the episode, as King purported, is the short-lived exhibition of these materials.

Though she made at least one interesting attempt (i.e. Sharon Hay), King not only did not accomplish her mission but seemed instead to ramble idly before her ultimate and unexplained contradiction of her original thesis. Did

Hay or others remove the posters because the mounter(s) failed to follow the divinely-endowed, poster-hanging ritual? What are the 'plenty' of legitimate reasons for which such signage ought to be removed? Why does Catholicity justify apparent incongruities in an institution (i.e., the Christian law of love vs. acts of hatred)? Why, in her final sentence, does King turn on her original comfort with not knowing the posters' hanger(s)? Does King 'have a problem' with all anonymity (e.g., the Bible), or just this? Why is staying strong, being proud, acting up, uniting, and identifying beauty is so objectionable anyway? Why is it only 'seemingly' harmless? How did the 'intrepid' King grope to find the rapists? Did she experiment by posting a sign of her own and waiting for the law-enforcers or dissenters to destroy it?

King's article placed a mere inconclusive scratch on the surface of a topic which deserves much more explanation. For starters, why were the posters removed? Was it, as one might imply, an act of intolerance, fear, animus? Why does PC's non-discrimination statement provide a sort of unutterable absence when it comes to affectional preference? What does the "less"-than heterosexual graf-

fit on toilet paper dispensers, walls, ceilings, and doors of male restrooms here (prevalent in the library, interestingly) say about the identity of Providence College? In the light of the *Catechism's* anomalous confession of ignorance on homosexuality but its clarion call for understanding (*Catechism* 2357-8), why do campus ministers not advertise outreach to these undeniably present subgroups of our community who 'feel that they need to go underground'? Do people here stand for freedom of expression only when they agree with what is being expressed? Why and how are Philips' new acquisitions (funded by tuition dollars, surrendered, after all, to the Roman church) being peppered with books on same-sex marriage and "coming-out"? Why is our theater presenting *The Children's Hour* this season? In what vein do all of a student's classes (*Symposium* and Sappho in Civ, the Summoner and Pardoner in Chaucer, pederasty in Mythology, and David and Jonathan in Hebrew Bible) touch upon this realm? Why are Civ students admonished against political correctness (read: respect, sensitivity)? Does straightness demand narrowness?

Gregory W. McGonigle '00

Admissions Dean Dismissal Devastating for PC

To the Editor:

I am writing to express my dismay over the recent decision not to renew Bill DiBrienza's (Dean of Admissions and Financial Aid) contract. In the midst of personal calamity and family tragedy, his leadership was such that the Admissions office was able to recruit two of the best freshman classes in decades. This success came also with a new staff of counselors and assistants. Bill has shown unwavering commitment to the Mission of Providence College by the staff he has chosen to hire, by the

quality of students he has chosen to accept and by allowing opportunities for growth in a supportive environment known as the Admissions office.

As a staff member of the Admissions office, I am grieved by this decision. I deeply and respectfully implore Fr. Smith in much the same way that Moses implored the Lord in the thirty-second chapter of Exodus to relent from the harm this decision would do to the people of Providence College.

Name withheld by request

Just a Thought

To the Editor:

Since fifty-three percent of smokers, according to polls (National Review, Nov. 25, 1996), voted for President Bill Clinton on November 5, 1996, one cannot help but wonder how many members of the Providence College community who opposed smoking in Alumni cafeteria, Raymond Cafeteria, and Mural Lounge, voted also for Mr. Clinton?

Russell P. Demoe '73

Clinton Reneges on Promise

Decision to Keep Troops in Bosnia Reflects Inconsistent Foreign Policy

by **Jamie Lantinen '97**
Editorial Editor

President Clinton has recanted on yet another foreign policy initiative, and the lives of thousands of American troops are affected. Clinton backed down on his promise to bring American troops home from Bosnia by the end of the year, but simultaneously promised that they will be home by the middle of 1998. With his vacillating record on promises, particularly on Bosnian foreign policy, can we trust that the troops will be home in a year's time?

Despite the reasonableness of the President's plan, his decision is a reflection of an erratic foreign policy that has facilitated very few solutions in the world of foreign affairs. This current Bosnian mission will keep U.S. forces in the Balkans for another 18 months. Because, according to the President, the rebuilding of Bosnia is taking longer than expected, the U.S. will keep about 14,000 troops to work with the United Nations in maintaining the peace among the rival ethnicities. Without much analysis, the mission appears relatively unproblematic and appropriate. However, this does not excuse Clinton's waffling.

Bob Dole may have been accurate, when he described the Clinton Administration's foreign policy as aimless and lacking in commitment. He may have also been right when he accused Clinton of conforming his policy initiatives to photo opportunities. Who can we get to shake hands in the Rose Garden this week? That

accomplished by the Administration. We have also seen several examples of Clinton's indecisiveness on foreign matters. That is not to say that photo-ops are not important, or that the U.S. should never involve itself as an impartial mediator, but it must not guide itself haphazardly. The Middle East peace talks, for example, have

Administration which has done little to bring about these changes.

A perfect example of the failure of Clinton's foreign policy is the "invasion" of Haiti. Clinton had appeared to take a bold step in Haitian policy, with the intent to restore democracy to the nation. However, it was a last minute push by an entourage of dignitaries -

tion to swiftly restore peace. As a result, twelve Americans died, and their dead bodies were dragged through the streets of Mogadishu. We can hope that this loss of American life was merely a freak accident. However, these examples speak to the larger problem of an ambiguous foreign policy. Clinton's recent decision to go back on his word about Bosnia supports this theory. Regardless of whether this is the correct decision, Clinton has been unable to articulate a consistent foreign policy.

Currently, morale is at an all-time low in the State Department. It has been the subject of massive budget cuts and may be affected by further cuts. This situation is exacerbated by the apparent directionless mode of the Clinton Administration, which has not produced results. The current delay in Bosnia, and the reactionary sending of troops to Rwanda should concern all Americans. We may not be fortunate enough in the future to have White House handshakes, as a result of these missions. Instead, we may be trying to forget - the way we did about Somalia - further loss of American lives.

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is, Clinton's policy may involve less substance than media manipulation. Politically, this photo-op foreign policy has succeeded for Clinton in that he has legitimized his role as leader of the free world by appearing with countless foreign dignitaries. In reality, however, American diplomacy has floundered and foreign military campaigns have faltered.

We have seen several examples of this type of "photo-op" diplomacy, where very little is being ac-

been wonderful opportunities for the Administration to take credit. In reality, American negotiators were at the mercy of the governments of the Middle East. The signing and hand-shakes at the White House these past four years, were not a result of clear Administration policy. They were the result of the U.S. support for some kind - any kind - of peace. Again, the outcomes of these situations have not all been bad. The point is that we cannot give credit to an

including Colin Powell and former President Carter - which restored Aristide to power. Was the touting of American military might, and the sending of American dignitaries, part of Clinton's plan to scare out the military regime? Or was it simply a matter of luck that the entourage was able to restore Aristide to power without bloodshed?

In Somalia, similarly, the Clinton Administration botched the work of the Bush Administra-

The Loss of Chivalry

by **Lori Andrade '98**
Editorial Writer

When I think of hotlines for anonymous calls I usually think of teenage hotlines or ones associated with domestic abuse and alcoholism. The last thing that would come to mind is a hotline set up for the women in our prestigious United States Army to make anonymous complaints of sexual harassment by their superiors. This hotline was set up after four drill sergeants and a captain at the Aberdeen Proving Ground in Maryland were charged with raping or sexually harassing at least a dozen female soldiers. There have already been more than 4,000 complaints phoned into the hotline since the incident at the Maryland base. So much for the chivalric reputation that has been portrayed by the Army for years.

What happened to the code of honor that was supposed to go along with being a part of our United States Army? I always thought that army soldiers were the most obedient and polite men around. I thought that because of the training they have had and all the obedience they have practiced that things like this would never happen. Obviously my judgement was wrong.

First, I would like to give three cheers for the creation of this hotline. It has allowed a lot of women to release their stories and not feel suppressed by the forceful hierarchy in the Army. The hotline has proved that even well-trained men, who are supposed to be the epitome of gentlemen, are not always what they seem. We overlook the possibility of rape and sexual harassment occurring in the

army. This is partly because we are blinded by our ideal of men in uniform and how perfect they are supposed to be. We are also misled by the assumption that any woman who can make it through the rigorous ordeal of boot camp can take care of herself in situations like these.

What is most surprising about this problem is that the culprits are

What happened to the code of honor that was supposed to go along with being a part of the United States Army?

the superiors of the Army. The sergeants and captains, the ones that are supposed to set the examples, are the ones taking advantage of their positions. They are using their professional superiority and converting it to a male superiority complex that we read and hear about everyday in our own envi-

ronments. What they had was a prestigious title after their name and they lost it all by letting their egotistical minds take over. I have no doubt that the victims were forced to keep quiet by threats of dismissal by their superiors, the very men who raped and harassed them.

According to an interview with the Secretary of the Army, Togo West, the Army intends to follow up on 550 cases. He realizes that the superiors in question were disobeying the ethics of the Army, but he does not realize that if only 550 cases are looked into, over 3,000 complaints will still go unrecognized. That is a substantial number of officers who may get away with their wrongdoings, and may continue abusing the female soldiers. I know it is virtually impossible to check into all 4,000 cases and I am not proposing that the authorities are wrong if they do not. It is a shame these 4,000 incidents have occurred at all.

Things like this should not happen, especially when the offenders are guilty due to a self-centered motive. This is an issue about power, sexual power as well as power between ranks. The male superiors in the Army felt that they could demand submission from the women because they are men and because they hold higher positions. As civilians, we never consider the social dangers encompassing the United States Army. We should take this into consideration when we evaluate our Army. They are great protectors and have a tremendous amount of loyalty to our country, but that does not mean they can abandon their personal values.

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Public Relations Nightmare

Actions of a Few at JRW Reinforce the Stereotype of PC

by Pete Keenan '99
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My roommate was in recovery mode from his Junior Ring Weekend until Monday. Same with my across-the-hall neighbors. It was not my JRW, but I decided to make my way to the Biltmore late Saturday night, and I was even feeling a little ill and lethargic as of Sunday night. It is pretty safe to say that a good number of students at PC were a little hungover, licking their wounds from JRW.

Year after year, the rumor mills kick into double-time. Mere students are elevated to god-like status, as their JRW antics are impressed into the legends and lore of PC history. Year after year, we tarnish our good name by acting like a bunch of primates at hotels in Boston. Year after year, the *Providence Journal Bulletin* ignores the good work we do, and concentrates more on the drunken hooligans from Providence College.

I do not think anyone, even the most mild-mannered teetotaler from the Elmhurst Association, expects us to behave on our weekends of festivities. Surprisingly, most people who were once young

do have somewhat of a tolerance for the stunts of college students. That is not what the problem is. I have said it before, and I will say it again. You are in college; you are in the limbo where although you do have work to do, your responsibilities are limited. Have a good time, make merry, and if that

had come down to iron out some problems, however. In the ninety some-odd minutes I was in the lobby, I saw at least twenty students complaining about how they also could not return to their rooms.

Like these students, my friend and I had been celebrating, but we

until the next morning, save for the option of retrieving their luggage and leaving the hotel.

With the buzz around campus lately concerning police brutality, articles in the *ProJo*, and the first JRW in Providence because we could not behave ourselves in Boston hotels, I had hoped that PC stu-

dents who treated the hotel staff and security like sub-human dirt that are the real culprits for any public relations damage we might receive.

The city of Providence already has a label for PC. According to them, we are alcoholic, ungrateful rich kids who are here because Daddy's padded wallet could afford something better than other schools in the area. Threatening the night manager of the Biltmore with lawsuits does nothing to help your situation. It only reinforces the composite opinion that has already been assembled about PC.

In conclusion, I would like to take the time to thank those students who went above and beyond the call of drunken stupidity. Not so much the ones who were too drunk to help themselves from urinating all over the elevators. More so, the ones who help build the spoiled, rich kid profile that has shrouded the true Providence College from the community. And so, when I am at my JRW formal next year, held in the spacious, yet warehouse-like Peterson field house, I will think of you, and the valuable contribution you have made.

I think it is the inconsiderate students who treated the hotel staff and security like sub-human dirt that are the real culprits for any public relations damage we might receive.

means drinking, then do so, because these fun times will not last forever. However, it should be done with some responsibility.

I had the opportunity to spend some extended time at the front desk of the Biltmore, joining a friend in her quest to receive permission from the night manager to return to her room, from which she was evicted for excessive noise. We were not the only folks who

retained our composure. Unlike these students, we did not use profanity or issue death threats towards the hotel management, nor did we demand to know the home addresses and phone numbers of the night manager and his supervisor. The night manager, Mike, was simply following hotel procedure. Students who had been evicted from their rooms were simply not allowed to return to them

dents would have been on their best behavior this weekend. Unfortunately, I was sadly disappointed. It is very easy to point fingers at the kids who were found passed out on couches in the lobby of the Westin. It is easy to blame the kids who broke bottles, disturbed other guests and damaged the hotel. And although the aforementioned were at fault perhaps, I think it is the inconsiderate stu-

Murderers In Our Service Academies

by Kristen Martineau '98
Editorial Writer

The nation's most prestigious service academies have been plagued with cheating and sex and car-theft scandals, but until recently have never had a student charged with murder. Diane Zamora, a first year student at the US Naval Academy in Annapolis, and her boyfriend David Graham, a first year student at the US Air Force Academy in Colorado, have been charged with the brutal murder of Adrienne Jones. In late August, Zamora admitted to her roommates that she and her boyfriend had killed Jones, a high school girl with whom Graham had had a sexual fling.

Graham had met Jones, a 16-year-old sophomore, while they were both on the track team at Mansfield High School. Their relationship grew more intense after several conversations on the bus to track meets. On November 4, 1995, after returning from a track meet 250 miles away, they rendezvoused behind an elementary school for a quick sexual romp. Graham later confessed to his girlfriend, who replied by stating "her rival must die." Graham told police in a written statement, "when this precious relationship we had was damaged by my thoughtless actions the only thing that could satisfy her womanly vengeance was the life of the one that had, for an instant, taken her place."

The couple had a detailed plan

to trick Jones into believing that she and Graham were going on another date. On December 3, 1995, Graham picked Jones up at her house at about 10:30pm. Zamora was in the back waiting for her cue. Once the car slowed

This is the first time that either the U.S. Naval Academy or the Air Force Academy has experienced a scandal of this magnitude.

down, Zamora lunged forward and began screaming at Jones. She then attempted to break Jones' neck by twisting it. When that failed, she dropped a barbell weight on Jones' head. Although

Jones had sustained a fractured skull, she was able to crawl out through the window. Unable to leave their main witness alive, Graham and Zamora pulled out a Russian-made Makarov pistol and fired twice, killing Jones.

This is the first time either academy has experienced a scandal of this magnitude. The service academies attract the best and brightest individuals. Not only are these individuals expected to display academic achievement, they should also possess a level of personal integrity and outstanding leadership ability. While officials at the academies maintain their argument that the incident took place months before the two were to attend the academies in July, it is hard to believe that they are willing to allow this incident to be overlooked. The Naval and Air Force academies are institutions where the character of an individual and his or her code of ethics are factors in admission. They are not simply institutions of higher education. The academies produce some of our nation's best leaders. It is frightening to think that, if found not guilty, Zamora and Graham will join the list of graduates at these elite academies. The two may be academically qualified to gain acceptance, but through their actions they have proven that they do not deserve to be associated with individuals who display such high moral character and leadership qualities.

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**JRW '98
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To the Editor:

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate and thank all those who participated in last weekend's Junior Ring Weekend. It was a unique and memorable experience in the sense that the majority of the class of 1998 came together to celebrate our class rings and our elevation to "upperclassman status."

In particular, I would like to personally thank the members of the Junior Ring Weekend '98 Core: Jessica Anderson, Siobhan Bahley, Danny Cotter, M.J. Connors, Nicole Deschenes, Meg Dichello, Heather Deware, Michelle Eason, Beth Gregory, Christine Harding, Nora Kearns, Chris Paone and Maura Sichel. These people, along with myself, have been working together for over a year to make "A Tradition in the Making," a celebration for all to enjoy. Also, a personal thanks goes out to the JRW '99 Core, '99 Congress members and Friars Club for their help in executing the events of the weekend.

Finally, if anyone has questions or concerns about the weekend, please call 1-J-R-W and leave a message. Enjoy your rings! Thank you and congratulations.

**Matt Potter
JRW '98 Core Chairman**

The Cowl

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Parenting Is About Responsibilities, Not Rights

by Mike Sullivan '97
Editorial Writer

These days it seems that no matter where one goes or to whom one talks, one hears about how the government is "violating" somebody's rights. The NRA, the Montana Freeman, and the Christian Coalition all see themselves as victims, and are trying to get the government to give them special rights. However, the biggest sham of all is the argument for "parents' rights." This issue took center stage in Colorado this past election season. A ballot referendum was held on whether to amend the state constitution to declare that "parents have the natural, essential and inalienable right to direct and control the upbringing, education, values and discipline of their children." Proponents of the proposal claim that the amendment would strengthen families and protect them against the unwarranted intrusion from a government that is attempting to corrupt their kids. In reality, the proposed amendment would only protect lousy parents who abuse their children, neglect their responsibilities, and want to change school curriculum.

The biggest problem with the proposed amendment is that it gives far too much power to parents. The amendment says that parents have the "right to direct and control the upbringing, education, values and discipline of their children." These warm-fuzzy conservatives think that parents are always able to make the best decisions for their kids. Unfortunately, many parents are incapable of making the right decisions in their own lives, much less in the lives of children. How many parents beat their children in the name of "discipline?" How many use illegal drugs and abuse alcohol and pass their bad habits on to their children? How many fail to make their child's education a priority and let their kid fall behind in school? The answer is far too many.

It would have a devastating impact on child protection efforts, public health, and public education. If a parent were accused of criminal child abuse they could claim that they were simply exer-

cising their constitutional right to discipline their child. The state's current objective of doing what is in the best interest of the child may be changed to doing what is most favorable for the parents.

This amendment could limit a minor's access to drug or alcohol treatment, suicide prevention and, in the worse case scenario, it could even restrict a minor from emergency medical care. It is all up to the parents whether they want their children to have access to these services or not. Also, parents could use this amendment to bully around the local school boards. Since it gives parents the right to "direct their child's education," parents could demand that their

children not take certain required courses. They could also demand that the schools create new courses to teach their kids things such as creationism and religion. Any parent could decide for their son or daughter to not take math class and could demand a whole separate curriculum that the school would have to follow.

The proposed amendment would do nothing to strengthen families, it would only make bad parenting a constitutional right. When you have a child, it does

not come with a list of special rights for you to enjoy, it comes with a list of new responsibilities for you to live up to. For conservatives, "responsibility" is a big word. For those people who are drug addicts, alcoholics, and emotionally immature, but decide to have children anyway, it is a scary challenge. This nation is overflowing with children being raised by bad parents, and the effects of their incompetence can be felt in every corner of our society. Good parents do not need a special rights amendment. Good parents can appropriately discipline their children without worrying about government intervention. Good parents try to be partners with the teachers of their children, not dictators over them. Good parents realize that their children are people, not property. Instead of going around demanding special rights for parents from society, society should start demanding more responsibility from parents.

by Kieran Lalor '97
Editorial Writer

Can morality be legislated? One might answer this question by contending that morality is a personal matter which should not have any bearing on the law. However, he who responds in this manner ignores the fact that at the core of every law and at the heart of every liberty is morality. Furthermore, morality is universal. We do not choose our own morals.

No sane person would argue that murder is moral or that robbery is not immoral. Similarly, a decent human being would not say that rape is acceptable because sane people know that rape is anything but moral. It is due to the moral opposition to murder, theft, and rape that these actions are illegal.

We have extensive laws concerning the labor force. For example, we mandate that workers must be allowed a lunch break, and that after forty hours of work a week they deserve overtime pay. Our laws ensure that workers have safe and healthy conditions to avoid harming them. We also have laws to protect children from the evils of child labor. The reason that these laws exist is because people know that it is morally right to provide the labor force with these protections.

I have yet to hear any credible politician attempt to legalize pros-

titution any place where it is currently illegal. But there is no "prostitution" lobby in Washington demanding that the current ban on prostitution is an imposition of another person's morals on everyone else. But the fact is prostitution is illegal because it is immoral. Moreover, I have never heard anyone of merit calling for the legalization of polygamy even though the current polygamy prohibition is morally driven.

The bedrock of our government and justice system, the Constitution, is nothing more than morality, codified into law. Most people agree that if the government denied us the right to vote or infringed upon our ability to speak freely, that government would be acting immorally. All of the due process laws are moral statutes intended to protect the rights of the accused. If accused criminals were given unfair trials and then locked away in prison forever, certainly the sensible person would deem such actions immoral. Without morality the Constitution and the Bill of Rights would not exist.

Some people, such as members of the American Civil Liberties Union, believe that elected officials are obliged to ignore their moral standards when making laws. They claim that consulting one's morality when voting on legislation is forcing one's constituency to accept your morals. Such a notion is absurd and likely the

reason that politics is overrun by immoral people and plagued by scandal and corruption. I ask those who want to separate morality from the legislative process, if our representatives do not base their judgments on morality, what then should they base them on, a coin toss?

If not from morality, then where do laws come from? Some claim that laws are a product of reason or common sense or perhaps the intellect, but laws that are intellectualized and rationalized are notorious for being the most unjust laws. For instance, the laws that allowed slavery were backed by the rationale that black people were inferior pieces of property. Had laws regarding slavery been morally grounded it would have been impossible to justify such an immoral practice.

I have listed numerous instances where Americans universally and overwhelmingly support the transformation of morality into law. Why then do some people claim that if laws were passed to protect the lives of unborn children they would somehow be invalid because such laws are founded in morality? The answer to this question is that people quickly stoop to hypocrisy when trying to achieve immoral ends. Simply stated, it is not only foolish to try to divorce morality from the law, it is impossible.

Letters to the Editor Continued

Providence College First

To the Editor:

As they say, the pen is mightier than the sword, and with respect to Lori Andrade's 7 November article, "Putting Students First," the pen is a sword - blind and cutting anything or anybody in its way. I would like to address each of her comments individually.

First, if indeed you went six weeks without a toilet, then on behalf of the Physical Plant, I would like to apologize. I agree that \$24,000 is a great deal of money for an education. Once again I apologize, but please keep in mind that we (Physical Plant) do not set the costs.

You are correct, the students at Providence College do pay my salary. Without the students, there would not be Providence College, and I would not have this job.

If you feel that the students are considered the least important people on campus, you are mistaken. In my opinion, no one is more important than the other. We all try very hard to help the entire college community. I am sure your feeling stems from the statement you said your R.A. made: "It takes so long for Physical Plant to cater to student's needs because there are a lot more important things that need to get done first." Let me tell you, many of us took offense to that statement! Your R.A. should not have said such a thing, as that is not the feeling of the Physical Plant employees and he/she should not have spoken for us, if he/she was not misunderstood or misquoted by you.

So, let me try to explain how the Physical Plant works. The Physical Plant operates on a first come, first serve basis - with the exception of emergency/urgent

situations.

Unlike the rest of the college campus, students' work requests must go through the Residence Life office.

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5. Upon receipt, the Physical Plant office staff immediately batches the work orders by trade. Physical Plant managers then distribute the work orders to the proper employee to perform the job.

The next time you are walking around campus (and please, not in the middle of the streets) and you see a physical plant employee talking to another, or leisurely driving around this beautiful campus that the grounds crew works so hard to maintain, stop and say hello! Maybe you'll find that they're talking about some job one or the other is concerned with, or one may be asking the other for a hand on a job, or maybe they are just screwing off. But don't be so quick to assume the worst.

And if you never seem to see anything fixed in Harkins, Slavin or in any of the other buildings, maybe your eyes are just not trained to know what you are looking for.

Now for a few statistics: Providence College maintains forty-two buildings. The Physical Plant (excluding managers) has forty-one

employees, and three great secretaries. For the buildings, there are sixteen men that do all of the repairs and maintenance work. There are five carpenters to do everything from floors to ceilings, windows to doors, etc. There are two electricians to repair every light, breaker and overloaded outlet. There is one light bulb man to change the two-million bulbs on campus. There is one plumber to unplug every clogged toilet and sink, repair every broken shower, dishwasher and lawn sprinkler.

There are seven building mechanics for heating and air conditioning. They are also responsible for maintaining all the equipment that goes along with climate control. And let us not forget the underground problems. Oh! If anyone is wondering why a few weeks ago, several Physical Plant employees were standing around the hole in the ground near Thomas House, there was a broken air conditioning pipe in the ground that we were repairing.

As for the administration at Providence College, I cannot speak for them. I do not know how they function. Once again, I would like you to know that we do not think that the students of Providence College are at the bottom of the list. You should know that a large number of the Physical Plant workers have been employed by PC for many years. Some of them as many as twenty to thirty years! They have dedicated their working lives to PC, taking a great deal of pride in themselves, their jobs, and in the institution. That loyalty is quite difficult to find these days.

Dennis Duraso
Physical Plant Employee

42nd Street in Providence

by Venessa Anderson '99
Asst. A&E Editor

Who could possibly not like *42nd Street*?

This past Tuesday not one person in the audience at the Providence Performing Arts Center was not smiling when he or she walked out of the theater. The show, directed and choreographed by Tony Parise, is the story of a chorus girl from Allentown PA who throws herself into theater life and later has to take over the lead role to save the show.

The play opens with an audition at the 42nd Street Theatre in New York City. The overture, while quieting down the audience and getting them in the mood, leads right into the first scene which is a dance audition. Andy Lee (Christopher Dauphinee), the choreographer in the show, leads the dancers in a tap combination that blew me away. It was the type of dance that kept me on the edge of my seat and made me, at sev-

"Sugar Daddy," Abner Dillon (Michael Shiles), would only produce the show if Dorothy got the lead. She "auditioned" with the piece "Shadow Waltz."

"Shadow Waltz" was a song and dance routine that utilized a scrim and lights to produce a (get this) *shadow* effect. Gigantic figures of the characters appear on the scrim and dance with each other. The contrast between the chorus members, who actually dance, and Dorothy, who is hopelessly uncoordinated, makes it an extremely humorous scene.

Rebecca Kupka's character was an enormous part of the show. Her character, Peggy Sawyer, was basically the focus of the whole show and Kupka handled it wonderfully. It is very peculiar and fortunate that Kupka managed to grab this role because, compared to others in the cast, she is relatively new in touring nationally. She has never been on a national tour before, however, this does not mean that she is not talented. Last summer she spent with the Hersheypark

stage.

Robert Sheridan, who played Julian Marsh, was another actor that impressed me. I did not have to stretch my imagination very far to see him as the temperamental director. It is particularly amus-

(Halenda) and Andy Lee (Dauphinee). Their comedy was catching. Maggie wrote the songs for their show, *Pretty Lady*, while Andy choreographed the numbers. Both actors, Halenda and Dauphinee, are experienced in na-

Annie, who was played by an understudy that evening that I wasn't able to catch the name of, but is normally played by Natalie Slipko. The whole number was one laugh after another. Andy was extremely funny because he is a middle aged character and during the whole number he literally jumps around the stage like a young just-married man.

The entire production of *42nd Street* was incredible, but really, I wasn't expecting anything less. This group is an assemblage of professionals. They know what they're doing and they know how to hold the audience in the palm of their hand. I don't know yet if I should be ashamed or grateful for how much I was entranced with the world of the 42nd Street Theatre, New York City. Everyone, every scene, every piece of dialogue, every dance, and every song sucked me in. This show was just plain entertaining.

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eral points, want to jump out of my seat and dance with them. (Luckily, I didn't.)

Billy Lawlor (Marc Kessler), the infamous tenor, enters the stage soon after the audition, singing to Maggie Jones' (Kathy Halenda) show tunes. Peggy Sawyer (Rebecca Kupka) stumbles in, an hour late, to the audition and is convinced by Billy to sing, "Young and Healthy" with him. Kupka is a recent graduate of Providence College and performed excellently.

A favorite scene of mine was when Dorothy Brock (Michelle Felton) was bribed by Julian Marsh (Robert Sheridan) into auditioning for his show, *Pretty Lady*. Dorothy is not a dancer, and in fact the only reason this star past her prime got her role was because her

cast of *Shake It Up Again!* and has performed in many other productions. The role of Peggy Sawyer is a huge break in her career and she has seized it well. Kupka portrays Sawyer as an extremely ambitious girl who is just dying to prove her talent. Kupka's stage presence is also exceptional, especially since she is physically relatively small.

One of my favorite scenes that illustrates Kupka's incredible talent is the finale, "42nd Street." This number and scene impressed me a great deal. Everything within Peggy's heart came out and fell into place perfectly- the dancing, the singing, the acting. Kupka pulled this scene off almost perfectly and proved, without a doubt, that she was ready for the "big"

ing when he tries to give Peggy a pep talk. His little talk quickly turns into incredible pressure. Julian doesn't want to get Peggy nervous but he needs to communicate how important this show is and somehow the whole talk turns into a farce. Earlier in the show, Julian had kissed Peggy. This time, he came within inches of her face, grabbed her by her shoulders and said, "The other time, I was just acting. This time, it's for real." (Everyone's heart in the audience skipped a beat.) Then he kissed her on the forehead. The humor in the script plus Sheridan's talent and presence melded superbly to create a realistic, yet ironically comical and pleasing character.

Two other characters that I loved were Maggie Jones

tional tours. Halenda has appeared in ten Troika Organization tours while Dauphinee's resume is also attractive. (Dauphinee can also put his whole hand in his mouth. Pretty cool, huh!) I think why I liked these contrasting characters so much is because their humor was so ridiculous. The song, "Shuffle Off to Buffalo," was hilarious. It featured both Andy and Maggie as well as the character



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Safe and Sound

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A&E Editor

Safe and Sound

Featuring: Belly, Morphine, Bill Janovitz, Mighty Mighty Bosstones, Juliana Hatfield, Scarce and Letters to Cleo
★★★★★ (out of seven)

On December 30, 1994, an abortion clinic in Brookline, MA was shot up by a lone gunman. In his spree, he killed two women: Shannon Lowney and Lee Ann Nichols. It just so happens that one of the women, Lowney, was heavy into the Boston music scene. After news of the killings spread, Kay Hanley of Letters to Cleo, decided to change their gig at The Rat to a benefit show. Word spread and eventually they had a line-up which consisted of the best local music that Boston has to offer. Eventually, one day of concerts turned into five. The concerts were named Safe and Sound and all proceeds went to non-profit organizations. Hence, *Safe and Sound*: a compilation recently released that provides everyone who did not go, with a chance to hear a sampling of some of the bands that played. The bands run the gamut from the Mighty Mighty Bosstones to Aimee Mann. The mood is mostly somber, but the songs and passion with which they are delivered are unrivaled. The best part about the compilation is that none of the songs have ever been on an album before. No junk B-sides here. Some are covers, others are live versions, and some are written especially for the compilation.

Take Bill Janovitz's number "Coming Down With Something." You may recognize the name: for he is the lead singer of Buffalo Tom. He made a very rare solo appearance when he opened up for Morphine. The song has a very low production value to it, (he recorded the song himself), but in a

way it captures the essence of what he's doing. You feel the stinging criticism that much more. Just listen to the song without the words and it has a moving, mournful melody. Add Janovitz's voice and lyrics and you have an incredible song (although at times his lyrics fall behind the guitars). It does have a political overtone to it, especially at the end. "God's on their side, and not with you / Do you think he's with Paul Hill, and with John Salvi too?" The music drops out quite effectively and Janovitz's whisper-voice takes over. The effect is very haunting. It does not help that the song sticks in your mind for hours afterward.

I have to admit, I was disappointed by the Morphine song "Radar (Live)." Morphine is one of my favorite bands, so this may seem confusing. Let me explain: I was upset because if you are from the Boston area, a Morphine fan, and can get WFNX (the only real "modern rock" station in New England that has always marketed themselves that way [yes, that's a shot a BCN, BRU and AAF]), then you have already heard this song. FNX did a lunch time concert series at Fort Apache (a local recording studio) and broadcast the songs live over the air. "Radar" is taken from this session. But since you can only get FNX if you are in a straight line from their very weak signal, then it is new to you. It does showcase one of Morphine's coolest effects, which is when Dana Connelly plays both the baritone and alto sax at the same time.

The Bosstones song, "The Impression that I Get" is an average song that works well as a transition. Dicky Barrette's vocals gets softer and softer as the song winds down, so by the end of the song you forget the harder edge that the Bosstones usually have. Other standout tracks include Mung's punky number "Red

Light" contrasted with Kevin Salem's haunting "Ghost Town."

Women are very well represented on this disc. It opens, fittingly by Letters to Cleo who perform "You Dirty Rat" a cover of a Charlie Chesterman song (who also provides backup vocals). Better than average tracks are also heard by Jennifer Trynin's "Don't Take it Out on Me," Tracy Bonham's "Navy Bean (Live)," Juliana Hatfield's performance of

Troubles" a song from Harry Nilsson's cartoon opera "The Point." This song just proves my point that Belly was one heck of a band and at least my music world will not be the same without them.

One of the best songs on the album is by Mary Lou Lord. Her angelic voice will remind some listeners of Jewel, or any other female singer who sound's like she is very young. Any doubts about her musical sophistication are

from heaven. It has my three favorite bands on it (Buffalo Tom, Morphine and Belly). It is upsetting that it takes such an extreme tragedy to bring these bands together on one CD. But a portion of the proceeds go to organizations like the F.I.N.E.X. house, a shelter that services battered women and their children who have disabilities, so it makes you feel a bit better knowing that your money is not only getting you a great mix

***Safe and Sound* is a compilation of the bands that played at the benefit for Shannon Lowey and Lee Ann Nichols, the two women killed on December 30, 1994 in a clinic in Brookline. Included are Morphine, Belly, The Mighty Mighty Bosstones and Bill Janovitz of Buffalo Tom.**

"Waves," and Fuzzy's contribution of a live track "Severe." These songs are very nice, but the other women on the disc stand out more.

Take Aimee Mann's song "Driving With one Hand On the Wheel." Sure, it can be corny lyrically at times, but the catchy, jangly guitar sound is great.

It is nice to get a "new" track by Belly (they, to my extreme dismay, broke up over the summer), who performs "Think About Your

squashed once you actually listen to the song. "Polaroids" is a nice, slower, mid-tempo acoustic song, just Lords and her guitar. "Polaroids" was originally a Shawn Colvin. Her voice works especially well on the lines: "But I am too young to die, / too old for a lullaby / and too tired for life on the ledge."

If you are from Boston and are into the Boston music scene, then *Safe and Sound* is your manna

of local bands, but is also helping to ease the pain of others less fortunate than yourself. *Safe and Sound* is a moving tribute, and is best summed up by David Keene, Shannon Lowney's fiancée. In the liner notes he says "Safe and Sound is about just this: making a difference. It is about accepting Shannon and Lee Ann's challenge, if but for a minute a day, to proactively better the world in which you live, and not just exist."



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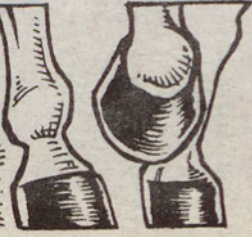
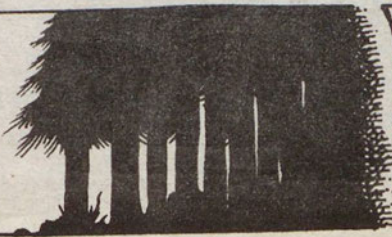
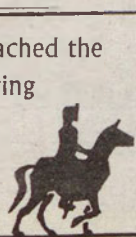
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A Night at Tommy's Rock the Opera Pizza

by Eric Cutler '98
A&E Writer

Back in September, I wrote a concert review of the band AC/DC at the Centrum in Worcester that began, "Rock 'n Roll will never die." Well, I was back in Worcester last week to see The Who, and guess what? I was right.

The Who, along with some special guests, presented *Quadrophenia*, their other rock opera. (For those who do not know, The Who wrote *Tommy*.) *Quadrophenia* chronicles the life of a young man in England during the sixties, who is suffering from multiple personalities, and trying to deal with them.

Three-quarters of the original band were there, (drummer Keith Moon died in 1978), with a five-piece horn section, two background singers, and keyboardists. Sitting in on the drums was Zak Starkey, son of Beatles drummer, Ringo Starr. The three surviving members of The Who, Roger Daltrey, Pete Townshend, and John Entwistle, were also joined by Pete's brother, Simon, on guitar.

Townshend, 51 years old and going deaf, was reduced to playing acoustic rhythm guitar for most of the show, with Simon taking over quite successfully at lead. Singer Roger Daltrey looked half his age, strutting around the stage in blue jeans and a white muscle shirt, and swinging his microphone around by the cord in a way that was reminiscent of Wonder Woman and her magic lasso. Bassist John Entwistle spent most of the time in the corner of the stage, leaving

the spotlight for Daltrey and Townshend.

Three giant movie screens above the stage told the story of the young man, played with a really thick British accent by Phil Daniels. These clips became distracting early on in the show, cutting in between each song to tell the story. During the songs, though, the screens became invaluable, providing close-ups of the band members for those who were not close enough to see the stage.

The show also featured two guest performers, playing different roles live on stage. Gary Glitter, clad in a horrific, sequined-leather outfit, played a glam-rocker belting out songs with Daltrey and Townshend. Billy Idol, that's right, Billy "White Wedding" Idol played a young punk-turned-bell-hop, rebelling with middle fingers thrust in the air and seemed to have a real great time doing it.

After *Quadrophenia* ended, Townshend, Daltrey, and Entwistle returned to the stage for a stripped-down, spectacular acoustic version of "Won't Get Fooled Again," followed by their classic, "Behind Blue Eyes." When Townshend traded his acoustic for an electric guitar, the audience roared its approval. After finishing the show with one of their biggest hits, "Who Are You?," the three joined together center stage to accept the thunderous applause. Before leaving the stage, Roger Daltrey grabbed the microphone and said, "Thank you for supporting our work in progress!" If what I saw at the Centrum in Worcester last week was a work in progress, I can't wait for the finished product.

by P '99

A&E Writer

Advertising Assitant Manager

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Pizza- ★★★★★ (out of 7)
Service- ★★★★★ (out of 7)
Decor- ★★★★★ (out of 7)
Price- ★★★★★ (out of 7)
Pete Gillen's toupee- ★★★★★ (out of 7)

Given as fact: Even with Sodhexo's new and improved cuisine, the dining facilities of Providence College tend to leave a bad taste in the mouth, literally. Repetitive menus, grease, and generally bland to vile tastes often curb the appetites of students. With my boycott of institutional eating this year, I must often go the extra mile to satisfy myself. Living in the apartments is no help either. At least at Ray's there is some

to present your dinner to you. The decor is reminiscent of a 1970's era Friendly's. Although our waitress was very nice and pleasant, the service was as slow as PC Security responding to an emergency. However, most people do not go to restaurant's simply for the service (unless they're headed to the Foxy Lady), so let's take a closer look at the food.

I am an Irish-Ukrainian kid. I think that Ronzio's pizza is the good stuff. I know nothing about Italian food, so I decided to take along my friend and neighbor, Kristen DeRosa '98. Not only has DeRosa been an Italian all her life, but she enjoys eating and preparing Italian food. With expertise such as hers, I could not go wrong with my review.

There is some good news and some bad news. The good news first. DeRosa and I both agreed that the pizza was exceptional. Rectangularly shaped, as opposed to circular, the pizza's crust was tasty and of the right texture and consistency. The composition itself was perfectly fused — the pizza

Here's a tip: Don't eat the rollatini.

variety of color and texture to the slop. In my kitchen, it is a major decision when I determine whether or not to add the seasoned flavor packet to my Ramen noodles. To break the monotony of my dining habits, once in a while I decide to go out to get a bite to eat. Last week, under the recommendation of a professor, I headed out to Tommy's Pizzeria on Chalkstone Avenue.

When I first got to the place, I was a little afraid of what I was getting into. The split level restaurant has a pub-style basement, more true to a pizzeria. You order at the counter, and someone brings your food to you. You cannot really get the dinner meals there, but the ambiance is nice with the hardwood tables and walls, and windows lit up by neon beer signs. The place is dark and homey.

Upstairs, however, is a separate can of worms completely. One may not only order dinner entrees, but a service staff is there

was not sloppy and drippy; it stuck together well. Beyond the shadow of a doubt, the pizza was better than any other I have had since I have come to PC.

Now the bad news. My pasta fizulle left a whole lot to be desired. It simply did not taste right. My veal rollatini was also not good. It was tough, and very bland. All in all, the non-pizza perishables could not compare.

Let's end on a good note, though. The prices were fantastic. Better than Ronzio's or Domino's, a large cheese pizza cost only \$7.95. Pasta dishes hover around the \$4.50-\$5 price range, and large sandwiches do not get much more expensive than \$4. What makes this place even more attractive is that Tommy's delivers.

All-in-all, the quality of the pizza made up for the night's other shortcomings. Tommy's comes with the highest recommendations. Just don't eat the rollatini.

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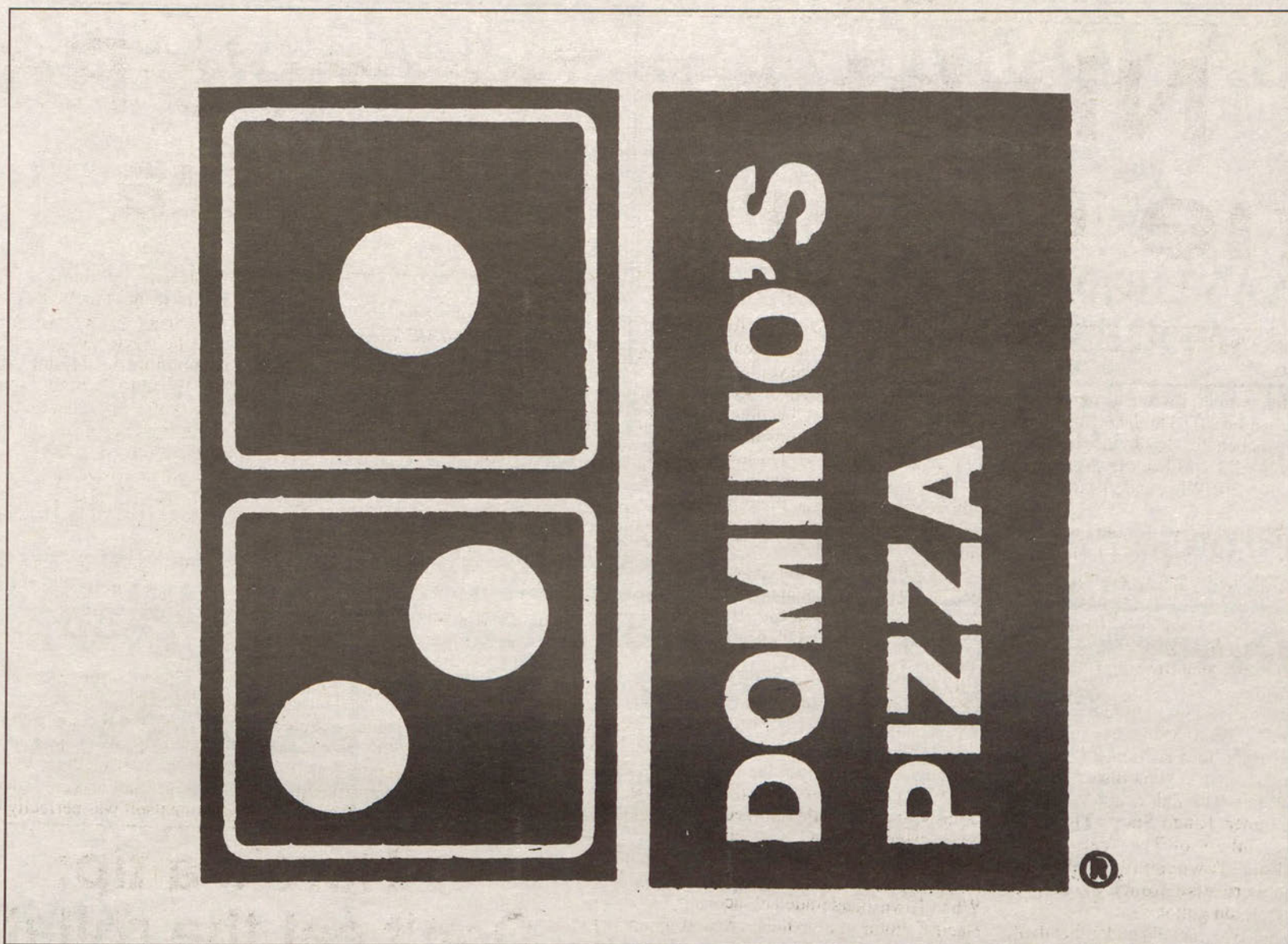
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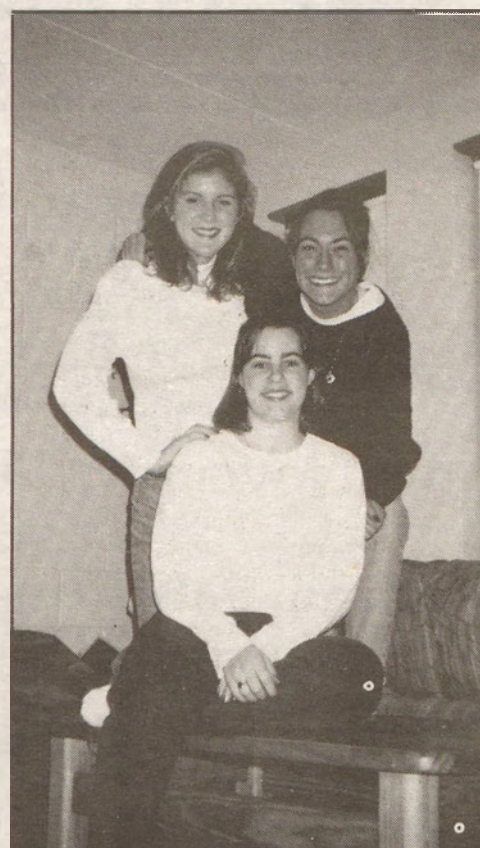


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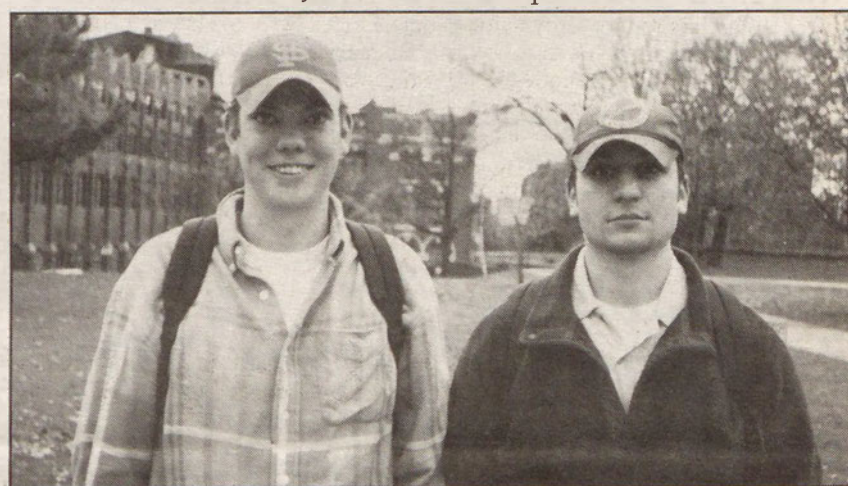


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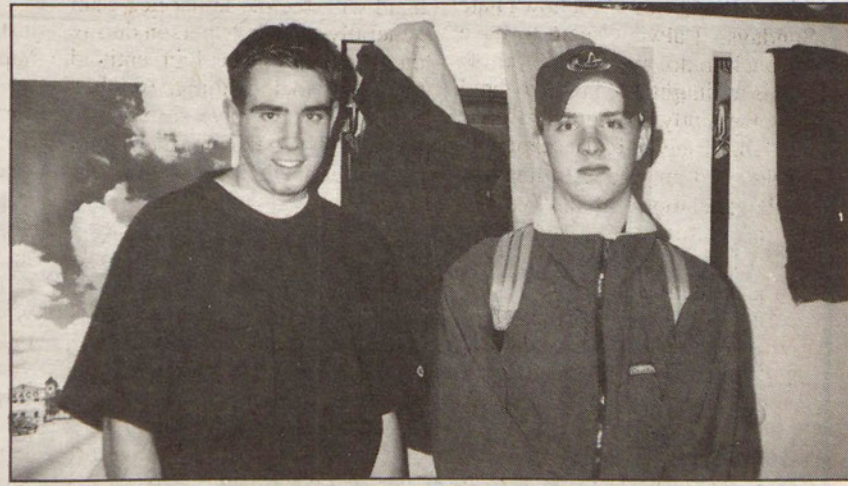
Matty: "I'm thankful for Rizzo...and of course Dr. Margaret Manchester!"
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"The food in Raymond!"

Responding to *Responding* *Appropriately*

by Patrick Canole '97
Features Writer

If any of you read Russell P. Demoe's article (oops, I mean, letter to the editor) last week, you'll know what I'm talking about when I say he truly inspired me. After a feud in the *Cowl* between an editorial writer and the staff of the mail room, Mr. Demoe offered to step in and take care of business (I would take the time to discuss some of my own problems with the mail service here, but I chose not to for fear of never seeing anything in my mailbox again). My article this week is a result of the inspiration I felt after reading his letter (and I want to see if he ever actually reads past the editorials section).

I would like to throw my name in for consideration for the position of president of the college. I am qualified because I have experience as President of two small South American countries and would be . . . oh, wait a minute, that's not true. I'll start again. As a Political Science major, I would

make a good president because I have studied quite a bit about presidents and . . . um, no wait, that sounds pretty stupid. Hey, what *am* I going to do with a degree in Political Science, anyway?

Okay, how about head of Res. Life? Yeah, that's it. As head of Res. Life, I will use my hostage situation training to put an end to division and conflict within the ranks. I feel I am qualified for the position because I have known many RAs in my time at PC. I have never been written up. Also, if I get one of those super IDs, I promise to try not to abuse the ability to get myself into any dorm at three in the morning (although who can really be expected to resist that temptation? Oooh, baby). I will take the "dense" out of Residence Life. Once in charge, I will change the date for apartment registration so that you do not have to sign up two years in advance with people you are not really sure you want to spend the rest of this year with. I will make sure that when requests for the Physical Plant

come in, they will get sent to the Physical Plant (as opposed to whatever Res. Life does with them now). I will draft every third student to be an RA, so that we will never have shortages again. And, I will force Shaggy to write articles that make more sense.

Finally, I would like to thank Mr. Demoe for the inspiration he has in turn provided to myself and the entire staff. Also, I had been a little worried about having to give up my position as a features writer when I graduate at the end of the year, but I now know that not being in college anymore does not necessarily mean you cannot write for the newspaper.

Gratuitous space filler: Special thanks to the guy who came and fixed our water pressure this morning. Fall gave way to winter on campus as stretch pants replaced short skirts. The trash behind Raymond smells really bad this year. I got into four of the five classes I wanted. This year's squirrels are fatter than ever. I hope to gain 5 - 10 pounds next weekend. Have fun!

Getting Physical

by Sarah Antonello '98
Features Writer

The physical plant guys are my best friends. We're like this. (Okay, you can't see, but I'm crossing my fingers to demonstrate our camaraderie.) Here's the story of how we met...

It all started with a knock on the door. My roommates and I are sitting around arguing about something, when in walks the man, the physical plant man, that is. Complete with tool belt and clipboard, he pokes his head in the apartment and asks what needs to be fixed. Dumbfounded and a bit skeptical, we list off the ails of our lovely homestead. We are, needless to say, quite shocked to see this jolly physical plant man at our door eagerly waiting to respond to our every request.

His name is David and he fixes the heating. We don't have anything wrong with our heating besides the fact that we live on the top floor and heat rises, but we tell him it was very nice of him for asking. We do, however, have sketchy closet lights that turn on and off at random and scare certain roommates in the middle of the night. He says he'll try to get someone to come and take care of that. After he leaves, we giggle and roll our eyes, knowing full well that no one will return.

We get back to our argument and haven't even started to raise our voices when there is another knock on the door. In walks another physical plant man, clipboard and all. He announces he's here to fix our water pressure. His name is John and he's the acting plumber because Paul, the school's plumber, is on vacation. He is a very nice man and we lead him to our showers and sinks.

Before we know what hit us, in walks David and yet another physical plant man. He's the electrician and has come to fix the closets. By now, the apartment door is propped open and there is a physical plant reunion going on in our living room. Everyone is happy to see each other and en-

grossed in conversations about how their days are going. My roommates and I are huddled in the corner behind the couches, overwhelmed, having never been so close to living, breathing physical plant employees before.

The physical plant people get busy making our apartment a better place, while my roommates scurry around picking up dirty socks and magazines from under their feet. I'm tagging along with a notebook, collecting names and offering Jell-O. In the meantime, David leaves and Richard, another electrician, comes in. We feel bad that David doesn't have anything to do, so we offer our windows, which need fixing. He promises to send a window person for that task, and makes his grand exit. Richard has brought light bulbs for Richard, the other electrician.

Okay, so we've got David, the heating man and all-around-good-guy. Then, we've got John, the plumber guy, who's covering for Paul. And then there's Richard and his faithful sidekick Richard, who carries the light bulbs. I'm not sure where Buzzy fits into all of this, but he's the guy we need to talk to about getting a drip pan for the fridge. John would talk to him for us, but it would be better if we did ourselves. I mean, you know how Buzzy can get.

My roommates can't take the chaos and leave for class, maneuvering around the parade of physical plant trucks parked outside Mal Brown. I, left alone to face the madness, wander around to the different work stations set up in the apartment, and offer to help. Finally taking the hint that I really am not qualified for physical plant services, I resign to my bedroom and make a birthday card for my friend.

By the time the swarm of physical plant men leaves, my apartment is a different place. The water pressure is wonderfully painful and the dishwasher looks promising. The closet lights are no longer working at their own whim, and we might even get to use the fun squirty thing at our kitchen sink. John says he'll come back with the part. Still waiting for the window guy, but he'll be here soon.

The window guy ends up coming later that day. His name is Joe and I think I scare him away. He fixes the window but leaves so quickly, he forgets his screwdriver. It's a nice little screwdriver and I debate keeping it. It could come in handy and it would be a cute little token of my friendship with the physical plant men.

The next day in the elevator, I see one of my physical plant buddies and am stricken with guilt. How could I even think of stealing from them? He is happy to see me and I casually mention that I have Joe's screwdriver up in my room. He follows me up to my apartment, which is practically his by now, and I return the screwdriver, knowing that by this little offering, our bond is now complete. So, Joe, if you are reading this, make sure you get your screwdriver back.

My Sunday Feeling

by Sarah Valente '99
Features Writer

I was talking to my roommate this past weekend about how I hate Sundays. I always seem to have so much to do, and before I know it, it is midnight and I realize that I forgot to study for a quiz or finish my lab. I never feel completely awake, and am prone to napping while watching football. Without fail, I feel this way every Sunday, which I guess is why I call it my "Sunday feeling."

One of these days I think I am going to stay in bed all Sunday and not do a thing. Of course that will probably only happen over winter break but hey, it is a start. No matter what I do during the week, I can't fight the lethargy that always accompanies a Sunday. Maybe it's all in my mind (which would explain this headache) and

if I could convince myself that I was not tired then I would not be. I think it is more of a case of being lazy which seems to go hand in hand with feeling lethargic. I am generally not a lazy person during the week, so I guess I am entitled to one day to do nothing. But then again, I always have so much to do that even on that one day I can't do nothing. It is just a vicious cycle.

The problem with Sunday is that it's the last day of the weekend and the first day of the week. It is one of those in-between days when you do not want to do work because it is still the weekend but you cannot afford not to do work because you have the whole week ahead of you filled with more work. It is enough to drive a per-

son crazy. There is always so much work and so little time, not to mention no time to sit and relax.

I guess the best thing to do is just take one Sunday at a time and hope for the best. Personally, I could try to catch up on my work during the week so that when Sunday does come I will not feel guilty when I just sit around and do nothing. But honestly I do not think that will ever happen. Maybe the most realistic approach would be to enjoy your Sundays no matter what you do, because after all, it only comes once a week. And if you ever wake up on a Sunday and do not feel quite like yourself, you probably have that "Sunday feeling" too. But do not worry, it only lasts twenty-four hours!

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Sites in the City The Arcade

by Kate Fournier '99
Features Writer

After a long, stressful week of Civ exams and meetings with intimidating physics professors, my roommate and I decided to take a well-deserved break on Saturday morning. Together with another one of our friends, we ventured into the maze of streets in the small metropolis of Providence. The sun was shining and the air was clean and crisp, just the right sort of atmosphere for three best friends to take in the "Sites of the City."

Once we found a parking space (after about fifteen minutes of winding in and out of side streets), we took a leisurely walk past shop windows decked in Christmas splendor. We glanced up at the towering Fleet building as the tinkling notes of an evangelical group played in our ears. We soon found ourselves before the steps of the Arcade. For those of you who have never been to the Arcade and think that I am going to devote the rest of this article to a building that houses video games, read on...

The Arcade in downtown Providence is an imposing Greco-Roman piece of architecture which

and coffee and made myself comfortable at one of the cafe style tables that dotted the floor. My friends munched on their turkey sandwiches as I took in my surroundings- the warped wooden floors and the wrought-iron railings gave testimony to the great age of the building.

After lunch we strolled in and out of the various shops. Since there are not that many stores, it did not take us a long time to look in each, but we enjoyed the diversity that was offered. The stationary shop sold the usual candles and cards, but also displayed paintings of the city of Providence. There was an interesting shop which sold odd jewelry and clocks. One clock not only told the correct time, but also displayed the amount of time there is to live. I quickly passed over this depressing item and gazed upon the glittering emeralds and sapphires instead. We ventured into a Chinese shop which sold inexpensive Chinese lanterns and panda figurines. After leaving this shop, we examined a display of Victorian dresses which lined the walkways.

The Arcade offers quite a diverse array of shops and restaura-

Why Thanksgiving is Different

by Brian Kenney '99
Features Writer

Thanksgiving is different from most holidays for two reasons. First, it represents one of the few times that the white man has displayed some sort of respect towards the Native Americans, and secondly because it is the only major holiday that has not been changed or influenced much by commercialism.

If you look at some of the other major holidays, we see that Easter has the Easter bunny, and Christmas has Santa Claus. Businesses have flooded our brains telling us to buy tons of presents and egg shaped candy. In doing so, these holidays have lost their true meaning and significance.

Thanksgiving has always been simple for me, and has changed very little over the years. I have my yearly routine that enables me to be with friends and family.

Thanksgiving Day begins by having to put on as many layers of

clothing as possible. This is in preparation for the always cold Thanksgiving Day high school football game. Although going to a football game on Thanksgiving is a 20th century invention, it enables me to see those friends from high school who I did not keep in touch with as much as I should have. In fact, I usually spend more time reminiscing with old friends than watching the actual football game.

The rest of my Thanksgiving is spent at my Aunt's house, where the wonderful smell of turkey hits you upon entering. Here, I am received with warm greetings from my family. We spend our time before dinner catching up on what is new with one another.

Dinner brings everybody around the dining room table. The table seems like it could collapse from the weight of all the food. Like every Thanksgiving, it is a time for prayer before we eat. Each individual gives thanks, a thanks that probably has not been

said enough throughout the course of the year. This is what makes Thanksgiving so special. It is the rare occasion that we go in front of our family and thank God for all that we have.

The end of our prayers culminate in a wonderful feast. I stuff myself full of food knowing that I will be back at school and on the meal plan in a couple of days. When my stomach can take no more, I surrender my body over to the powerful sleep inducing effects of the turkey. I then usually fall asleep on my Aunt's couch.

Thanksgiving is a time for thanks and family. It is not a time for gifts and egg hunts, but a time for reflection on all the fortune that God has bestowed on us. Fortunately it is one holiday that commercialism has not been able to control. At Thanksgiving, value this fact: when you wake up the next morning you will find yourself wrapped up in the busiest shopping day of the year.

A Touch of Fiction Controlled by the Moon

by Lori D. McCrevan '99
Features Editor

She was silent, and I could coax nothing out of her. I knew that I probably did not want to know what was bothering her, but I felt compelled to know all the same. I wanted to know what she found so appealing in the night sky. She was enthralled to the point that she failed to sing along with her favorite song that I had played just for her. She stared listlessly out the window.

The highway was empty, except for a fleeting tail light that disappeared over the hill in front of me. It scared me, sort of. There were usually plenty of cars scattered across the four lanes. Sometimes, I would sit for an hour in traffic, but tonight I was the lone traveler on the road. It was not that late. However, the winter makes the days seem so much shorter. I looked behind me and searched for a glimpse of a car. Nothing. I looked at her, behind me again, and then pulled into the break-down lane.

"Tell me," I ordered her, trying not to sound demanding.

She looked at me with a puzzled and confused look on her face. She looked behind her and in front of her for cars. She saw

the same thing that I did: nothing. "What?" she asked tactfully trying to avoid the subject.

I waited, not bothering to answer. I could wait until she decided to tell me. I wanted her to answer without me having to prompt her. I wanted her to know that she had feelings without me having to tell her what the were. I never doubted that she cared for me, but she depended on me. I guess that was enough for me.

Have you ever thought that the moon was watching you?" she asked in a tone that insinuated that it was an everyday question.

I was too stunned to fumble across an answer.

"It follows me," she explained.

I looked at the same moon that had captivated her thoughts for the past thirty miles. It looked like a moon to me. I was tempted to explain to her why the moon appeared to be following her, but I refrained. She had no interest in the scientific explanation. She believed the myths that she created for herself.

She also believed that she did not have to feel. She kept all of her thoughts inside of her as a protective measure. She never wanted to confess anything because she feared that it made her vulnerable. She assumed that everyone was trying to take advantage of her. She

thought that she was protecting herself, but she was hurting herself instead. She never let people see inside of her. She was convinced that her life was one vicious circular pattern that could only end in disaster. Everything in the middle of the circle was just taking up space and time.

"It might be telling me something," she contemplated with her eyes still fixated on the luminating object.

She got out of the car and tipped her head to the sky to get a better look at it. I almost grabbed her arm before she got out of the car, but something told me that she needed to do this.

"It has been following me, watching me, as a guardian," she told me. "I am going to be okay, right?"

I nodded, not knowing if the question was directed at me. I could not argue because of the smile on her face. I found it strange that she saw the moon as a person, but if it gave her a reason to be happy, then I could not stand in the way. She felt safe, for once, as if controlled.

She looked from me to the moon and go in the car.

I pulled out onto the dark highway.

She sang along with the radio.

**It is a place where you can laugh
with your friends over slices of pie.**

boasts of being the oldest mall in America. Established in 1828, the Arcade offers a unique atmosphere for the avid shopper and the avid eater. I personally belong to the latter category since I was much more interested in the bakery than the stationary shop. The building is comprised of three levels of shops centered around a spacious first-floor sitting area.

The first floor was my favorite, and I spent much of my time there drooling over the double chocolate layer cakes in the bakery display cases. I satisfied my grumbling stomach with a bagel

rants. A pizzeria does business across from a Greek lunch counter, which competes with the Cafe la France. Of course, there is a McDonald's for the most discriminating palate. The building provides a place to relax in, and to forget about the worries of mundane everydayness. It is a place in which you can laugh with your friends over slices of pie. I recommend the Arcade for a new and unusual place to visit. It is a historical monument that is easily keeping up with progress. And please try the double chocolate cake for me.

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New York State of Mind

by Ellen Mastrostefano '99
Features Writer

It is Saturday. The clock reads 7:00 a.m. and I'm dressed and ready to go. Is she temporarily mad, you ask? Perhaps, but that is not the issue. The reason why I am up at this horrid hour is because I am about to board a bus to New York City, a trip sponsored by the Providence College Art Department. No, I am not an art major. I have never even taken an art class. I am going on this trip for a number of reasons. First of all, I am suffering from a major case of cabin fever. My dorm room is starting to feel like a jail cell and the campus is my exercise yard. Also I have never been to New York before. I have traveled to many different states even different continents, yet I have never been to the "hot spot" of America. Last, but definitely not least, I am interested in varying forms of art such as photography and paintings.

So off I go, armed with two of

my trusty buddies. The only people that are on the road this early in the morning are truckers. I remember being on grade school field trips and every time we passed a truck driver we would try to get him to blow his horn. Those were the days....I digress (but what else can you do when you are sitting down in the same place for three hours straight). So, we are feeling a bit like the pilgrims in Chaucer's *Canterbury Tales*, telling stories, sleeping or just watching the landscapes go by.

New York. The Big Apple. It was right there in front of me. As I peeled my face away from the bus window, I could not help but smile. I love going to new places, seeing how the other half lives. A lot of the time everyone just gets so caught up in every little thing going on in their lives that we forget that there is a whole world out there. Sometimes, we just need a reality check.

Well, I have never seen so

many people and cars (mostly taxis) congregated all in one place. I stepped onto the sidewalk and my jaw hit the pavement. You cannot really appreciate the height and size of the buildings until you are actually standing in front of a skyscraper. The people I saw were diverse in age, nationality and wealth. I was almost mowed down a couple of times by people walking their dogs on the sidewalk. I never thought that people who lived in a city would want to have that kind of pet. However, Central Park was full of dogs eagerly pulling their owners down the foot paths. There were also a good number of street musicians that drew a reasonably large crowd.

Having been to New York many times before, my roommate assumed the role of tour guide. She was able to show us some of the many highlights of the city including St. Patrick's Cathedral, The Metropolitan Museum of Art and Saks Fifth Avenue. We also

strolled by the Fashion Cafe, Planet Hollywood and Radio City Music Hall. FAO Schwartz (the answer to every child's dreams) was crammed with holiday shoppers. Dinner at the Harley-Davidson Cafe was a welcomed relief to any hungry traveler.

The Metropolitan Museum of Art was definitely one of my favorite spots. It houses a large collection of paintings, photographs and sculptures from practically every cultural background and era. We were able to see everything from Monet's "Waterlillies" to ancient Egyptian tombs. The best, however, was saved for last—Rockefeller Center. Although the Christmas decorations were unfin-

ished, the ice rink was open and covered with skaters. The huge tree was set in place, but surrounded by scaffolding. People were strewn all around the area shopping, talking and taking pictures. I remember seeing this particular Christmas-time scene all through my life on TV and now I suddenly found myself standing right at the center of it!

With our eyes glazed over from fatigue, we boarded the bus to go back home. Our day which began so early was quickly beginning to draw to an end. Home sweet home. I left the City with a good impression of it as well as a lot of fun memories.

Thought of the Week

Hate is too important an emotion to waste on people you don't like.

- Joe Williams

The Reality of JRW

by Ali Fallon '98
Features Writer

For weeks before it is all that anyone talks about. It involves hours of preparation. Every little detail must be thought of from clothing, to flowers, parties, haircuts, where to sit, you get the idea. Then, boom! In the blink of an eye, it is all over. The months of anticipation and excitement are replaced by some pictures, but more importantly a wonderful memory.

Does it seem to be this way with most of the major events in your life? Think back a second to your first day of kindergarten, your confirmation, and your senior prom. All of these events were spoken of and prepared for months before.

I think for all the juniors, the significance of the JRW being over is how this relates in the scheme of their whole college careers. The JRW is something that you see signs about in Slavin starting your freshman year. After asking someone to find out what the initials of it stand for, you realize that the greatest significance it has to you, at that point, is that a lot of people who live off-campus will be away so you can expect fewer parties that weekend. By sophomore year, you understand what it is, and, may

even be lucky enough to go with someone from the class above yours. Yet, your own JRW still seems to be an eternity away. Therefore, it is understandable that when your class' JRW arrives, it is a realization that you are more than halfway done with your college career. It is an eye opener that if time has moved so fast from freshman to junior year, how quickly the little time left will go.

I do not mean to rush the college careers of all of the juniors. There is still plenty of time left of our lives here at PC. It is just a little strange when you realize that we have just passed another stepping stone in our lives. We have talked about the JRW for ages, now it will be part of our memory for ages. Years from now, we

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It is a time when you see your whole class and realize how many of these people you actually do know. And more importantly how so many of them have had an impact on your life, be it an old roommate, the kid who tutored you in calculus, or the kid who gives you fries everyday in Mondo. They have all helped shape your college experience.

will look back at pictures and reminisce about our college years, and like proms are to high school, the JRW will be to college. It will be a time that we look back on with a nostalgia of wonderful time gone so quickly past.

All I can say is that each one of us should enjoy everyday that we have here at Providence. Before we know it, commencement will be creeping upon us, and then, the "real world." It all goes by so fast. Sometimes it takes a big event like the JRW to realize that.

by Yvonne M. Arsenault '99
Features Writer

Thanksgiving is a great time of year. There are family gatherings, food galore, and time to just watch football all day long. For the average college student, though, it means even more. Thanksgiving break is an opportunity to rest up for the final home stretch of the fall semester.

One of the nicest things about Thanksgiving break is that it is longer than just a weekend. There is more time to see family and friends, to get some rest, and maybe just relax for a few days before returning to school. There is less rush because you do not have to cram everything into three days and there is even a holiday in there so it may be your chance to see some of your relatives that you have not seen since leaving for college.

But because you are going to be away from school a little longer, there are some things that you need to consider. First, the weather at home may be a lot different from the weather here. I forgot to bring my boots home last year and ran into trouble when I was met with a half a foot of snow. I also forgot how cold it was at home and did not bring nearly enough warm clothes. This may sound silly to you now, but this may be something that needs to be thought about.

Another thing is about your

room here at school. It is generally a good idea to clean out your refrigerator before you leave. Trust me, things go bad really fast when you are not around to eat them. The resulting odor is hard to get rid of and is not what you want greeting you as you return back on Sunday. Also, this would be an ideal time to defrost your refrigerator. All major electrical appliances must be unplugged for the holiday and this includes your refrigerator. If you unplug it prior to leaving and leave the door of the refrigerator open, mold should not grow. This is another thing that you generally would not like to greet you upon your return. Your refrigerator, stereos, TVs, clock radios, computers, and anything else which requires electricity should be unplugged, including power strips. It is also generally a good idea to close the shade(s) before leaving and empty the trash. The main theme here is trying to minimize the odor when you return to your room on Sunday.

All residents need to be out of the residence halls by 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, unless they have been granted permission to stay longer by Residence Life. The halls open again at 12:30 p.m. on Sunday.

When making your travel plans, think about taking advantage of resources such as the RHA travel board that is located by the friar boxes in Slavin for a ride home or for some one to ride with. Also, BOP has a number of buses going to specific cities for break. If you know of a friend or someone else who is going to the train or bus station, cab fare is a lot cheaper when it is shared.

All in all, Thanksgiving break should be a good time with family and friends. Take advantage of the time to relax and breathe before plowing back into the last week of classes and finals. The next time you make that journey home, you will be singing Christmas carols and other songs of joy.

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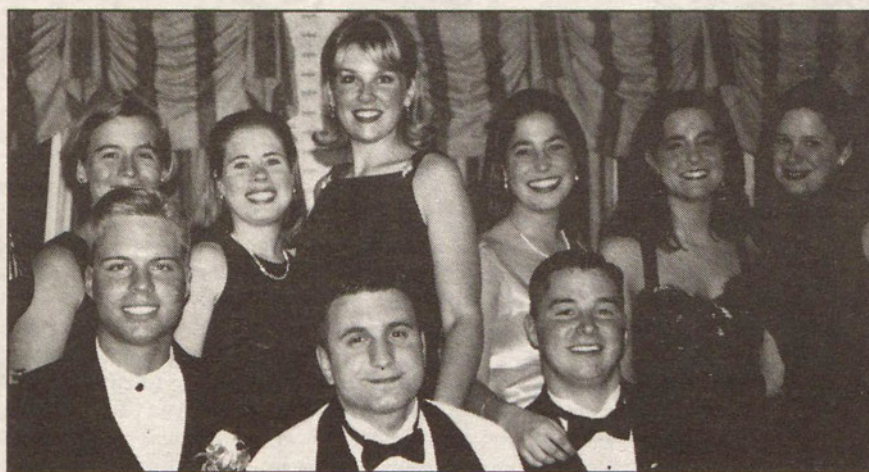
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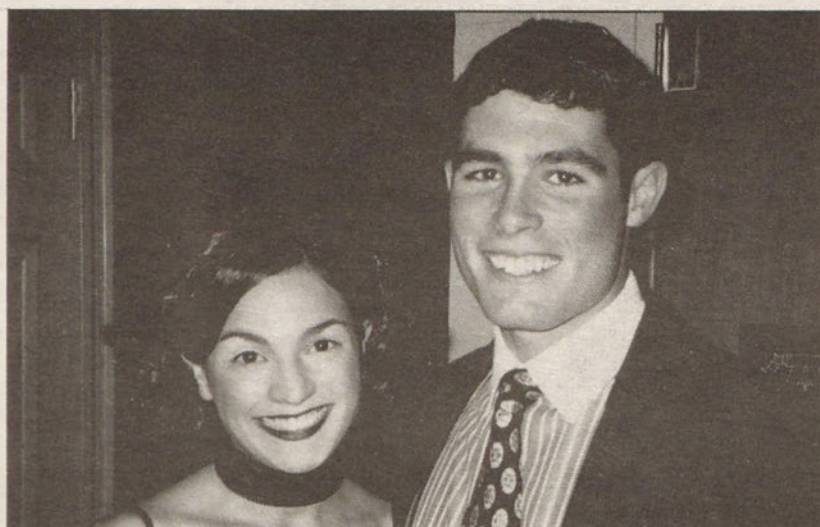
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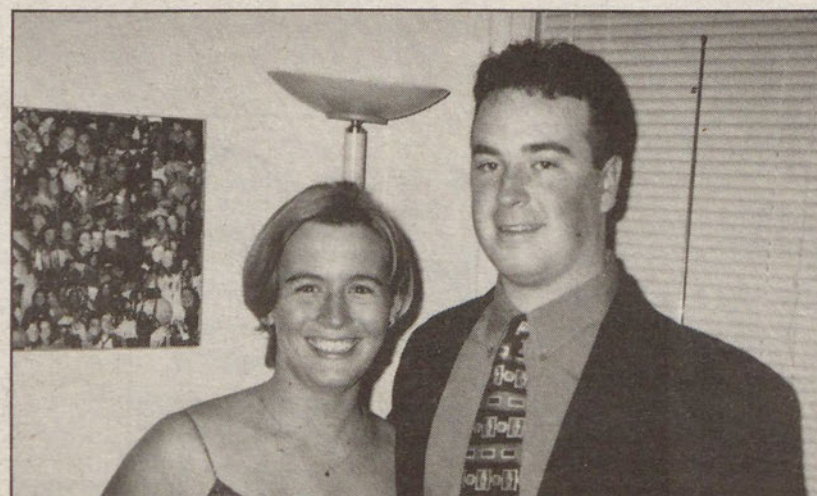
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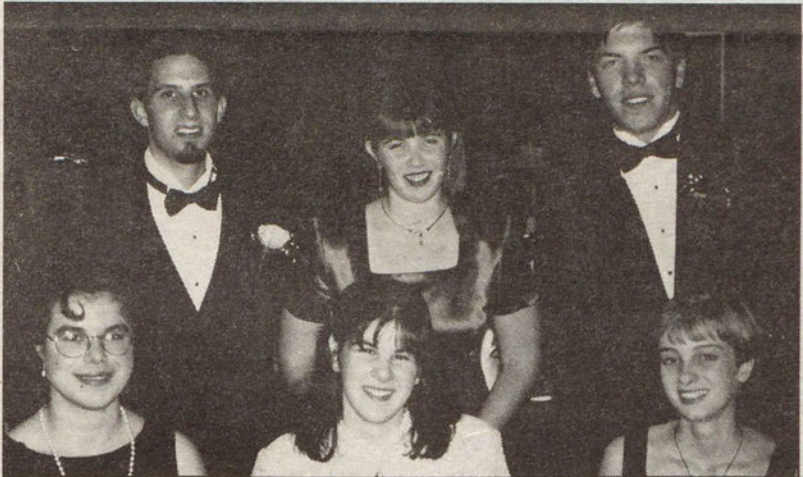
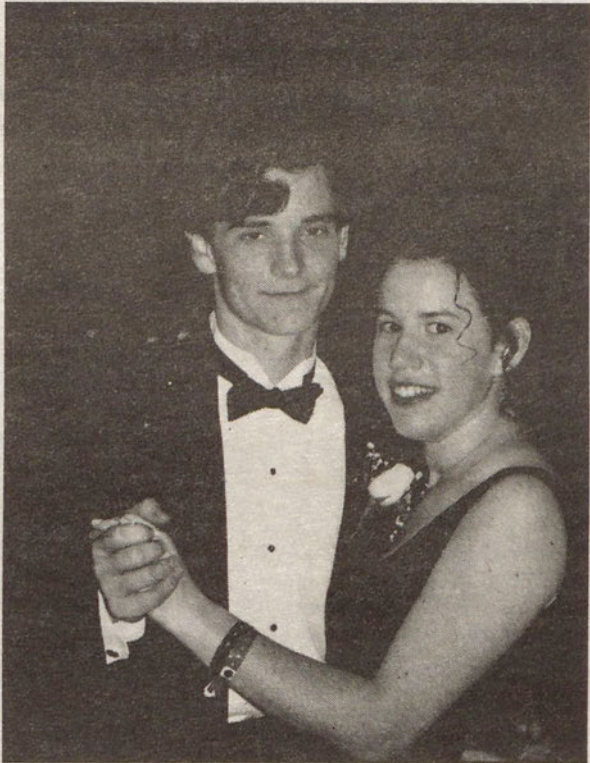
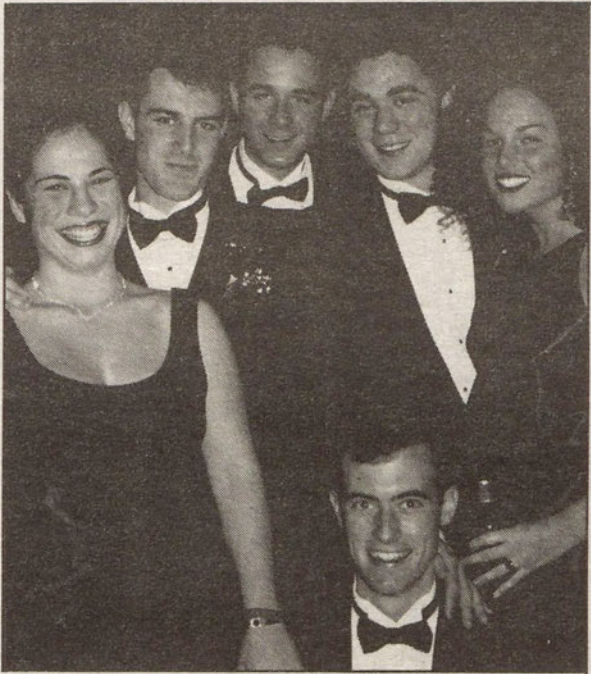


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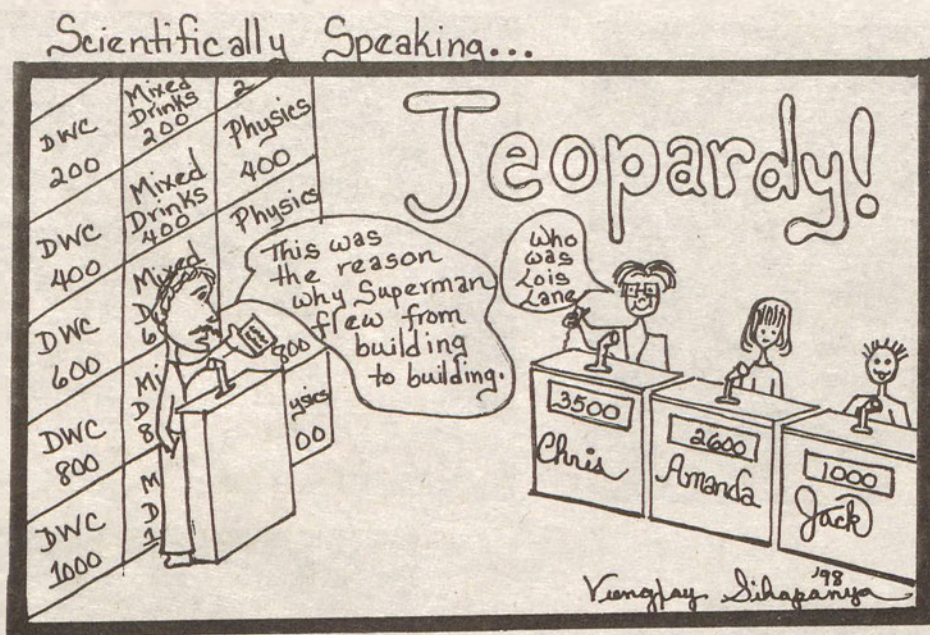
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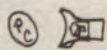


In an impulsive moment, Chris forgot that the category was Physics and missed the Daily Double.



$(\sqrt{676}+11) \div 5$ Reasons I am GLAD The JRW is a "once in a lifetime" event.

⑦ Taking the bus that didn't have seats.



Finding out your ring comes in two pieces.

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⑤ Getting locked in a room for over an hour.



Taking a bath... In your dress... in a tub full of ice... among other things

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③ Paying \$56.00 For a room for an hour, not a night.

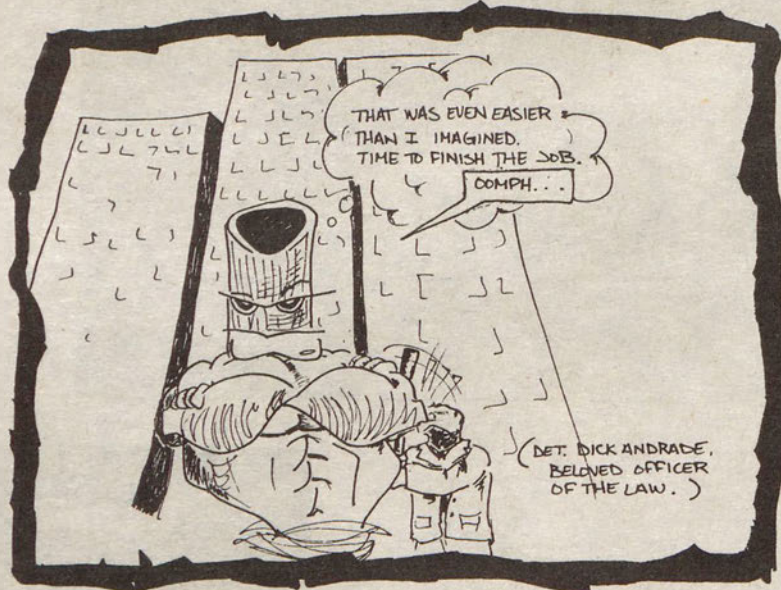


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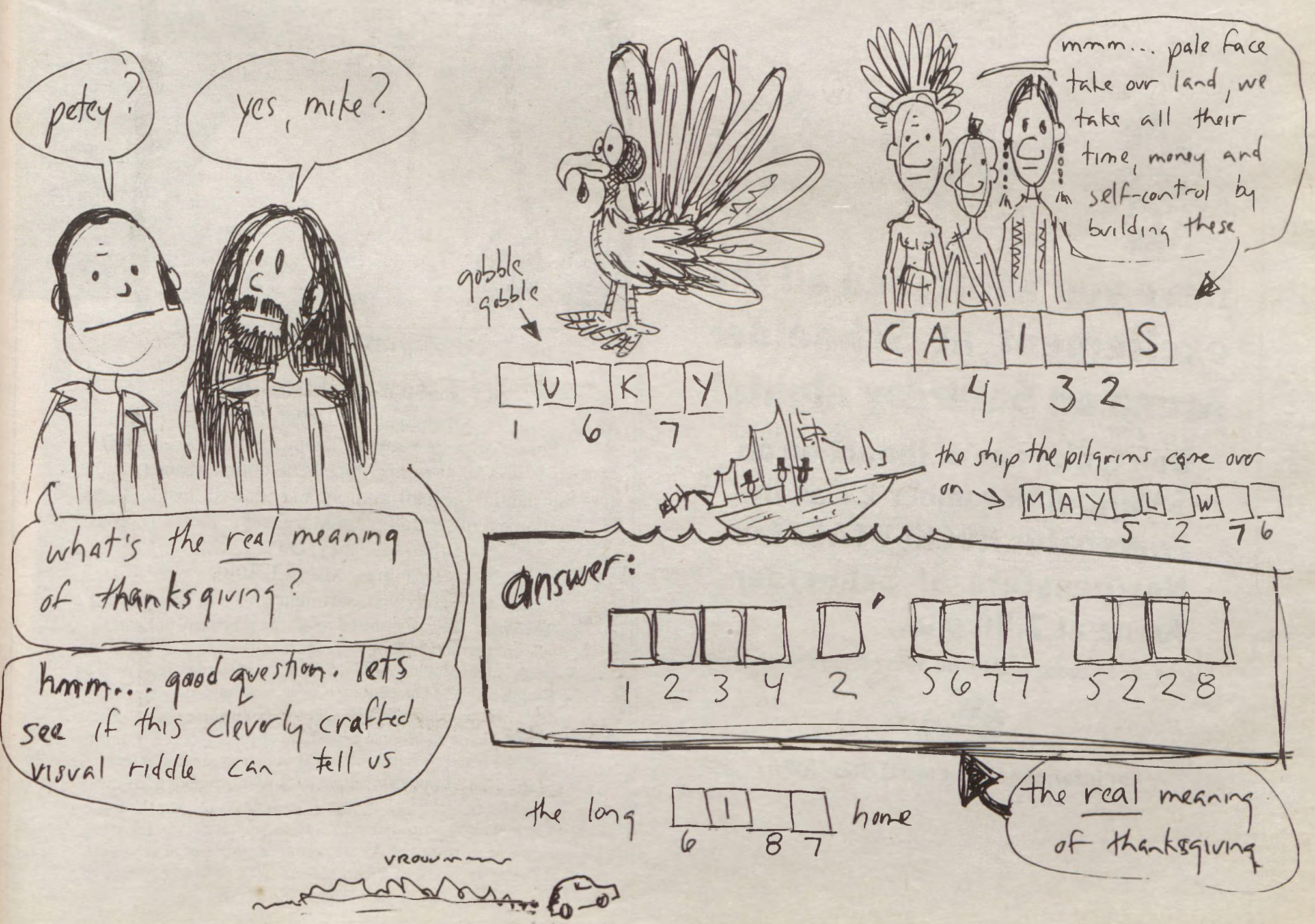
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① We were with **THAT GIRL!!!**

Tara Lyn Hurley '98



NEXT WEEK Ch. 6: MORE ON THE MYSTERIOUS DET. ANDRADE AND HIS VARIOUS CONNECTIONS. WHO IS HE, AND IS HE HERE TO HELP BLUNDER-MAN OR END HIS BRIEF CAREER. STAY TUNED!



Glimpse at the Gridiron

by Mike Friess '97
Sports Writer

The World Series was over almost a month ago and it stunk anyway because the damn Yankees won it. Basketball? Well the NBA's a one-team: Da Bulls! Maybe Hockey? Yawn! The NHL hasn't had an exciting team since the Rangers won it all three years ago. Golf and tennis are on their winter hiatus, so what do the Sportscenter junkies of the world have their attention fixed upon? FOOTBALL!!!! The greatest game on earth! The game of the gods! The clash of the titans of the gridiron. America's true pastime! For those of you who haven't been paying attention to this, the 77th NFL season, its really been a good one.

Make no mistake about it, the NFC will win the Superbowl, again. As usual, the AFC is trying to con people into believing that they have a shot at breaking the TWELVE YEAR losing streak that was extended last January by Dallas' victory over the Steelers. Out of those twelve games, only three games have even been close. Last year, Buffalo-New York, and San Francisco-Cincinnati. The NFC has simply manhandled the AFC in the other nine contests.

Ironically the two best teams in

the AFC, and the ones everyone is talking about going to the Superbowl, are the two teams that personify Superbowl futility: the Denver Broncos and the Buffalo Bills. The Broncos and Bills are the only AFC team to lose four Superbowls and are jointly responsible for seven of those twelve consecutive losses.

The Broncos have the NFL's best record, standing at 10-1. But who have they played? The Jets, Bengals, Ravens, Bears, Buccaneers, Raiders, and Seahawks are not exactly members of the NFL elite. And the rest of their schedule is made up of the Patriots, Chargers, and Chiefs. Again, we're not really talking powerhouses. The Chiefs are the only good team they've played so far (sorry Pats fans) and they split with them. Let's face it, the Broncos are playing an easy schedule and they are taking advantage of it like a good team should. However, come playoff time, they will not have played any decent teams and will be extremely outmatched by those that have.

Meanwhile, in upstate New York, the drive for five is alive. The Bills are playing, and beating, some really good teams. They've beaten the Colts, Patriots, and Eagles. They've also avenged all

four Superbowl losses by beating the Giants, the Redskins, and the Cowboys who many consider to be the best team in the NFL. The last time the Bills beat New York, Washington, and Dallas was 1993, the last time they played all three. However, something else the Bills might have in common with that

'93 squad may be a Superbowl loss. They barely beat the horrible Giants and defeated a Dallas team that was decimated by injuries and suspensions early in the season. If they meet again, the Pokes will beat 'em.

So, look for a great game in Mile High Stadium in late Janu-

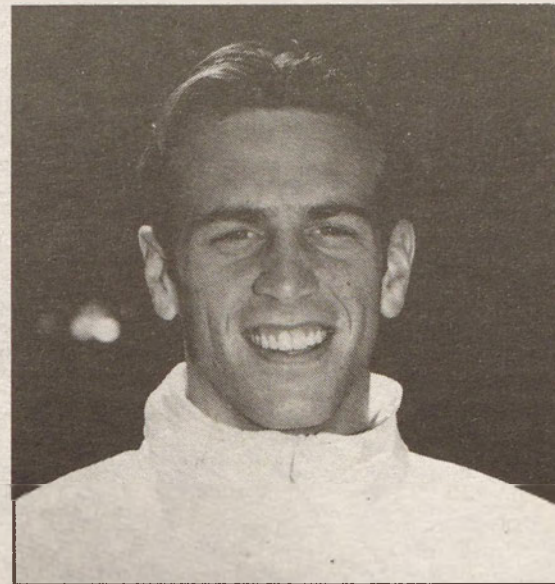
ary, as the Bills and Broncos battle to see who will have the distinct honor of being the first team to lose five Superbowls. Those of you who think the AFC has caught up with Dallas, San Francisco, and Green Bay are naive. The NFC will extend the streak to thirteen, and probably more. Period.

PC ATHLETES OF THE WEEK



Laurie Baker '99
(Concord, MA)
Women's Hockey

Laurie led the Lady Friar hockey team to wins against Boston College and Dartmouth College as she registered seven points (four goals, three assists) in the two games.



Michael Donnelly '97
(Somerset, MA)
Men's Cross Country

Michael finished second and led the Friars to a 10th place finish at the IC4A Championship on Saturday at Franklin Park in Boston, MA.



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Ramble On

by Todd McKeating '97
Sports Writer

The story has been on the front page of the USA Today and Boston Globe, been the leading story on Sportscenter and every other news program, but the gambling scandal at Boston College is bigger than the 13 players involved and bigger than the college it has affected. This is a story of a growing epidemic embraced by American society, a form of big business across college campuses and 11 players' lives which will never be the same. Also, very sadly enough, it is about two other players who allegedly bet against their teammates.

The investigation conducted against Boston College has revealed 11 players bet on the World Series and NFL games, while two other players are accused of betting against Boston College. These 11 players, excluding the two who have been accused of betting against BC, have been chastised and reprimanded for something which they see everyday. They did not bet against BC, they were not accused of point shaving scandals, or "fixing" a game, they just placed a bet on a game which they did not have influence on.

This is something millions of people do everyday, but since these players signed a National Letter of Intent, they are forced to abide by certain rules, one of which prohibits gambling. Don't we hear about athletes breaking more significant rules, athletes arrested for physical and sexual assault, that are still allowed to play. However, the rules are the rules and at a college as prestigious as BC, they have to pay the consequences.

This is not about the two players who betrayed their teammates, their college, their coach, or themselves. This is a story of something much bigger than the scandal on Chestnut Hill, this is a story of the disease of gambling and how

the 11 players are being treated as a scapegoat.

Gambling has transcended American society today. Everywhere you look, casinos spring up faster than McDonald's and Burger King. You can go to the dog track and bet on the dogs, go to a race track and bet on the horses. How about OTB (Off Track Betting)?

Open up a newspaper and you can see pages devoted to the "spread". The spread is publicized everywhere, in the morning paper

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and on the radio. The internet has a web site just dedicated to the spreads. Every Sunday morning on ESPN, you can get a run down on the day's "sure bets" and the games which you should stay away from. They have records for the teams which have the best record against the spread, which teams to stay away from and the "sure bets." However, gambling on college campuses is as rampant as students running for an open keg at a fraternity party.

Ever hear of such phrases as push, parley and teaser? I bet there a million college students who

have. Gambling is becoming an addiction on college campuses more than alcohol and drugs. Bookies and runners have been know to make more than a few thousand dollars on any given weekend. Students place bets from \$20 up to \$500, often times going double or nothing. "Pools" are set up for the NCAA Tournament, Monday Night football and any other sporting event students feel like wagering on. You may ask yourself, "What is wrong with this?" The answer is nothing, but there must be limits. The problem starts when people start to lose and think the debt will just disappear.

I have seen this problem over and over again. Student A places \$25 on the Lakers and Hawks game, he wins. Then s/he starts to feel a little lucky and places \$100 on a hockey game, \$50 on a NFL game and so forth. This is when the bottom falls out. They think they have a sure bet, but team A upsets team B and the person owes a few hundred dollars to the bookie. Now they think they can place double or nothing bet and get on the positive side, but they lose more. Now, students are forced to sell their merchandise to get money to pay their bookie. Many times these people do not know the physical danger they may face if they if they do not pay their debts, as my friend found out. This problem is a disease, a disease which is growing and engulfing more and more people, just ask the 11 players at Boston College.

We are told it is all right to bet on teams, go to Foxwoods or Mohegan Sun and play blackjack, but not for these football players. They have been used as a scapegoat for this disease. Did they not do anything that the normal college student does not do everyday? Just because they are in the spotlight, they have been chastised for their mistake. A simple mistake they will be paying for the rest of their lives.

Cross Country Continued

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Big East's, the New England's, and Minnesota, and that's the frame of mind we're going to go into the NCAA's with, that's the only way."

At the Big East's, the New England's, and the Griak Invitational in Minnesota, the Friars were able to keep their top five men within thirty seconds of each other and were very successful. While number one man Mike Donnelly ran well Saturday with a second place time of 29:36, the time between numbers one and five was well over a minute.

Senior Nick Kent placed 35th for PC (30:17), senior David Healy crossed in 51st (30:33), junior Paul McNamara landed in 60th (30:40), and Myers placed 73rd (30:48).

"Everything that could have went wrong did go wrong Saturday," admitted Ventress. "But we got the bid because of what we've done the whole year. If we run the way we're capable of, if we can keep that thirty second window between our top five we'll do very well."

So how will they do? Well, Notre Dame is picked to finish sixth. A healthy Friar club defeated the Fightin' Irish at the Big East's. And, like the women, Villanova won the IC4A's and earned a high ranking as well. Also like the women, the Friars defeated 'Nova at the Big East's, too.

The women had their share of difficulties as well on Saturday. Top harrier Marie McMahan, picked to win easily, lost a contact lens and was seeing double for most of the race. According to Treacy, she would have won by 20 or 30 seconds. Instead, she placed second (16:31). Senior Krissy Haacke placed 19th (17:12), junior Maria McCambridge grabbed 21st (17:16), sophomore Sarah Dupre placed 32nd (17:28), sophomore Gladys Ganiel crossed in 34th (17:30), freshman Dana Ostrander placed 39th (17:34), and senior Heather Couture finished 41st (17:39).

"Obviously things went wrong

during the race," noted Treacy. "Like Marie's contact popping out obviously didn't help her. And a lot of the other girls, they got a very bad draw, got caught up at the start. Some had to walk around the first turn instead of running, because when you get caught in that kind of position it's very hard to get back into it, especially in a field that size. So there were negatives in the actual race as well, and these are things that the girls have looked at and we have looked at, can be avoided and will not happen next Monday."

"We just did not run well on the women's side, they know that," said Treacy. "They know it better than anybody else. They know they weren't as hyped up for the race as they were for Big East. And the NCAA's will get them ready."

Both of these meets have positives. The men have received a second life. They have done well when they have seven healthy runners and will have seven healthy runners in Arizona. If everything that could possibly happen happened on Saturday, than there's nothing left to affect Monday's performance.

The women's team is no different than the team of a few weeks ago that earned a number one ranking. Actually, there is one difference. The number one ranking and the spotlight and expectations it carries have been given to someone else. Now, it's just run like hell and we'll see what happens.

"Monday is obviously the most important race, and they'll be ready. They'll get the very best out of themselves on Monday, there's no doubt about that. If that's good enough to win, they'll win."

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ever possible, and the forwards being held up in the neutral zone and abused in the crease.

All of this comes after the Friars tied BC 4-4 on Friday night in Boston. PC goals were scored by Mike Omicioli, Travis Dillabough, Jon Coe, and Mike Mader, with Dan Dennis making 33 saves in net.

After the game BC head coach Jerry York commented, "We haven't had too much luck here but the defense moved the puck well in all three zones, and we got great goaltending from Greg Taylor."

The 2,153 fans in attendance were treated to a game that featured solid defense, great forechecking, and good penalty killing, all of which does not make exciting hockey. The momentum changed at several points in the game, making the home loss all the more frustrating.

STRICT FOREIGN POLICY

Lady Friars Defeat Australia 83-72

by Ken Martin '99
Sports Writer

The American people's vote was recorded over two weeks ago. No longer are our televisions filled with campaign advertisements or our newspapers dotted with political commentaries. Yet, despite the elections being over, the Providence Women's Basketball Team recently revealed a strict foreign policy all their own. In their second and final exhibition game, the Lady Friars defeated the Southern District Spartans of Australia 83-71 last Thursday night in Alumni Hall, and successfully completed a sweep of their pre-season schedule.

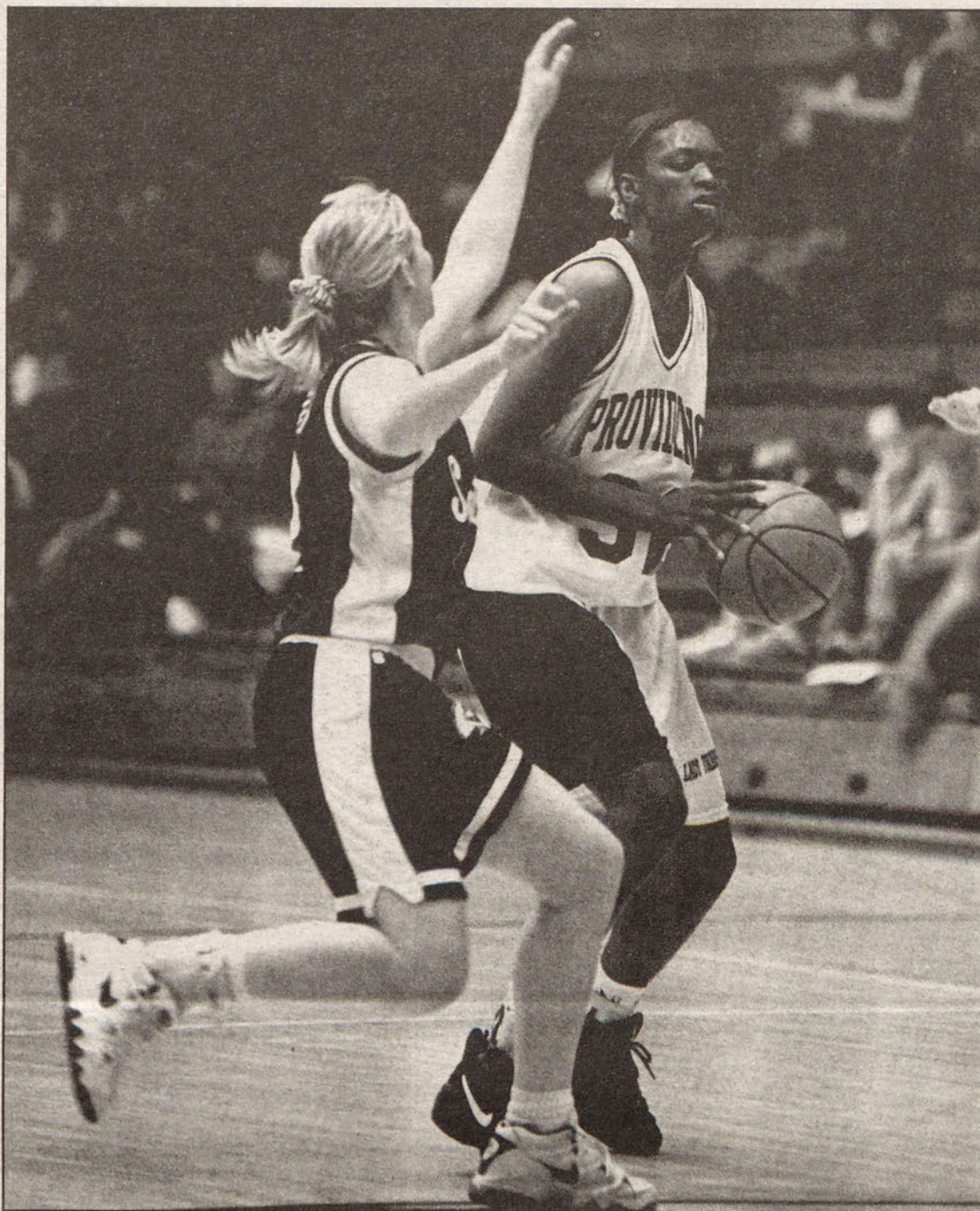
Providence jumped out to a quick 10-2 lead at the 16:48 mark of the first half using a fast paced offensive attack that stunned the Spartans early. Junior forward Kerri Chatten got the spurt going for the Lady Friars with a nice block on the defensive end that started a two on one fast break. Senior co-captain Nadine Malcolm finished the play with a strong lay-up in traffic for one of her game high 33 points, 17 of which came in the first half. However, as the half moved on PC began to get frustrated with the European offensive and defensive styles of the Australian club, which caused 12 first half turnovers for the Lady Friars. Providence Head Coach Jim Jabir was forced to call a time out at the 8:05 mark as the Spartans cut the Providence lead to one at 24-23. Leading the way for the Australians was guard Christen Pagano, who scored two quick three-point field goals and tallied 10 of her team

half and push their lead up to eleven at the break 42-31. Juniors Keri Chatten and guard Julie Wheeler contributed on the perimeter for PC by hitting two of the team's seven three-point field goals. Senior guard Mandy Saunders also connected for two threes in the half and doled out three pretty assists to spark the Lady Friars' running game.

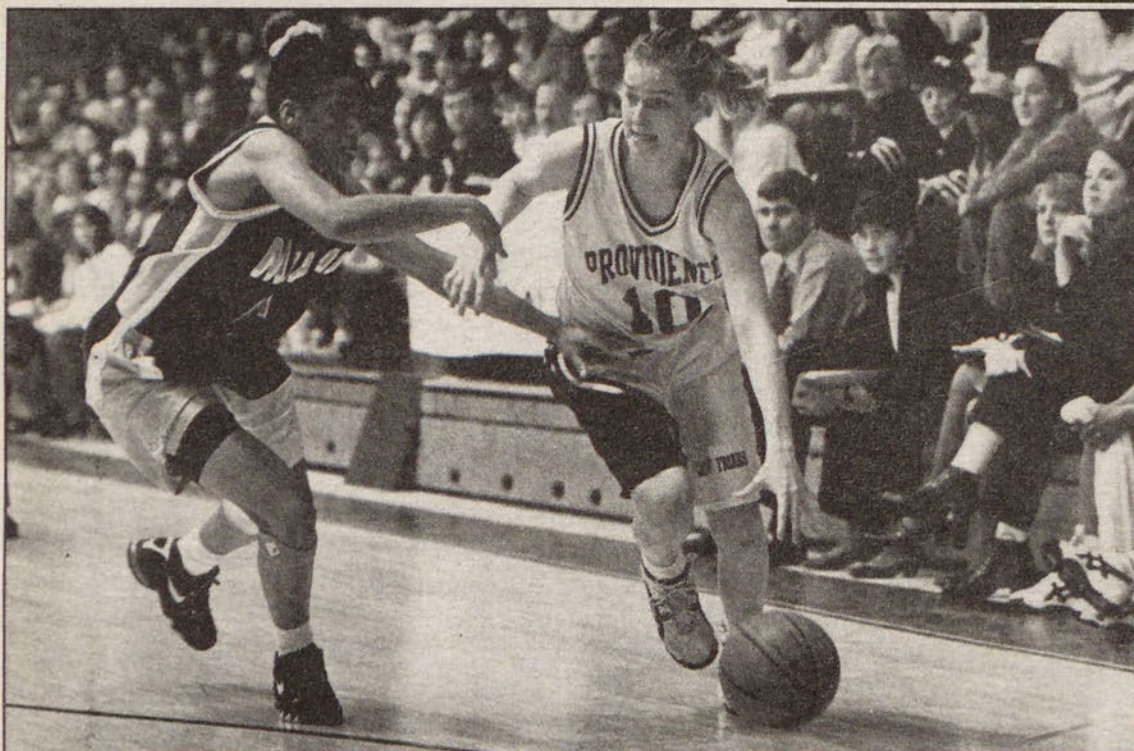
"We did some good things tonight, but we definitely need to do more," mentioned Jabir realistically after the game. "Defense is key. We must do more on defense."

Senior co-captain Jen Davis may have read her coach's mind as she played solid defense for PC to open up the second half. Davis helped her team to a 60-50 lead with 8:20 left in the half by hounding the Australian back-court and causing 3 of Australia's 15 second half turnovers. Yet as the game moved into its final minutes PC found themselves leading by only four points 73-69 with 1:28 left to play. Australia then cut the margin to 73-71 on two foul shots by their 5-10" forward Kelly Lemenzs. Foul shots proved to be the deciding factor in the outcome for Providence as they connected on eight straight in the final 1:15 of play—16 for 19 on the night—to close out the game 83-71.

The Lady Friars, who were ranked number 3 in the Big East Seven Pre-Season Poll last week, will open up their regular season Friday night in Alumni Hall at 7pm versus Big Ten power Ohio State University. PC will travel to the University of Rhode Island on Sunday for a 2pm game against the Lady Rams.



ABOVE: Nadine Malcolm '97 is a picture of concentration
LEFT: Jen Davis '97 taking the rock the hole



high 28 points.

"They [Spartans] play a very different game, a very European style," commented Providence Head Coach Jim Jabir. "They caused some problems for us on the perimeter and inside as well. We couldn't get it to the post and we need to get better at that."

Jabir's time out seemed to make his team do just that...get better. Providence proceeded on an 18-8 run to close out the first

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by Cory R. McGann '98
Sports Editor
and really, really cool guy

Brrrr.
By the time you are reading this, I will be freezing my butt off in the frozenundra of Fairbanks, Alaska.

Brrrr.
As Sports Editor of *The Cowl*, the greatest newspaper on the face of God's green Earth (yes, I know, shameless self-promotion), I have the job of following the men's basketball team. This time, I am following them up north, to the Top of the World Classic being held at the University of Fairbanks-Alaska.

Brrrr.
This is NOT the Great Alaskan Shootout. People keep thinking this. It is the Top of the World Classic. The First Annual, in fact.

The teams are not the greatest. Alabama and Baylor, maybe. But Middle Tennessee State, Montana, and Southern Illinois are not the cream of the crop.

Did I mention North Carolina is in the tournament? North Carolina-Wilmington, that is.

Brrrr.
Friars take note. This is what happens when you don't make the NCAA tournament. Last year the boys were on the bubble and were denied a bid to the big dance.

It has spilled over into this year, as the Friars cannot make any of the "big time" tourneys such as the pre-season NIT and the Great Alaskan Shootout.

Have no fear, however, as the Friars should roll. They'll leave the icy land with an undefeated record and a swagger of a great team.

Of course, if they lose even one game, the trip will be a disaster. While if they had wrangled an invitation to a more prestigious tournament, they could lose every game by fifty and still be respected.

Brrrr.
Yet I am going (or rather, I am there... or here... I'm so confused). I hope the kids do well. They should.

Hard Hitting Hockey Action

Too Little Too Late

Lady Friars Off to Impressive 2-0 Start

by Frank Mills '98
Sports Writer

In the dying seconds of the third period, down by one goal with the goaltender pulled, David Green stepped up from the point into the high slot and fired a low, hard shot that was kicked away by a windmilling Greg Taylor. The crowd at Schnieder Arena let out a collective groan as time ran out for the Friars. The BC Eagles had come into PC's barn and walked out with a 4-3 win.

to give the Eagles a 4-3 lead. In the third period, both teams were unable to change the numbers on the scoreboard as the 4-3 score would remain. The Friars put great offensive pressure on the Eagles, with Brannare and Omicioli working hard, cycling in-deep, and Hal Gill quarterbacking the powerplay. Despite a great effort from the home team, the 4-3 score became a final. The game was characterized by tight checking, good forechecking, and great



Tri-Captain Hal Gill

Friar goaltender Dan Dennis was tested early, making 13 saves in the first period, many right on his doorstep. BC center Jamie O'Leary scored two goals parked on the lip of the crease at the 9:50 and 19:05 marks. The Friars answered at 12:05 of the period on a slick goal by center Jon Coe. Coe got the puck in deep and walked right around the defense, coming around the net for the wrap-around. The Coe goal seemed to give the team a boost, with good scoring chances from Travis Dillabough, Fernando Pisani, and Troy Lake, until BC rallied back with the O'Leary goal. Throughout the period, the Eagles played sound, carving in low shots from the right point and picking up the rebounds.

The second period featured two goals from each team and enough hitting after the whistle to fill both penalty boxes. BC opened the scoring at 3:14 in the period when center Nick Pierandri came out of the penalty box and caught a lead pass from super-phenom Marty Reasoner. The Friars came back four minutes later with right-wing Russ Guzior circling the net and finding an open Hal Gill at the point. Gill's slap shot found it's way between BC goaltender Greg Taylor's pads to make the score 3-2.

After Gill's goal, the Friars came out flying creating several scoring chances. PC's third line accounted for many opportunities and was rewarded at 10:29 when Stephan Brannare pulled away from the defense, moving across the top of the circle, and fired a wristshot that somehow found the twine. BC answered in the last minutes of the period when Jeff Farkas stepped around a held-up Mike Omicioli, and went strong to the net. Brian Callahan, who forced the pick play on Omicioli, picked up Farkas' rebound

penalty killing by BC. Throughout the game, the wings were held up coming over the blueline, and were mugged every time they got the puck. Left wing Stephan Brannare said, "They dished it out all night and we gave it right back to them, that's the way you have to play. We came back a few times, and we played through it, but making up that deficit is always tough."

After the game, PC coach Paul Pooley explained, "Special teams was the difference. We have to play better on the power play, especially in crunch time, that could have been the difference tonight." The Friars went into Saturday's game with a 26.8% powerplay efficiency, but went 0-7 with the man advantage against the Eagles. Chalk that up to an impressive BC penalty-killing unit that thwarted the Friar's powerplay hopes.

In last week's loss to BU, the Friars could not shut down the Terrier's big guns, Drury and Bates. Against BC, the Friars did quite well at shutting down the Eagles slick forwards, most notably 1996 first round draft pick (ST. Louis), Marty Reasoner. Reasoner was shadowed all night and was stood up by Hal Gill a number of times coming off the puck.

Throughout the game, just when the Friars were making a comeback, BC would score. Coach Pooley explained, "The timing of the goals really hurt us emotionally, we kept coming back, but couldn't take the lead."

Throughout the game, tempers flared, with both teams combining for 98 minutes in penalties. All of this resulted from both teams throwing shoulders and hips when-

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by Frank Mills '98
Sports Writer

If you missed this weekend's hockey matinee over at Schneider Arena featuring the Lady Friars, you missed 120 minutes of great hockey featuring two of the best centers in the country and a freshman goaltender with something to prove.

Myia Yates empty-net goal with one second left in the game on Sunday capped an impressive weekend for the Lady Friars hockey squad. With wins against Boston College and Dartmouth, the Lady Friars began their season rolling. Coach Jackie Barto remarked, "I was pleased with this weekend's results, we played very well. We have to take those two wins, which were great for our confidence, and work hard and continue to develop."

The Lady Friars defeated the BC Eagles 10-3 on Saturday in a game where PC's big guns walked out with smoking revolvers. The game's first star, Laurie Baker had a five point game, lighting the lamp four times. Allison Wheeler registered a goal and three assists, and Myia Yates registered a goal and four assists. And do not forget about Sara DeCosta, the heavily recruited rookie goaltender who looked impressive between the pipes in both starts.



Laurie Baker '99 corrals the puck

The game started oddly, however, because the Lady Friars came out sluggish, and BC capitalized, led by center Erin Magee, who's surprising, Jean Beliveau-like finesse moves accounted for a 3-3 tie at the end of the first. Sara Decosta looked shaky early, allowing a couple of soft goals.

The second period looked much different, with Wheeler, Baker and Yates dominating. It looked more like a game of shinny, as the slick PC forwards forced the play in the offensive zone. The period was characterized by a beauty of a goal that made the score 6-3. Wheeler to Clark looked like Gretzky to Kurri as the two combined for a give-and-go goal that looked like it was practiced on the pond. The period ended with a 7-3 score.

The Lady Friars were putting on a forechecking clinic as they forced the puck in deep and cycled well. "We forechecked very well in both games. We're basically sending one man in and trying to beat them to the puck," remarked Laurie Baker. Coach Barto added, "Our strength is our forwards, and when they forecheck well, we can really put the pressure on."

The third period offered more of the same as PC added three more goals to the scoreboard with tallies from Wheeler, Baker, and Tina Schairer. Allison Wheeler was all over the ice, moving the puck well and forcing the play deep. They call her "Wheels"

because the girl can skate.

Although Sara DeCosta started the game tentative, she quickly settled down, coming up with 28 saves. DeCosta stoned the Eagles in the latter periods as the defense forced the Eagles into low-percentage shots. "It was nice to see Sara respond after the first period and settle into the game," Coach Barto explained. The defensive corps, which is rather inexperienced, made some errors in the first period but picked up the slack when they got into the flow of the game.

On Sunday, the Lady Friars defeated Dartmouth 3-1 in a game that turned out to be a great contest. Katie Lachapelle and Alison Wheeler responded to the 1-0 Dartmouth lead with goals in the second period. Myia Yates added the empty-netter with one tick left on the clock to put the game away.

The leading roles were again played out by familiar scorers as Wheeler, Baker, and Yates all had strong games. Sara DeCosta came up big making 33 stops including 18 in the third period as Dartmouth applied the pressure. Dartmouth moved the puck very well, setting up the box and forcing some quality shots on net.

"Winning a close game, especially against such a well coached team like Dartmouth, is very important to our confi-

dence," explained Coach Barto. Laurie Baker added, "We wanted to get off to a good start, especially with a big road trip coming up." The Lady Friars travel next weekend to play St. Lawrence and Cornell. Coach Barto added, "We have a big weekend coming up, we have to focus on that."

Laurie Baker, last year's ECAC Rookie of the Year, was named Player of the Week, and Sara DeCosta was named to the ECAC Honor Roll. This weekend's wins proved that the "young guns" can play and the vets never forgot how to light 'em up.

School	league		pts	overall
	W-L-T			
Brown	2-0-0	4		3-1-1
Colby	2-0-0	4		2-0-0
New Hampshire	2-0-0	4		4-0-0
Northeastern	2-0-0	4		3-1-0
Providence	2-0-0	4		2-0-0
Harvard	1-1-0	2		3-2-0
Princeton	1-1-0	2		2-3-0
Boston College	0-2-0	0		0-2-0
Cornell	0-2-0	0		2-4-0
Dartmouth	0-2-0	0		0-2-0
St. Lawrence	0-2-0	0		0-2-0
Yale	0-2-0	0		0-2-0

Friars Falter at ECAC/IC4A's

Harriers Look to Regroup For National Championships in Arizona

by John Carchedi '98

Asst. Sports Editor
He claims he got his article in on time, yet I disagree

Admittedly, both Providence College cross country squads ran below their expectations in their respective NCAA qualifying meets at Franklin Park in Boston. This may have been a good thing.

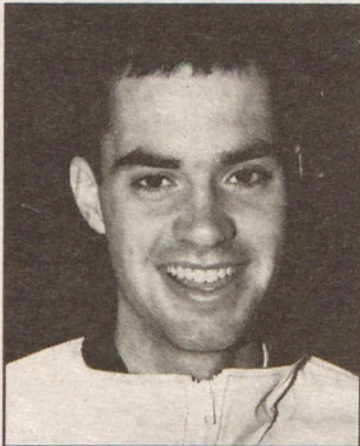
Ranked number one in the nation since the season began, the women finished third in the ECAC meet behind Big East foes and former victims Villanova and Georgetown. In fact, the Wildcats blew everyone away with a remarkable 37 points, an amazing 71 points better than PC's 108. It was only two weeks earlier that Providence had defeated 'Nova at the Big East Championships.

"We've all learned from it, and better to learn this week than learn next Monday (at NCAA's)"

"O.K., John, what's so good about being defeated by 70 points the week before the National Championships?" First of all, dear readers, it's not as bad as it seems. The Friars have three big meets in four short weeks with the Big East's, ECAC's and NCAA's. The Big East's and the NCAA's are the

ones that are meaningful to PC, much more meaningful than the ECAC's. Secondly, they've learned from it.

"The girls have learned from it, we've all learned from it, and better to learn this week than learn next Monday (at NCAA's)," ex-



Nick Kent '97

plained Friar Head Coach Ray Treacy. "They realize that they took the race last weekend a little too casually, and that's the way they raced."

"The thing is you race so hard in the Big East, then try to do it again at the ECAC's, then try to do it again a week after at the NCAA's," continued Treacy. "It's tough going unless you're a far superior team than everybody else like last year's team was. For us, the two most important meets of the year are the Big East's and the NCAA's. We took care of business at the Big East's, and this was a qualifying meet and we qualified, and that's all that matters."

The Lady Friars' victory at last

year's National Championships ended a five year, second fiddle performance to powerful Villanova. 'Nova's huge success does have the Black and White aware going into the NCAA's, but not in a panic.

"Villanova got themselves up for this meet," noted Treacy. "We got ourselves up for the Big East's, that was more important for us. And next week will be a completely different ballgame all together."

On the men's side, well, Murphy may have been a cross country fan. Everything that could possibly have gone wrong did. The end result was a tenth place finish, and a third place finish in their district (top two teams in each district go to Nationals.) Thus, the

"The men's race was really a comedy of errors... everything seemed to go wrong that could go wrong on the day"

boys missed qualifying. Keep reading, it gets worse. They missed that magical second place spot by one stinkin' point.....to Brown University.

I'm not a big fan of Brown University, and I thought I was going to be sick when the results

were posted. I mention this because it's a great transition to the next part of my story. You see, PC's number three man Ben Noad was suffering from food poisoning. Work with me for a moment; imagine running over six miles as fast as possible with food poison-



Krissy Haacke '97

ing. Here's the story.

Coaches take their best seven runners to the Nationals. Treacy held out number four man Zack Ventress to allow seven and eight men Steve Myers and Larry Morrissey battle it out and see who would earn the final spot.

"Then Ben gets food poisoning on Friday night," sighed Treacy. "All of a sudden we're in trouble. My declarations are done, so I can't change the team. I can't bring Zack back into the team. Then Larry gets sick."

So we're looking at a team of five healthy runners. Morrissey couldn't finish the race. Noad fought through and finished, but he crossed the line in 88th place, re-

alistically about sixty places behind where he's capable of finishing. Add those 60 points and PC places a close third overall, top two in their district, and receives an automatic bid.

However, the boys did receive an at-large bid, and will be on the line at the National Championships in Arizona Monday.

"The men's race was really a comedy of errors," said Treacy. "When these things happen, you go to the line trying to hold on and qualify instead of trying to win the meet, which we should have. Everything seemed to go wrong that could go wrong on the day. Nothing more could have happened."

"But we did what we needed to

The number one ranking and the spotlight and expectations it carries has been given to someone else. Now, it's just run like hell and we'll see what happens

do," added the coach. "I'm putting the IC4A's out of our mind and thinking about all the good things that happened before that, at the

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TWO FOR INTANGIBLES

PC Volleyball Wins Pair to Finish Season

by Ken Martin '99

Sports Writer

The Big East Conference doesn't give out a trophy for team pride, they don't distribute plaques for great hustle and they don't have awards for moral victories. So while the top teams in the league used the past weekend to ready themselves for Big East Tournament play—games which the Big East Conference does recognize with awards and trophies—the Providence Women's Volleyball Team was trying to win the final two games of their season for peace of heart and a sense of self-respect to carry with them in the long off-season which laid ahead. And as the sun set on a perfect autumn day in Orange County, New Jersey, the Lady Friars boarded their bus back to Providence with exactly that...a sense of pride and with heads held high. The reason: A weekend sweep of Rutgers and Seton Hall Universities which sealed an above .500, 18-17 record for PC and moved them into a tie for ninth place in the conference with West Virginia.

"We had several losses down the stretch run of the season even in some games that we played well

in," recalled senior captain Becky Loftus. "But we wanted to win these last games so we could end the season on a positive note."

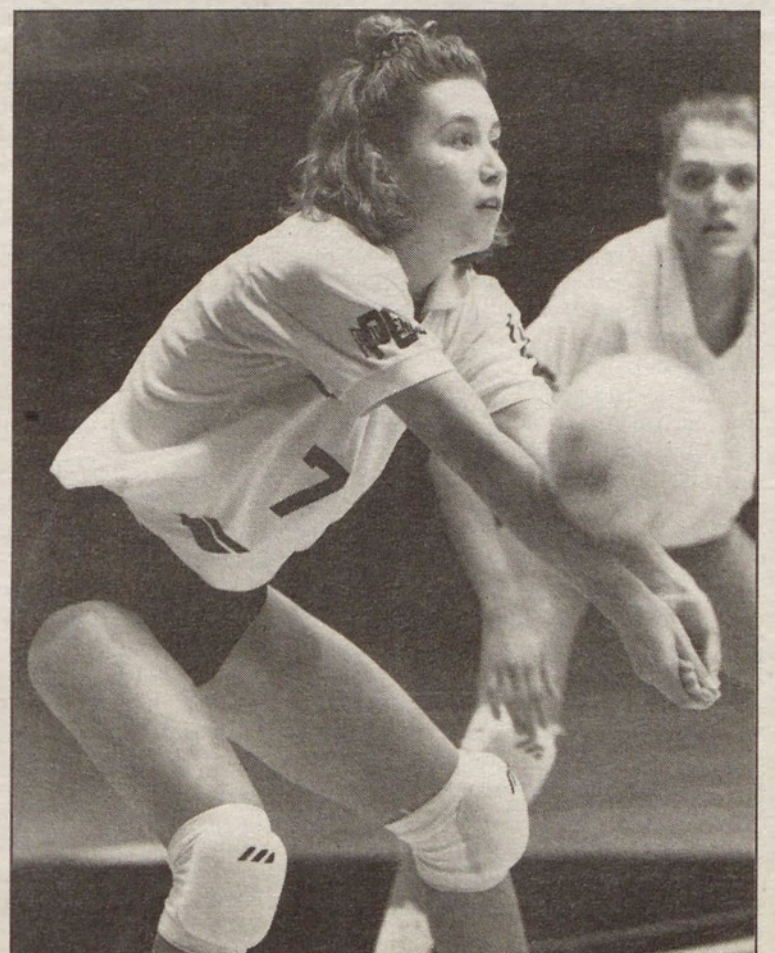
In Sunday's game against Seton Hall, all the notes were positive for Providence as they took a 3-1 victory 15-5, 15-13, 9-15, 15-4. The Lady Friars kept Seton Hall back on their heels all match long, peppering the Pirates with kill after kill. PC totaled 58 kills on the day and forced Seton Hall to play a very tentative offensive match. Seton Hall could manage only a .135 hitting percentage and needed to come up with 93 digs to somewhat hold off PC's front-line hitters. Two of those hitters who had a strong day for the Black and White were seniors Becky Loftus and Sarah Parsons. The pair of outside hitters, competing in their last game in a Providence uniform, tallied 17 and 12 kills respectively and combined for 10 digs on the defensive side of the court. Also playing well for PC were freshman Rachel Duxtater and Colleen Lee. Lee, a 5 foot 8 inch setter who recorded a season high 665 assists for the Lady Friars, marked up 45 on the day versus Seton Hall and chipped in 3 service aces as well. The outside hitter, Duxtater, con-

tributed 9 kills of her own and finished a strong freshman campaign for PC with 186 kills on the year, fourth on the squad.

On Saturday, Providence traveled a bit further south on I-95 to face Rutgers University in a 2 o'clock match. PC jumped out to grab the first game from the Scarlet Knights 15-10 and never looked back as they went on to a 3-0 straight games victory 15-10, 15-7, 15-13. Once again the Providence outside hitters dominated the net as Loftus, Parsons, and sophomore Sherryl Jones combined for 34 of PC's 51 total kills. Colleen Lee also had another solid game, notching 43 of Providence's 45 assists.

"We could have just went through the motions this weekend, but we played hard and made a solid effort to go out with both games," remarked Loftus. "Sure we would have liked to win some more games, but these were the ones we had left and we played to win them."

Providence finishes the 1996 season with two more wins than last year's 16-16 mark and improves their Big East record from 3-8 a year ago to a solid 5-6 this season.



Sarah Parsons '97 stepped up her game at the end of the season