The Quilt was on display December 3 and 4, 1996. Its purpose was to commemorate Native Americans affected by AIDS and to educate the public about the epidemic. The quilt was created by several Native artists and was exhibited in Providence, Rhode Island.

The featured speakers and dancers were then introduced by Kenneth Sargent, O.P., Associate Professor, Art/Art History Department. The first two people featured were a mother and daughter pair, Dawn Dove of Narragansett and her daughter Eleanor Dove MacKenzie. Both are members of the Narragansett tribe of Rhode Island. The third person featured was Melvin Coombs, a Mashpee Wampanoag.

The three were wearing the actual attire that would have been worn in the past. Dove wore an Eastern Woodland style dress with goose feathers as the highlight. MacKenzie wore an outfit called a fancy shawl. Coombs' clothing included deerskin, both turkey and hawk feathers, and a pair of moccasins.

MacKenzie, who is 17 and a senior in high school, said, "It is very important for me to express the hardships that Native Americans have faced in the past and continue to face today."

The Art of Ri's Native American Culture

One World. One Hope.
World AIDS Day 1996 Comes to PC

by Matthew F. Stauff '00
News Writer

To celebrate Native American Heritage Month, the Narragansett Tribe Dancers from the Dovercourt Cultural Center danced, sang, and told the folk stories of their people on Thursday, November 21.

Dr. Willese Comissong, Dean of The Balfour Center for Multicultural Affairs, opened the event by saying it was the first time we make an attempt to launch a celebration of a history which affected deeply.

Joe Wilson '99 then spoke of what it was like being raised in the heritage of his Native American ancestors. Wilson explained his parents and grandparents taught him about his heritage. Wilson felt people should not generalize about Native Americans and not believe in the stereotypes which exist.

Wilson went on to say, "People need to understand the accomplishments and significance of Native Americans."

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News Briefs:

Inside Congress

This past Monday's meeting marked the end of Congress for the semester, though the freshman class of 1997 will be studying abroad next semester. We wish them well in their studies and travels.

The Food Committee and Student Life Committee have been working closely together and will present their findings and recommendations to Congress early next semester. The Student Life Review Committee will be meeting with the Student Congress law- yer to go over recommended changes to our constitution. These recommendations will also be presented to the Congress early next semester.

The Congress also formed a new committee, the Shadow Investigation Committee. The idea for this committee was proposed by Bill Ewle '97, Treas- urer of the Senior Class. This committee will be formed by electing Congress members to shadow col- lege administrators and report happenings in the Student Senate. Over the long run we hope to have a say in college policy decisions.

The Student Spirit Committee reminds everyone of our first Big East home game against Notre Dame, and the pregame tailgate in the Civic Center. We had a strong showing of student support at Tuesday night's men's hockey game against Vermont. Unfortunately, the loss did not give our support was appreciated. Also don't forget about the URI game on December 10th. I realize that you will be studying hard Tuesday night during the reading period, but the URI game will be another great way to break and a wonderful way to release some pre-test stress before the first test of the semester.

After the Notre Dame game on Saturday afternoon, Club Baseball will be hosting a European Autumn Fest from 8pm to closing, open to members of the junior and Senior classes. Admission will be $5 at the door. Closed will include a sou-venier with a beer and two house shots.

This year, Congress will be cel- ebritizing our Freshmen. We will have a Freshmen party on Monday, December 9th off campus, at Dimm in Foxboro. Now some people may be wondering how we are paying for the event. Do not fret, we are not using Con- gress funds to cover the event. Each Congress member was asked to pay their own way. Instead having Secret Santas this year, we decided to have a Christmas dinner.

And on this Christmas note I would like to leave you all with Season's Greetings and god luck on your finals. As we bring this semester to an end, I look forward to another great semester when we return in January. Some items I would like to indicate next year include evaluation of our new mus- cot, and the possibility of an on-campus pub.

Happy Holidays!

by Kristina Newman '99
News Writer

(Freedom Summer)

"It really scared me," said Estroites, "but I also wanted to help out in the fight." Freedom Summer '96, named after the historic summer of the '60s when groups of stu- dents volunteered to fight civil rights inequality in Mississippi, was jointly organized by the "No On PR" Campaign and the Femi- nist Majority Foundation.

More than 100 students from 55 colleges and universities across the nation came to California to par- ticipate in the battle to defeat Prop. 29.

"California is a tremendous state," said Dee Martin, northern coordinator for Freedom Summer and Fall '96. "Whatever happens in November will have ramifications for the entire nation.

After five days of intensive training from some of the nation's most outspoken activists, including Dolores Huerta of the United Farm Workers and Patricia Ish- ike of the National Women's Political Caucus, for Women, the students activism out across the state.

This weekend the University of Cal State-Chico spent the sun- mer registering voters and orga- nizing rallies, marches and edu- cational events.

"It involves all social, age, gender and class lines," said Mur- tiz. "They're fighting for one common goal.

But now that the summer is over, their fight has just begun.

We, like the other student volunteers, has taken the skills she has learned over the summer back to school, where she and others have formed a col- lation of diverse student groups working to defeat the initiative.

"The students at school have been really receptive," Estroites said. "They want affirmative ac- tion.

(A)Everything You Need To Know Before Leaving For Break

by Michael J. Walsh '97
Student Congress President

Good Luck on Finals!

(Freshman Run in Turkey Trot)

In the spirit of Thanksgiving, a third annual Turkey Trot took place on Saturday, November 28th, outside the 8th street entrance to the Student Center. The proceeds from the event will be donated to the Rhode Island Children's Medical Center.

As you can see from the above pic, the people who participated in the Turkey Trot were certainly all "in the mood for turkey." The students smoked, drank, and danced in preparation for the meals that are sure to come.

The event was sponsored by the Student Senate, the Student Congress, and the Student Life Committee.

Volunteer Opportunities

Do you have time to spare? Would you like to be more involved but don't have the time? The Food Service is sponsoring a Winter/Thanksgiving Volunteer Program!

We need volunteers to help each winter meal be a success. Here are some ways to get involved:

- Preparing food
- Setting up and taking down
- Serving food
- Cleaning up

If you are interested in volunteering, please contact the Food Service at 401-565-2505.

Snow! Snow! Snow!

The Security Department with the assistance of the Rhode Island National Guard will issue snow alerts and realize that everyone has to cooperate with each other in order to successfully get home. Keep your lots clear and all walkways, streets and or- ganizations are clear.

"Remember the area are to be peeled for fire and rescue vehicles if an emergency arises." Naturally all resident students will have to move their cars from one lot to another and then return them to the original lot when so advised.

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Library Hours for Reading and Exam Periods

Tuesday 12/10—Friday 12/13...
8:00 am—1:00 pm
Saturday 12/14...
8:00 am—11:45 pm
Sunday 12/15—Thursday 12/19...
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December 5, 1996
by Carrie Spirou '90

"Behind The Scenes" was the theme for the Notre Dame 23rd Political Science Club trip to the United Nations. Twenty-one PC students traveled on a chartered bus to New York City for a day trip where they were given the rare opportunity to see inside the building where international representatives convene.

Though security at the United Nations is always restricted, the PC group was able to receive a special tour of the building. This was due to the fact that Bulgarian Ambassador Slavi Pachovska '97, PSC president. With the help of Ambassador Pachovska, the PC students were able to receive special security clearance. During the tour the PC students were able to see the rooms where the General Assembly and Security Council meet along with many other council rooms.

Pachovska '97 said that one particularly exciting moment was when "everyone got to sit in the chairs of the delegates and take pictures. It was almost as if they got to preside over the assembly for a moment."

The tour also took the students to the Indonesian and North Delgates lounges which are famous sites of informal talks between world leaders. Megan Philbrick '99, who someday hopes to be involved with diplomacy, was very pleased with the trip and found it "exciting to be in a room where so many important decisions are made." Philbrick had previously taken a public tour at the UN but was disappointed at its short length and how little the public was able to see.

The students were able to view the room in the United Nations that holds the gifts presented to the governmental body from other nations. Some of the gifts include an authentic Ramani Mosiac from Egypt, a 13th century fresco from Bulgaria, as well as a tapestry from the Great Wall of China. Philbrick felt the trip was very informative and interesting.

Caldder Cameron '97, the club's vice-president, described the trip as "incredibe." Cameron enjoyed the opportunity to see inside rooms usually unavailable to the public.

The tour lasted about two hours, which was longer than the students had originally thought. An interesting speech by Ambassador Pachovska also outlined some of the problems that are brought to the attention of the United Nations and how they come to resolve them. Students were also given information packets at the beginning of the tour to help them understand some of the things they would be seeing.

The trip was only a day long but was extremely informative and fun from the students. Unfortunately, this may have been the last year for the trip as Pachovska is graduating this year. However, it was a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for the PC students who were able to attend. Son Nguyen, a member of the club, was able to take part free of charge after winning the club's tee shirt design contest.

The Political Science Club is always looking for new members. Cameron emphasized that "everyone is welcome at all of the events." Some of the events the club plans are movie nights or hosting special speakers. Cameron also hinted that there would be a trip this fall, so keep your eyes open.

Dr. Marian Mattison talks with two students at the display of the AIDS Quilt

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fight against this deadly virus. "People are afraid because they are not educated. Our job is to educate. You must leave here tonight and share a little bit about what you have heard."

After sharing her personal experiences through her work with the AIDS ministry, she gave a bit of advice. "The best gift you have is the gift of presence. Just be there, to sit and listen to someone who can tell you their story."

She ended her lecture with a simple suggestion. "Bring the presence of love and comfort to encourage people."

Sister Flemming then introduced her friend and fellow lecturer Adam Barrett. Barrett, who spoke at PC last year as well, is facing his 12-year anniversary of the discovery that he is HIV-positive.

Barrett told of how, in 1996, he made a commitment to himself that his death would not be the end of his life and that he would be to do anything. He works full-time, speaking to teens. He believes that in his own life, he began making unhealthy decisions as a teenager, so he is committed to working with young people.

Perhaps the most important point Barrett made was that the epidemic is not over. He mentioned the cover of the December 2 Newswor, which brazenly asks the question "The End of AIDS?" and features a photo of three AIDS medications with a light shining from behind.

Any unrealistic hope the cover builds could easily be lighted by the facts Barrett shared. First, not all treatment options work for everybody. There is much interest in the latest combination of medications called "protease inhibitors." Right now, these three medications are the last line of defense for people who have not had success with other treatments. However, if someone is infected with AIDS today, by a person who has taken protease inhibitors, they will be infected with a strain of the virus that is resistant to the drugs. "They won't work," Barrett stressed.

Barrett was grateful to PC for the "degree of awareness," in the community. "The conversation has to continue once we leave here," he said. "The trade-off is just not worth it.

Sister Flemming also shared her gratitude. "I want to thank you for giving us faith that you will share with us. Please keep us in your heart and in your prayers."

Father Barranger ended the evening with one request. "You have a mission," he said. "Last year, Adam said that it's all worth it if just one person is affected. Maybe we could make it our pledge tonight."

Combatting Violence, Continued

by Gregory W. McGonigle '00

by Rachel Michal '99

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projects which will benefit from the donated money. The first is a collaborative effort of the Network, Women and Infants' Hospital and RI Hospital Emergency Departments to improve the way the two hospitals treat victims of sexual assault and domestic violence. The groups will be launching a new advocacy program in February which will provide 24-hour crisis intervention for both emergency departments for victims and their families.

The second project is a volunteer training program which began in September. The second training session will be held in January. After completion of 30 hours of training, volunteers will be qualified to work with any of the RI domestic violence agencies.

Ranieri and the entire class would like to thank all of the students and faculty who supported their project through contributions and wearing the ribbons.

President's Forum

Father Smith's introduction of Walter Burghardt, S.J., the latest guest to speak at the President's Forum on Culture and Values, cited the fact that Burghardt received twenty-five honorary doctorates and that he was the only Roman Catholic to make the Time Magazine list of top ten American preachers. His lecture, entitled "Preaching the Just Word," is also the name of the program he directs at the Woodstock Theological Center in Washington, D.C.

Burghardt subdivided his talk into three areas centered on justice: how the foundations of justice are found in biblical teaching, what types of persons are affected by injustice, and finally, his recommendations for preaching justice through the example of living a just life.

Referring to the biblical books of Micah, Genesis, and Amos, the preacher presented the biblical understanding of justice which he then adopted for a definition. To paraphrase, the Bible presents justice as fidelity to relationships, especially marriage and inheritance. He defined the principle parties of the relationship as God, humankind, and, somewhat ambiguously, among Catholic preachers, the earth. In fact, much of Burghardt's glossing of direction accounts in Genesis dealt with human care for the environment, which remained an important theme throughout the talk. He interpreted the famous "have dominion" line (Gen. 1:28), which otherwise might evoke images of an emperor-slave relationship, rather as one of reverential, benevolent, royal care. "Christianity," Burghardt said, "pushes respect for justice to the limit."

Within this social framework, Burghardt continued by offering a chronicle of those groups who are currently in need of justice and offered statistics and illustrations. He spoke of children, AIDS patients, non-whites, refugees, and those in need of mental and physical therapy. He cited the unfortunates realities of hunger, infant mortality, abuse, teenage pregnancy, weapons, substance abuse, suicide, homelessness, and disease. His stance on all these life issues is that life is ultimately sacred.

Near the end of the lecture, Burghardt offered at least three specific recommendations for preachers and doers of justice: taking a proactive stance on life issues, offering preferential options to the poor, and being in accord with the evangelical potential of the poor.

His lecture ended with a punch: If you don't know what hurts someone, how can you love that person?
February Is Coming Soon!

by Jocelyn Kepko '99

News Writer

The theme of this year's Black History Month at Providence College is "Black Leadership for the Twenty-First Century." This year's agenda will include a banquet with Dr. Berry Scott, the new director of RPTA (Rhode Island Public Transportation Association), as the invited guest. Throughout the new agenda, the Balfour Center is striving to continue previous years' themes, such as last year's theme of health care.

For this year's Black History Month the Balfour Center for Multicultural Affairs is running a program to bring people into the communities to promote education. The program will be match- ing children up with students at PC (or anyone who wishes to get in- volved) to help them read to the children, tutor them, or encourage the older children to stay in school and do the best that they can.

"It is easy to get the school in- volved," said Dean Commissions. "What I need is people to come down to the Balfour Cen- ter to help the younger children. Many of the kids are in walking distance."

Dean invited everyone to attend, welcoming everyone to join in the fun.

Native American Dance Continued

that I am a normal teenager, but this is part of my culture and I am proud of what I am." The third then danced and sang to traditional songs. Between dances they took breaks to tell sto- ries, such as The Legend of the Drum and the Story of the Woodfowl Crow. Combs then explained how the tribes are structured around clans and the differ- ences in each.

Dove invited everyone to at- tend the Nickolomon, a holiday when the Native Americans give what they have to others, such as needy families. It is on December 13.

As a conclusion, Dove, MacKenzie, and Coombs led the audience in their simplified version of the Two Step.

Luis da Costa '00, said, "It was interesting and enjoyable to have the audience participate in the tradi- tions of the Narragansetts."

More news on pc graduates |

by Kristina Newman '99

News Writer

On Thursday, October 24, the American Cancer Society held its annual board meeting in Provi- dence. Danette Hann, Ph.D., a graduate of Providence College, was a speaker at the meeting. Dr. Hann is a behavioral scientist at the Behavior Research Center in Atlanta, Georgia. The Center was founded by the American Cancer Society in 1995 to examine behavioral factors in the prevention and detection of cancer as well as to explore the effects of behavior on patient care.

Dr. Hann began by introducing magna cum laude from Providence College in 1987 with a Bachelor of Arts De- gree from the Department of Psy- chology. Dr. Hann received her Master's degree and doctoral degree in clinical psychology from the University of South Florida. The emphasis of her dissertation was Behavioral Medicine. At the Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center in New Hampshire, she was a Postdoctoral Research Fellow in Psychosocial Oncology. In 1994, Dr. Hann assumed the position of assistant Depart- ment of Psychology at the Univer- sity of South Florida. During this time, she was also a Member- In-Residence at the H.Lee Moffit Cancer and Research Institute in Tampa, Florida, as well as a Re- search Associate there. In August of 1996, Dr. Hann began her cur- rent position as a Behavioral Sci- entist for the American Cancer Society.

During her career, Dr. Hann has co-authored research papers. Her doctoral dissertation was en- titled, "Personality and Lifestyle Defenses of Breast Cancer Pa- tients." In her dissertation, Dr. Hann "compared the personalities of women with breast cancer with those women who had benign breast disease." At the Center for Psycho-Oncology Research at the Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center, her duties included "the development, implementation, data collection and management, and evaluation of psychological oncology research." Most re- cently, Dr. Hann "designed and implemented research studies in psychosynthesis" at the H.Lee Moffitt Cancer Center and Re- search Institute. In 1997, she co-led a Special Institutional Grant Award from the American Cancer Soci- ety to examine the role of spirituality in lung cancer patients. In addition to her research ex- perience, Dr. Hann has engaged in clinical research. She has worked in oncology and behavioral therapies for cancer pa- tients. She has also been involved with research funding and has pub- lished many research papers on can- cer. Dr. Hann has made ten con- ference presentations thus far in her career with her colleagues on par- ticular cancer related topics. Con- ference presentations have brought her to some of the most presti- gious cancer conferences in the United States.

News From The Brown Bookstore

Michael Eric Dyson


Dyson has also appeared on several national television and radio programs, including Nightline, Good Morning America, The Charlie Rose Show, The MacNeil- Lehrer Report, CNN National News, The Oprah Winfrey Show, The To- day Show, Rolonda, American Journal, Our Voice on BET, and several programs on National Public Radio, including "Talk of the Nation," "The All Things Considered," and "Fresh Air" with Terry Gross.


Dyson, who began his young adult life as a welfare father in Detroit, earned his Ph.D. from Princeton University, and is also the pastor and minister and former pastor. He has taught at Hartford Seminary and at Brown University. He is the Director of the Center for the Study of Communication Studies and Director of the Institute of African-American History at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

On Thursday, December 12, at 4:00 pm, the Brown University Bookstore presents Michael Eric Dyson discussing his latest book, Race Rules: Navigating the Color Line, with a book signing to fol- low.

Revealing the destructive influ- ence of racial thinking across American social and cultural life, Race Rules breaks new ground as Dyson tackles our continuing in- ability to break free of race con- straints in the United States.

To those who ask, why another book on race? Dyson responds in his introduction:

"This is a break to, and about, the pain and rage that festers...inside all of us. Inside our skin with our faces. Our faces make a difference. Race contin- ues to dominate. Race rules. It is open to the public. For further informa- tion, please contact the Brown University Bookstore, 401-863- 3168.
Dear Loyal Subscriber,

First, we want to thank you for subscribing to our student newspaper. We are grateful for your continued interest in The Cowl and look forward to serving you for a long time.

It came to our attention about two months ago that many of you were not receiving The Cowl in a timely fashion, and some of you not at all. We have been in contact with our mailing company and are trying to determine what is responsible for the delay. They have explained to us it is due to the fact we mail "non-profit." When material is mailed this way in bulk, they claim it should take about a week from the time they pick it up to the time it is delivered to you. Unfortunately, even if this were the case (for many of you it is taking over a month from the time of publication until it arrives in your mailbox) it is not satisfactory. We are currently looking into other alternatives for next semester.

Many of us have been on staff for several years and remember when the paper was picked up from our office on Friday afternoon and was in your home by Monday. It is our aim to return to this tradition. For now all we can do is apologize for the delay and assure you that all of your issues have been sent out. Hopefully next semester you will receive The Cowl when it is still newsworthy and not a historical review.

Finally, since this is our last issue before break, on behalf of the entire staff we want to wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Sincerely,

Mary M. Shaffrey '97
Editor-In-Chief

Dave M. Canal '98
Managing Editor
To the Editor: An important point was brought up in the last edition of The Cowl in the article entitled “The Russian Language” by Ron Gill. Susan James addressed the fact that Professor Flanagan, the sole Russian teacher here for a long time, will be retiring at the end of the 1996-1997 school year. Her retirement makes the position open, but filling it is not even a consideration for the present due to a deficit which may not disappear until the year after the deficit. Russian seems to me to be just a small component of the ultimate college curriculum, whereas the following does not. When I first arrived here, there seemed to be a sufficient amount of languages available to study as regular, not just as night school, programs. Of the four languages offered, I have chosen to study, there is a minor in Russian, Portuguese, and Japanese. Out of these three, at least a third, have lost this privilege and have become exclusively night school programs. Russian cannot be saved, and falls into this whirling vortex, what will be left of the language if not a major? What will it do? Will we have to lose Italian too? Or will the course be allowed by the board, drawn, and will someone say that we cannot let this happen any way? I think we should have already done, and that the whole day for future PC students, has become too great a variant in the immediate future.

This is the point at which we have been happening continue any fur- ther. To properly understand why the language cannot be saved one must understand why the language.

The primary cause for the “fizzling” of the language is the increase in enrollment, as a whole, has been slipping, with Spanish as an excep-
tion. The language has not been offered to that extent.

For a liberal arts college to not offer a language is unfathomable and is something that must not continue!

Michael Packard ‘97

For Girs Everywhere

To the Editor: This has been said and time and time again in previous Editorial’s, but it seems to be the hardest to put its resources to the best and most efficient uses. "We" are a nation, though not as important to the world, but rather slipped into the most profitable channels to always ben-

fit the rich. It is my opinion in this light of this atmosphere, then, it is my favorite way of all the channels that are available to the college. As a way to acknowledge the potential resource that may have been used for the development of the country.

Besides all of the other re-

sources are amply utilized, most of the campus probably know now what that happens to be. Yes, it is the stinking one that I could not find in my notes and was out at the stores of shoes every time I passed through. Of course, I only imagine the plethora of uses such a substance could have in our society.

I am a biologist who rarely takes (at this point) more chemis-

ty courses than biology ones, it is for this reason that I have no idea of what we are doing with the chemicals. I have a degree in molecular physics and have used water, not just for a single experiment, but really to study the different properties of water. I have a strong belief that water is the substance of life and is simply present in all life forms.

I have a very own, "wonder drug that one can take for every illness, in all likelihood, travel miles when we could have the chemical". I am not one of them. I go to the woods at our own back gate.

Patrick Connolly ‘98

Contributing Writer

Preserve Modern Languages at PC

Editorials Editor Jamie Lantinez ‘97 appears to be in a quandary over an aspect of Presi-
dent Clinton’s Haitian policy (The Cowl, November 21, 1996). He said, “I was a matter of luck that the envoys” (former President Jimmy Carter, Senator Sam Nunn and General Colin Powell) were able to restore Jean-Bertrand Aristide to power.” As President of the United States, Clinton was correct by calling out the military invasion (American troops, walked in). He saved the lives of Americans and Haitian teenagers.

It would not have been this way if the Cowl Editorial Board who wrote “Clinton must take a stand” (The Cowl, 9/29/94) were not still in the political position of the United States. They said, “...while a military invasion and has spilled human blood, the re-

sult would have been neat and pro-
based to be a loss to the country. The result would be out and the democrati-
cally elected government would have been powerful. This is important for the United States, Bill Clinton would have taken a stand. Second, from my own personal experience in combat, there are just too many unexpected variables in combat situations, per this exact re-

sults.

Since Features Writer Païnec Cunot ‘97 finds me inspiring (The Cowl, 11/17/96), I wish to inform him of the facts of that section. As a matter of fact, I wrote a letter that was published in The Cowl under “Letters to the Editor” in 1996, an article by Features Editor Britta Fridges ‘96. "Bridget and Vera Schommer ‘96 are two of my all-time favorite Cowl writers." I praised Bridget and her roommates for dining together and conversing with one another in their Provence Apartment. I wrote that they were both chauvinist and a de-

gree of sophistication for being two friends. I always found Bridget’s articles down to earth, heart-warming and filled with information. As an editor, I would like to see with all members of the PC community.

Russell P. Demere ‘73

Words of Propos...
December 5, 1996

COMMENTS

Many Unanswered Questions

by Jamie Lantinen '97
Editorial Editor

The question of Americans is convinced that Elvis is still alive. Of those people, 50 percent of them believe in witchcraft and 79 percent believe that aliens have been to Earth in the last 100 years. At the risk of linking myself to the Elvis faithful, I am compelled to write about one of my own non-conformist beliefs. I appreciate the perspective that I share with 72 percent of those who believe Elvis is still alive. We believe, as do others, that there is a strong possibility the government is lying about TWA Flight 800.

I know that conspiracy theories are tired and old, and that they have proliferated to the point that one has to question if the number of theories is a conspiracy in itself. If fact, 1 am a non-conspiracist. While it is fun to watch the X-files and ruminate about alternative explanations for events, I generally subscribe to the belief that the majority of historical events have been explained exactly in addition, I generally trust the government. There is much corruption in all corners of our society, but conspiracy theories have augmented more than the last few months. The investigation into the crash has been one of the most involved, specious, and irresponsible investigations in history, and yet there have been no substantive answers offered by the Federal Bureau of Investigation or the National Transportation Safety Board.

When the Alfred Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma exploded on April 19, 1995, authorities knew immediately what caused the explosion. They also arrested suspects in a matter of hours. When PanAm Flight 103 crashed in Scotland, authorities were able to piece together the puzzle and determine the cause in a relatively short period of time. A little over a year following the crash, authorities had even determined that Libyan terrorists were to blame. For Flight 800, however, investigators offer three possible scenarios for the crash. The plane was brought down by a bomb, a missile, or mechanical failure. They refuse to pieces together the puzzle of the case, saying that anything is possible. If this is true, then why is it that no matter if their theory is deniability accidental doubling? It is possible that conspiracy theories would have uncovered our worst fears.

Unless some substantial information is offered, I will continue to question the dubious investigation into the crash of TWA Flight 800.

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by Erica King '97

What is so funny about the drug Prozac? I have heard people say that it is heavily advertised, the number of instances in the commercial and entertainment industry use it daily, and the drug is not very popular in the popular culture. The humor connected with the drug is mostly about the popularization of the drug, a character is having a bad day or something went wrong because of it. I had no intention to ruin the humor for some people but Prozac is a drug which is used by many people who have serious mental conditions. Depression, a person is who is sick with depression, in what degree, depends on drugs like Prozac to help them fight a disease that is often not recognized or someone is weak and defenseless. We all have bad days and times when we feel “down” and sometimes we “get depressed.” Luckily, most of us will never become truly sick with depression, but some people are subject to this illness, it is an indexable condition, and a sense of being smothered by a dull, gray mist.

In my experience, there is little one can do for someone who is sick with depression other than being tirelessly patient and praying for them. Drugs are the only way to correct the chemical imbalance in the brain of a depressed person. Unfortunately, Prozac has lost its reputation as a “serious” drug for depression and has been more frequently prescribed to people who have less serious complaints. Some question the accessibility of the drug to those people who do not require it to regulate a serious psychiatric illness, but was convinced by the fact of the drug's effects. Prozac has become the Valium of the nineties: an overprescribed drug which has become a source of chemical imbalance but was convinced by the fact of the drug's effects. Prozac has become the Valium of the nineties: an overprescribed drug which has become a source of humor for our culture.

I agree that Prozac has become a “joke” because of the number of people who want to take the drug to get over a “bad mood.” There are, as an even greater number of people who depend on Prozac to save them from the death-like state of depression. We should consider the gravity of such a sickness and the power of a drug like Prozac.

The doctors who prescribe this drug too liberally are ultimately to blame for the suffering and laugh the joke in the humor of our culture recently. The jokes surrounding the drug Prozac become tragic not only if we stop to think about clinical depression, but also the people who become dependent on a drug to “feel good” and were never originally depressed. A number of cases have been reported in which a person with mild mood changes has sought the assistance of their doctor in a drug of which they have no idea of the drug or their mood. The patient may be having trouble with their drug and feel the knowledge. He or she believes they are not taking the drug properly and cannot live comfortably without it.

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The Spirit of Cardinal Bernardin

by Mike Sullivan '97

Editorial Writer

"Bishop Joseph Cardinal Bernardin is at peace. He has begun a new life." -Bishop Raymond Goedert

Cardinal Joseph L. Bernardin passed away Saturday, August 23, of complications of cancer, a few days after his 66th birthday. He was buried in the early morning hours of Monday, November 14. As tragic as the cardinal’s death was, it came as no surprise to anyone. Since he was diagnosed with cancer in 1995 Cardinal Bernardin had been surprisingly candid with the public about his condition. Once his cancer was diagnosed as terminal, the cardinal calmly announced to news reporters, some of whom were in tears, that he had less than a year to live. Instead of wallowing in self pity he spent his last remaining months comforting the sick and dying with the hope of his face and a spring in his step. The dignified way that he approached his own death was indicative of the way he lived his life. He was a man who inspired his followers instead of baffling them.

Cardinal Bernardin earned the respect and admiration of almost everyone around him. Throughout his career in the public sphere he never forgot what Christianity was all about. When first appointed to the Archdiocese of Chicago, which was suffering badly from rumors of scandal and corruption, he immediately went to work to heal the wounds and divisions caused by his predecessor. He was down to Earth and did not put himself above anybody else. Many Catholics in the diocese of Chicago affectionately referred to him as "Cardinal Joe." When he was named Archbishop of Cincinnati Cardinal Bernardin chose to live in a small suite in the seminary instead of the traditional episcopal manse. He saw his position in the church as an opportunity to serve others rather than an opportunity to wield power. After one priest voiced the opinion that racism was behind the decision to close a certain high school, Cardinal Bernardin approached him and asked, "How can I regain your trust?"

Cardinal Joe was also well known for his sense of moral fortitude. He was not afraid to stand up for what he thought was right, no matter how unpopular his opinion or crime for staking out such positions. Although there were probably many other bishops who agreed with him, very few had the courage to say so publicly. As other members in the Catholic hierarchy desperately tried to ignore and avoid serious problems and scandal, facing the Church Bernardin was willing to deal with them. After several allegations of sexual misconduct he started to surface many bishops wanted to keep the issue hidden. They thought the Church ought to deal with the situation quietly and accused that was later recanted — instead of trying to hide behind lawyers and church officials, he held a press conference and answered all the reporters questions. Many other dioceses across the country have adopted Bernardin’s plan.

This past August, Cardinal Joseph Bernardin tackled what is probably the most serious issue facing the Church today, the increasing polarization between the liberals and conservatives in the Church. Bernardin realized that if the Church is going to thrive, the opposing extremes are going to have to come to a common understanding. The only way to arrive at this is through open and civil dialogue on the issues in contention. His idea for open dialogue, known as the Common Ground Project, drew immediate criticism from conservatives who claimed that the project was designed to address issues such as birth control, priestly celibacy and women’s ordination because it was simply a smokescreen designed to defraud the public. However, to many Catholics news of the Common Ground Project was like a breath of fresh air. It appeared that someone in the Church was finally willing to listen to people with different views, instead of lecturing to them.

One thing everyone can agree on is that the United States and the Catholic Church have lost a great leader. It is unfortunate that people of such integrity, honesty and patience are so rare in positions of leadership.

by Amy Rodrigues '97

Assistant Editorial Editor

Yesterday, nine Supreme Court justices were voting on whether or not laws that make English the "official" language in the United States are constitutional. With 23 states across the country enacting laws that make English a "non-English official language," the debate deepens as many Americans grapple with the advantages and disadvantages to these laws. These amendments, passed mostly in southern and southwestern states, and also New Hampshire, require English to be the primary language on voting ballots, in public schools, and for all government functions and actions. Although opponents of the laws contend that these "restrictions" are unconstitutional and divisive, these measures will create the incentive to nudge those new to this country to learn a basic knowledge of the predominant language in American society.

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plague our ethnically and racially diverse nation.

These amendments are not calling for minoritization and immigrants to abandon their own dominant languages and master the English language. These laws call for minori- nal language skills, language skills that must be ascertained before gaining citizenship as an American citizen. Although opponents consider the measures to be restrictive on immigrants, these laws will actually provide foreign-speaking people with the ability to broaden their relationships with others and help them assimilate into American culture. Certainly, to learn the predominant language of the country in which a person resides is not restrictive in the least.

Along with speed up the as- similation process for many immi- grants, these laws help us to ful- fill the lines of communication between the many diverse neighborhoods of our nation. In effect, the laws ensure that immi- grants and foreign-born are able to keep their culture and ethnic iden- tity, yet assimilate as best as pos- sible into American society. It will encourage a higher level of ethnic and cultural awareness and responsibil- ity if citizens are able to come to some degree on the same level.

Enacting English as our official language will simply be a symbol. It is a symbol that demonstrates that we are a nation made up of all people, yeas, rather united in one body of socialization that connects us all: our language. Any citizen, nat- ural or foreign-born, has the desire to fit into mainstream soci- ety in order to be a produce- Atmosphere. Making En- glish our official language will not only open up doors for many people, yet we have to do so by being open about it, the first step closer to closing the ra- tional and cultural barriers that con- tribute to a divisive problem in American society.
A True Conservative Does Not Support the Death Penalty

by Kieran Lalor ’98

Editorial Writer

When the debate over capital punishment begins, most par- ticipants are normally the knee jerk reaction of conservatives to throw their support behind the death penalty. However, support for the death penalty is inconsistent with the base tenets of conservatism. At its core, self-respecting conservative who supports a strong pro-life agenda, a limited government, and efficient government spending cannot possibly be in favor of the death penalty. It should be clear that this argument does not come from some bleeding-heart liberal seizing on this issue to try and program. Rather, I oppose capital punishment as a registered member of the New York State Conservative party.

The right wing has long had as part of its platform the pro-life position on abortion. This stands in opposition to abortion in the claim that only God can take a life, or by insisting that unborn children cannot be decided when a person’s life should end. With this argu- ment in mind, it is hypocritical to support killing even the most heinous of criminals. Similarly, conser-

vatives are the most outspoken critics of Dr. Kevorkian, his machine, and euthanasia in gen-

eral, for the same reasons that they oppose abortion. This being the case, how can conservatives jus-

tify being the champions of capi-

tal punishment? If conservatives would oppose capital punishment, they would have to be against pro-life and anti-euthanasia platforms that are the heart of their social agenda. One way to do so by insisting that there is a dif-

ference between taking the life of an alleged murderer and executing a murdering rapist. This argument is easily deflated by the idiot that out- of-touch locker-room politics is im-

plicit, and often has difficulty distin-
guishing guilt from innocence. Have we forgotten the O.J. Simpson criminal trial which mo-

nopolized our air waves for over a year? Even the most ardent Amer-

icans are skeptical of the verdict in that case. Imagine if that jury was faced with another situation that they could have been called to deliber-

ate or die. It is very discomfort-

ing to think that under our system, a crafty attorney playing on emo-

tions could win a guilty verdict and a death sentence for an innocent person.

Another result of the infamous O.J. trial that should drive all reasonable people to oppose capital punishment is the birth of the so-called "Darden dilemma." The Darden Dilemma suggests that African-American prosecutors have to make a difficult decision whether to convict a fellow Afri-

can-American or to do their job.

The fact that both sides acknowledge this dilemma illustrates that the outcomes of trials may not always be fair. What’s more, a good conserva-

tive prides himself on opposi-
tion to government intervention and opposes the inflation of govern-

ment power. What could pos-

sibly be less government inter-

vention than capital punishment? The result of giving government too much pow-

er than giving it the ability to take a human life? The conse-

quences of this have been deplorable the government to add to the carnage.

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respecting conservative who supports a strong pro-life agenda cannot possibly be in favor of the death penalty.

Disgust in Delaware

Story of Inconsistency
by Kristen Martineau ’98

Editorial Writer

If a poor black teenage girl leaves her newborn baby to die, we rarely think anything of it. Ho-

wever, when two affluent white col-

lege students from New Jersey dis-

pose of their newborn son in a dumpster, the news is less than trivial.

Certainly there is the issue of race and class involved. But more so, it is the most is that the two young people given every possible opportunity a carcass like that of what they have been allowed to offer. Yet they still committed this heinous crime. Usually we at-

tribute such atrocity to those who are poor, unedu-

cated and non-

white. Amy Grossberg and Brian Peterson, in their first week of marriage, had not even been

married for two years.

On November 18th, 1998, Amy Grossberg, an 18 year old freshman at the University of Delaware, gave birth to a six month old baby without the consent of two people who were to be the baby boy at the Comfort Inn in New Castle, Delaware. Her boy friend, Brian Peterson, an 18 year old freshman at Gettysburg Coll-

age, was with her to meet his girlfriend at the Comfort Inn. Once the baby was born, the two had decided to wrap the infant in a garbage bag and throw it in the closest dumpster, while the baby was still alive. Peterson maintained that they did not know that the infant had been abandoned, while autopsy reports indicate that the baby was an hour old, with multiple skull fractures with in-

juries to the brain. This implies that Peterson and Grossberg not only abandoned their child, but it and killed it. The state of Delaware is charging them with murder, and if found guilty could be executed.

Both of the youths were from affluent families and therefore would face economic hardship if they decided to keep the baby. However, possibly because they were ashamed of their actions, the two decided to keep the pregnancy a secret and continue with business as usual.

After Grossberg gave birth, she and Peterson returned to their re-

descriptive colleges. Later that after-

noon, Grossberg fainted in her dorm room and was taken to the hospital where it was determined that she had recently given birth. The doctors at the hospitals notified police that a baby might be missing. Getting ahold of Peterson, Grossberg was se-

cured to security officers that the baby and where it could be found. Once the autopsy reports were completed, it was determined that the couple would be brought up on charges of first degree mur-

der. The state announced that they would seek the death pen-

alty, since murder of a child under 14 years old is a capital crime. Peterson was arrested on Friday, December 11th, and was held without bond. Grossberg was later released on bond. Peterson tried to flee to Europe, but was caught. Peterson was arrested on Saturday, December 12th, at a hotel in New Castle, Delaware, where she was staying with her boyfriend. Peterson was also released on bond.

We usually attribute such atrocity to those who are poor, unedu-

cated, and non-

white. It is now proven that even privileged white Americans are capable of cold-blooded murder.

Clubs Should Not Be a Priority for Congress Agenda

by Matthew Metivier ’99

Reportorial Writer

When Mike Walsh was elected Student Congress President last Spring, it was with the intention that he would address many of the campus issues that the students felt important. I opened up the November 10th issue of "Inside Congress." It was filled with the usual political stances that the Council is going on, but also included an in-

teresting statement. "Myself and Chris Miller (President of the Class of 1997) will be meeting with man-

agement at Clubbies soon to talk about the rules." Is this the reason why Mike Walsh and Chris Miller were elected - to be the watchdogs of the local edu-

establishment? I do not know about you, but I voted for him to tackle campus issues that are important to me. The student health center and its role in the university, the food ser-

vise is still not adequately serving all students, and the mini-ball is facing certain demise next semes-

ter, but his concern is where he is going to go party during the up-

coming weekend. Something is seriously wrong with that. He is the President of Student Congress and represents all of Congress. When I see him concerning himself with Clubbies, it leads me to believe that Student Congress de-

bate at their next meeting. Let’s hope not.
In Love and War

A Winter Wonderland

by Eric Cutler '98
A&E Writer

The English Patient

Starring Ralph Fiennes, Juliette Binoche, Willem Dafoe, and Kristin Scott Thomas

***** (1/2/3/4/5) (of seven)

With 1996 quickly coming to a close, all of the big movie studios are unleashing their Oscar hopefuls to be considered for next year's Academy Awards. Mirimax is banking on The English Patient, a beautifully shot World War II epic drama starring Ralph Fiennes, Juliette Binoche, Willem Dafoe, and Kristin Scott Thomas. We'll know what you're thinking: the phrase "beautifully shot World War II epic drama" cannot be good news. Before you run away screaming, take care to note that the film was actually good...very good.

Based on Michael Ondaatje's novel of the same name, The English Patient is the story of the Hungarian Count Almasy (Ralph Fiennes), who is badly burned and disfigured after a plane crash in the desert of North Africa. Rescued by the Allies, he is taken to an abandoned monastery where he may die in peace (his vital organs are a mess). He is cared for by his nurse, Hanna (Juliette Binoche). Spending all of his time in bed, Almasy has nothing else to do but reminisce. There's one catch, though. He can not remember anything. He doesn't even know his name, or if he's German or English. Bits and pieces of his memory come back in flashbacks, which make up most of the movie. In his flashbacks, Almasy remembers a torrid love affair he had in the desert with and married woman named Katharine Clifton (Kristin Scott Thomas). She is the only thing that he can't get out of his mind.

Also starring in The English Patient is Willem Dafoe. He plays a Canadian named Caravaggio (makes sense) who has hunted the man down to the monastery. That may sound like a lot, but there's more. I can't tell you what else happens, because then I would have to kill you. (I mean, I would be giving away too much of the story.) Anyway, the movie takes place before, during, and immediately after World War II. The scenes in the desert with Fieness and Binoche are truly great. The smooth, yet hilly terrain of the North African desert brings to mind the supple curves of a woman's body. (I am not a sicken. That is how director Anthony Mannello wants it to look.) In harsh contrast is the dead waste and middle of the night look of the monastery when Almasy and Hanna get to know each other. Ralph Fiennes is fine, as usual, as Count Almasy. He spends a good deal of the movie wearing burn make-up all over his body, making him look like an old, de-crepit Ed Harris. Playing the pre-crisis Almasy, Fieness looks like your typical Hungarian count, with leather bomber jacket and perpetual five o'clock shadow. The difference between the two Almasys is like night and day. While with his love Katharine, he is the only thing that he can't get out of his mind.

Over Thanksgiving break, I managed to get in some skiing up in Vermont. Even though it is still pretty early in the season, the slopes were teeming with all sorts of interesting people. As you probably know, there is no set uniform a skier must wear - well, except for skis, boots, and poles, obviously and therefore people tend to go a bit overboard sometimes. For example, there is always the woman you see in the lodge, sitting by the fire with her hair intricately styled and her face perfectly made up, wearing the latest in ski wear. Fashion. You also might find this woman actually on skis once in a while; if so, avoid her at all costs. She will most definitely pose a grave problem for you and the rest of the skiers who are trying to make it to the bottom of the slope alive, simply because she is a moving safety hazard. You see, for all the woman spent on her ski outfit, she forgets to do one very important thing: learn the sport. Then there is the teenage punk who thinks it is fun to bomb his way down the mountain while trying to take down as many people as possible. You can probably spot him sticking his head from the lift, stealing someone's skis, or doing something equally as abominous. Most likely he will be donning a loudly - colored parka, or better yet, just a turban and a sweater, because he is so awesome that he is unaffected by the cold. By far, the most interesting outfits are put together by snowboarders. Snowboarders have been getting a bad rap from skiers ever since the sport was invented because they are said to be potential safety hazards (like the woman I mentioned previously) and ruin the snow for everyone else. However, even though even it would give me great pleasure to ridicule yet another population of winter sporters, I will refrain from doing so because I have recently decided to join their ranks. Yes, after many years of going down the mountain on skis, I have decided to re-strict my feet to a single board and hurdle my way from slope to slope. I've yet to complete an entire day of snowboarding; however, you can look forward to a full article on my experience when I finally do.

You may at this point be quietly wondering to yourself (if it is earth this article is featured in the A&E section. I shall enlighten you, dear readers. Number one. I am an A&E writer, therefore of course my article would be in this section (huh). Number two, I have nothing else to write about. And number three, you should consider this article to be both artful and entertaining, otherwise you wouldn't have bothered reading it, right?

The A&E Staff rankings in order of evil things we want for Christmas:

****** Everyone I hate to turn into a snobby, spoiled, rich brat. (Hey, I got my wish!) (Sablone)
****** I want to massacre all the Who's in Whoville (Shaggy)
****** For the mortar to be weakened in my chimney so when Santa slides down the chimney, he's buried alive into the pile of bricks (Eric)
****** Mandatory full body cavity searches before CIV (Joy)
****** For all the white-hat boys to grow so much hair that they can't wear their hats anymore (Danielle [Graphics])
****** For Shaggy's piprahnans to run wild through outridden humanity (Erica)
****** World Peace (Venessa)

by Joy Kealey '99
A&E Writer

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An Evening of One Act Plays

by Vanessa Anderson '99 A&E Editor

Once upon a time, in a land far away from reality, an actor woke up one morning and realized that the nightmare he had just had revealed that he had a suppressed desire for a southern belle.

O.K., O.K., I'll be the first to admit that this first sentence is a pretty cheap shot, but I don't know how else to combine all three ideas together. Alright, I think I'll explain my madness now.

Senior Theater Major, Steve Radochia and the Friars Cell, is presenting three one act plays at Blackfriars Theatre Dec. 5-6 at 8 o'clock and two performances on the 7th, one at 2 o'clock and another at 8 p.m. He has spent about two months preparing these extremely humorous pieces, The Actor's Nightmare, Suppressed Desires, and, For Whom the Southern Belle Tolls. (I notice how I got the first sentence...) and for just three dollars, you can purchase tickets at Blackfriars box office located in Harkin's rotunda. That's only a dollar per play for all you mathematically challenged. It's a good deal.

The Actor's Nightmare, by Christopher Durang, is pretty self-explanatory. It is the story of an actor who, get this, has a nightmare (or is it?) that he is in the middle of several plays that he hasn't rehearsed for. The play is confus- ing, but very entertaining. Eric Cutler '98 portrays the clueless George Spelvin wonderfully but the most intriguing character of this play is Elies, (Liz Condon '98) whose frustration with Spelvin is played like a great slow burn. I'm told that the plot revolves around several plays, a few of which I've read, but I still got lost, especially at the Checkmate part. I guess the point of this play, though, is that you don't have to know all the plays in order to cause it is supposed to be confusing. The scene in which Cutler presents his monologue (which Mike says is probably one of the longest, most encompassing monologues in a play with more than two characters) is entertaining. J. ac q u e l i n Bradford '99 (the stage manager), Cayte Castrillon '97 (Sarah) and Ri chard Pawell '00 (Henry) also add to the quality of the play. Since this directed Suppressed Desires with a cheesy fifty's motif even though it was written by Susan Glaspell in the twenties. It is the story of a housewife, Henrietta (Amy Shea '98), who gets tied up in and sucks her husband, Stephen (Chris Drury '98), and sister, Mabel (Elizabeth Brady '98) into her [wonderfully played] antics concerning psycho- analysis. Drury's character is a great imitation of I Love Lucy's Ricky Ricardo. The play is very comical and the fact that the whole production is presented in the round theater adds to its pleasing presentation.

My favorite play of the whole production is For Whom the Southern Belle Tolls, also by Christopher Durang. It is a satire on Tennessee Williams The Glass Menagerie. To get the whole ef- fect, I would greatly encourage you to skim through The Glass Menagerie before you see this pro- duction because you will only laugh more. In addition, the ac- tors, Amanda Davis '98 (Amanda, the mother), Mike Sablone '98 (Tom, the brother), and Nora Whalen '00 (Ginny, the femi- nine caller), perform with each other beautifully. The chemistry is all there and they all play off each other's little quirks.

But, the part of all three plays that I adore most is Eric Cutler's portrayal of Lawrence. Lawrence, a proof of William's aura and her collection of glass animals, has a collection of glass swizzle sticks and Cutler presents an extremely comical pathetic character. Cutler is so good that he could easily perform by himself and this play would still be good. I don't mean to offend the other actor's like Davis because her southern belle is wonderful, but the combination of a ter- rifically written character, Cutler's pitiful aura, and his talent make the character of Lawrence phenomenal.

I think it would also be appropriate to recognize the ef- forts of Allison Healy '99, the stage manager, and Pat Austin '97 (lighting design). Their work definitely adds to the success of the production. I do, however, give a lot of credit to Radochia. If this is only his very first effort, I can't wait to see what else spawns from his future career. Good job Steve! Keep up the great work.

The Wing Valley family portrait from For Whom the Southern Belle Tolls. One of three one act plays in Blackfriars Theatre this weekend.

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7. The Wonders "That Thing You Do!" I love this song. It is probably the best title track to a movie ever. Well, besides the Avenging Disco Godfather. Thing makes the record the second that Adam Schlesinger is on the countdown. He is also the drummer for Fountains of Wayne. Basically what I am saying is that Schlesinger

writes one hell of a pop song.

2. Bob Saget's "Oochee" Earlier in the year I was tired poetic on this song. So why wasn't it number one? I don't know. I think I might have overplayed it. It still is a great pop tune with Lou Barlow's great vocals whining over it.

1. They Might Be Giants "Bells Ringing" This was a tough decision. It did dip a coin between this and "Till My Head Falls Off." Bells Ringing did win due to its inclusion of the voice bells and the great background vocals. It got number one for it's ability to make you want to stand up and cheer.

Let the public ridicule begin! Here are my personal top ten singles released this year.

The only criteria was that the song was published in 1996. Have fun disagreeing with me.

1. "Mushroom Cloud" by Sparkle and the Bang Bang

2. "I'm Not the One" by Me First and the Gimme Gimmes

3. "Dreams" by Snow Patrol

4. "Zinger! Zinger!" by the Younger Gentlemen

5. "The Best Damn Night of My Life" by the Doo Wops of New England

6. "Here We Go Again" by the Jukebox Gentlemen

7. "I'm Almost Right" by Dead Milk

8. "The Last Time I Saw Paris" by the Last Time

9. "The Last Decade" by the Last Decade

10. "I Hate the 80's" by the 80's

ARTS

by Shaggy Keenan '99

A.E. Writer

The Grinch Leader

Due to unforeseen circumstances, this week, I will be refraining from writing my regularly scheduled column, Arts and Entertainment. Yes, this week, a happening so outlandish, startling and extraordinary that I have been forced to relinquish my ability to write on anything else. Please allow me to digress, in order to explain my sudden silence.

I grew up as a big boy. That is, part of my wardrobe, or more specifically, my undergarments, were white Jockey briefs. As constricting as they were, after years of being fed the meat and potatoes which were my mother's vision, I could not become a boxer-Vegan without some strong persuasion.

That experience came about my transfer to a private school. Middle school was upon me, and my PE class mandated I change into gym clothes before participating in any athletic banter. At that point, I noticed among my peers that boxers were the favored choice. Lovely boxers, some flannel or perhaps a plastic and beautiful designs, stripes, plaid patterns, or sometimes boxers. Valentine's Day boxes, boxes that glowed in the dark. Silly boxes with patterns on them, serious blue boxes, convention white boxes, and strange, disturbing boxes with several heads on them (I actually had to wait until I got to PC before I saw those). And so, bending under pressure, I bought a reed in a wind strong, I made the switch.

And for the last eight or nine years, I have never been happier.

Without entering the specifics of my own phallic experience, I will simply say that not only do my boxers please me aesthetically, but they bolster my confidence, and are more anatomically satisfying than the evil, tighty-whities.

So, there I am. Returning to the subject at hand, a buddy of mine with whom I've been holidaying last year, until recently, was a long time subscriber to the briefs' style of underwear for men. He (thankfully) stayed with simple whites, as opposed to delving into the tiny road of colored, striped, and the ultra-revealing bikini styled briefs.

Quite a stir was raised about this brief-wearing individual last year. My familiar floormate, whom for familiar purposes I shall refer to here as "Buddy," was frequently harassed and persecuted for his choice of underwear. The reaper did not end with simple verbal abuse, however. After losing a bet, he was forced to parade up and down the hall, wearing nothing but a pair of horrid boxes. Who wore to his boxers, a trying time for Buddy. Unbeknownst to him, we used to snatch his underwear from the

torinary ladder from which briefs are sworn are the preferred form of undergarments, I am a true believer that boxers are the favored form of male undergarment, world wide. Even many females enjoy the feel of boxers, especially for certain filmic experiences. It has prompted me to establish a society, appropriately named the Fraternal Order of Boxers, or Fraternal. And in the absence of a sister society, female members may apply for membership as honorary associate members in the F.O.B.S.M. Membership applications to my society must be accompanied with a time fee of $50, paid by check preferably. Please make such notes out to our parent organization, the Campaign Against Stupid Humans (which may be abbreviated CASH).

Getting back to my point, I am experiencing severe distress over this change. For one, I knew the way of the world. The sun rose in the morning, and it set at night. Leaves fell from the trees in Autumn, and Buddy wore briefs. What's next? Will the sky turn red blood? Will I begin to understand women? Will Russell P. DeMeo '73 stop wearing drawers (which, if you are reading, RPM, I am curious as to your orientation - boxes or briefs). It leaves me with much to think about.

I sincerely apologize to those who were hurt by this change, as I understand it is a touchy subject. And to those who are supporter of the more supportive underwear — although I apologize for my lack on your way of life. I cannot help but feel a sense of pity for you. As my buddy, "I never knew what I was missing."
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What are you asking Santa for Christmas this year?

Sarah Doyle '00 & Liz Coleman '00
"A plane ticket home."

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"An extra week in the Bahamas!"

Rob Hadfield '99, Bill Curtin '99, Ashwin Chugani '99
and Patty Harrington '00
"Patty!"

Alex Hyman '98, Steve Petrone '98, Jamie Karam '98
& Adam Odorczuk '98
"Heat in our house and a better landlord!"

Kate Talbot '99 and Sarah Roque '99
"We want a 4.0!"

Nena Manach '98 and Keith Varian '98
"Money!"

Jen Azevedo '97, Norah O'Beirne '97, Claire Temple '97,
Maureen Lyons '97 & Carrie Gardner '97
"A Job!"

Maria Canetta '00, Keri Brown '00 & Jen Clark '00
"We want to find friends that are as cool as Matty and Rizzo!"

Matty: "A Red Rider 200 Shot Range Model Air Rifle!"
Rizzo: "But Matty, you'll shoot your eye out!"
My Second Semi-Annual Awards List

by Patrick Canole '97
Features Writer

Huh huh..! I said "semi." Do not feel like reading another features article about people’s Thanksgivings and their crazy, drunk, accoutrement playing uncle? Or how much they really tasted their roommates over the break and how glad they are to see them again? Then sit back, relax, and read this fine piece of journalism.

Best video release: Mystery Sci-
ence Theater 3000: The Movie (it also got a lovely review in the A & E section of The Cowl on Octo-
ber 10th)
Best Album: (tie) Beck "Odelay!" and Nirvana "From the Muddy Banks of the Wishkah" (these stand out, but it was not exactly a great year for albums)
Best Soundtrack: "Trans sporting"
Best Film: probably also Trans sporting (although I do still have more films yet to see)
Best way to ruin your senior year: look for a job
Best Hostess snack: Chocolate Cupcakes
Best time to listen to WDOM: Thursdays, 4 - 6 PM
Best thing about living on campus: free heat!
Best bagel: cinnamon raisin

Number of personalized letters I have received from adoring fans telling me how much they think about me: 0 (Come on, people! You can do better!)
Number of times I have missed my 8:30 class this semester: only 2 (I’m very proud of that fact)
Average number of hours of sleep I get the night before these 8:30s: 5.5
Number of 8:30s: 1 will be taking next semester: 0
Average number of days before a paper is due that I start it: 1
Average number of non-produc-
tive hours I have spent on the Internet each week: 8
Most important lesson I have learned this year: never run up 5 flights of stairs in boxes (oy veh, that hurts)
Number of letters in my last name: 6
Number of socks that I have on right now: 2
Best fashion trend: ribbed tights (Ooooh, sassy!)
Words that sound sexy but really aren’t: "Nudity," "Free beer," "The Gore daughters," "Features," "Under-
derparts," "McVinney," "Tight heels," "SABhne"
Best Presidential Election: Clinton vs. Dole ’96
Worst station trying to pass itself off as a member of U2: THE EDGE
Best shaving gel: Edge (for sensi-
tive skin)
Word I like to say a lot just for the heck of it: "Edge" (runner up: "ska")
Best commercial punch line: "That’s great, but who are the ‘Chets’?" (If you have not seen it, I am not going to bother trying to explain it)
Best mall that sounds like some-
thing from "The Wizard of Oz": The Emerald Square Mall in North
Atleboro, MA (also winner of Best place to see skanky chicks and their weightlifting boy-
friends!)
Number of times I have used the word “nipples” in an article this year: 1
Word I bet you did not think you would have to see in this article again: "Edge"
Thank you very much. Have a nice Christmas.

Fiction Roommates

by Brian Kenney ’99
Features Writer

Scott sat on his bed thinking of reasons that would back up his argument to have his roommate kicked out of the room. The fact that his roommate was amazing and an idiot was not enough. If Scott could just find a good enough reason, John kicked out, he could enjoy the biggest dressing room on campus all to himself. In frustration, Scott blurted out loud, "What evidence do I have to show he deserves to be kicked out?"
Suddenly, with no warning, his roommate John threw open the door and yelled, "You’ll never believe what I just saw!"
In his left hand, John had a bloody, half-vom license plate. In his right hand he was dragging two long orange and white pieces of wood.
John was not your average roommate. He was a cross between Randy the Macho Man Sav-
age and Barney from the Simpsons. He always had a crazy look on his face, and when he en-
tered a room he was sure to be noti-
ced.
John had a Rambo-like mentality about everything. He called any task he had to do a mis-
sion. When he was bored, he would get out and search for a mis-
sion to occupy his time. This usu-
ally meant he would go torment a some poor student walking home from class, or steal some-
ting. Whatever he did, he would always come back to the room and brag about it.
Scott checked out what his true-
for a roommate had stolen and in amazement said, "You stole the arms from the sec-
curty gate."
Like a father beaming with pride after seeing his son hit his first home run, John said, "Yeah, that’s my right friend, it was like taking candy from a baby. Of course security went after-
ter him in their truck, but I got the best of them. I shook them off by running into a bunch of people waiting in line at the Yuck Truck. Security got out of their truck to look for me in the crowd. While they were search-
ing for me, I snuck to the back of the security truck and ripped off their license plate. I pulled an O.J. and sliced my finger in the process, but the adrenaline rush was worth it."
As an insincere look of concern came across Scott’s face as he said, "John, please tell me there was a reason behind all of this. Why would you risk getting into trouble for a piece of gait and a license plate?"

Scatching his chin, and won-
dering for the first time why he actually did what he did, he said, "There always has to be a reason with you. Isn’t the thrill of doing it enough. Besides security is too dumb to catch me. What are they going to do? I highly doubt they will run a DNA test on the blood that was left on the truck." Trying to get off the topic, he said "So where do you think we should hang these things up?"
Scott did not answer and went to leave the room. He could not take his roommate’s antics any longer.
Just as Scott put his hand on the door knob, he heard a knock. He opened the door, and watched eight security guards run into the room. Each one of them had big grins on their faces once they saw John.
One security guard spoke up and said "John, for future refer-
ence, never leave ID at the scene of a crime. You may have gotten ourselves and license plate, but we have your wallet."

Scott looked at John and knew that this was just the evidence he needed.

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Thought of the Week

No matter how bad a day you are having, a surefire way to make you feel good again is to see someone get hit on the head with the Harkin’s gate.

- Michael P. Sablone
As I grew up, I waited for different things — often things that would change my life forever. I was in the waiting in the waiting that we overlook. I worry of the moment. It is important to appreciate the everyday miracles that happen to us. In this holiday season, we should rejoice in the little things — the first snowflakes and warm mitten. Go back and read The Night Before Christmas and enjoy it. Take some quiet time during this holiday season (after you have finished studying for finals, of course!) to practice the virtue of patience. And, have a very Merry Christmas!

Ellen Mastrostefano ’99
Features Writer

Well, how does it feel guys? We’re almost at the finish line. Our month-long, acting and our heart are beating fast, but until we feel the tape hitting our bodies then, and only then, can I consider the semester over. That’s right. We are heading up the last hill — exams (ugh).

After stuffing our cheeks with turkey and putting up Christmas decorations, we are now expected to passively shuffle off to the library while the rest of the world drinks egg nog and listens to Christmas albums. How can we possibly concentrate? We must look at the big picture. For example, just think about the whole month we have off. What are you going to be doing during that time? Knowing that your brains are just about toasted due to excessive studying and partying, you may want to take a quick look at some of the things many other people will be doing.

1. Shopping. This one’s a no-brainer. Have you gotten that last minute gift for your boyfriend or girlfriend yet? The clock is ticking. While dodging those annoying perfume ladies and crying little kids do not forget to snag a gift for your brothers and sister and shopping for gifts are synonymous.

2. Getting checks pinched (the checks on your face, that is). Don’t blush when crazy Aunt Harriet asks about your love life. Instead, be easy going. Remember, you can pick your family, but you can’t pick your family. You may even realize that some of the things your parents always told you are actually right.

3. Watching those great holiday season specials. How can you forget the Grinch, Frosty and Scrump? Personal favorite is Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer, even though Santa is really mean in it. By the way, does anybody know what is wrong with the doll in the Land of Misfit Toys?

4. Eating. College students are much like camels. Instead of storing water in our “hump”, we store our body-fat in our stomachs. This is definitely the time to do it. Hats off to my mom who

This isn’t Santa’s List

Ellen Mastrostefano ’99
Features Writer

We have all lost a lot of sleep….now is the time to make up for it.

2. Christmas dinner! The idea of buying a new books (among other things).

3. Visiting hometown buddies. Remember those crazy people you went to high school with? Everybody is home from college and boy have they changed. So have you.


5. Sleeping in. We have all lost a lot of sleep. Whether it is from 8:30 AM classes to late night pillow fights, now is the time to make up for it.

6. Thinking of topics for future Christmas specials. I don’t know if my pen is just about out. I think I can speak for the rest of the staff when I say, our new year resolution is to not mention a new pen.

There you have it. A couple of weeks from now we will be done with the first semester and ready to celebrate. Until then, good luck on exams and Merry Christmas.

Jackson as an escort. What? Exactly my point. It makes absolutely no sense. Somehow, when we are dreaming we concoct crazy situations in strange locations with all sorts of characters and people in them.

What about those dreams that when you wake up you cannot figure out if what just happened was just a dream or reality? Usually these days when I am under the duvet when you are completely exhausted and fall into a deep sleep. When you wake up you have no idea what time of the day, nevertheless what time it is. You might not even have any idea of the day. You am probably thinking that you slept for 24 hours and missed an entire day of classes, when in reality you only had a two hour nap. Sometimes you may even wake up and start to get ready for the day in a frenzy thinking that you overslept only to discover that it is four o’clock in the morning! It is a very odd feeling to not be able to distinguish what happened in your dream from reality. For example, you may have been fired from your job, or received a telephone call from an old friend in your dream, and when you are awake you can’t tell if it ever happened.

Another crazy phenomenon that occurs with dreaming is, when you start to dream before you are truly asleep. Let me explain. This is the type of situation that may occur when you are watching tv late night. Your roommate asks you if you want anything to drink. You answer that you run fast and hides behind the bush no one will be able to see him. He looks at you as if you are a complete lunatic because this response is of no relevance whatsoever. Why? Because you are half in this world and half in your room. Although you have heard the question posed to you in this world, you respond with where my mind is, in a dream world.

I sometimes wonder if our dreams the fuzzy, the way that they are depicted on television? And if not, whose idea was it to always show them that way? I also wonder if there is any truth to the saying that if you have a dream twice, it will come true for your third viewing. Who knows? But what I do know, is that dreaming makes sleeping a lot more interesting, so rather than trying to explain it, en-joy it!
Daddy's Little Girl

by Sarah Antoniello '98

FEATURES

There comes a time in your life when you realize that your parents are just people. I don't know when each person comes to this realization. But all of a sudden, you start to see the world differently and you find yourself alone. This is the point in your life where you break off, where you become your own person.

My dad promised me when I was six years old that all I had to do was call his name and he would be at my bedside in a flash when I was scared at night. I knew I was safe from all the monsters and bad guys that hid in the corners of my room, because my dad would always be there to protect me. My world was simple when I was six and a promise was enough.

My parents were God to me then. God Himself was just another parent. I did what they told me, simply because they told me to. There was some kind of omnipotent power behind the rules that were set. I went to bed at 8:00 and washed my hands before every meal because my parents said so. I never questioned what would happen if I didn't.

When you hit thirteen, you start to realize that there really isn't any magical power behind what your parents say. You can say no, and you do. You start to argue with your parents because you realize you can. Sitting in the time-out chair for twenty seconds just doesn't seem that threatening anymore.

At thirteen, you are becoming your own person and you start to see things through your own eyes. You see your parents as separate individuals: with their own stories and their own voices, and you start to see things differently than they do.

But I didn't like to think of my parents as totally separate and I still stayed within their realm of protection and words. I refused to think of them as imperfect, although I disagreed with them in many areas. I still did what they said, and I was still home every night by eleven.

One day it occurred to me that I didn't have to like my parents. I have to love them, but I don't have to like them as people. It was the first time in my life that I realized that my parents are equal to me: we are both just humans in this world trying to get by as best we can. It was at this point that I started listening to what they said because I wanted to and not simply because they had told me to. I started appreciating the things they did for me and started to like who they really were and what they have stood for.

This is when you realize your parents had a life before you were born. And they have a life that is separate from you now as well. Your parents' sole purpose in life is not to be your parents, as upsetting as this may be to you. They would still be living their lives if you were not here. And as much of a part as your parents play in your life, they are not who you are.

And as wonderful and caring as your parents may be, they cannot always protect you from the rest of the world.

When I was sixteen, I realized that there were things my dad could not protect me from. Life was a little more complex than how I thought when I was six years old. When you are living on your back hundreds of miles away from home with your underwears around your ankles screaming inside because some drunk guy has decided he wants to have sex with you, calling out your dad's name doesn't do a lot of good.

And when you realize that your dad is not Superman, you learn the hardest lesson you ever will in your life.

And when you realize that your dad is not Superman, you learn the hardest lesson you ever will in your life.

You learn that you are all alone.

life

by Emily Benfer '99

FEATURES Writer

The unique spirit trapped within. respect the life that is yours. know that the only power we have over self is in our actions, in our expressions of life. the termination of life is not within our hands, even the act of self killing or murder does not bind down the spirit. as a result of such knowledge, we must live as though we only have this day, for perhaps it is our last. you are the heart of your life. like the blood nourishing your body, your life so rapidly flows. every beat, every flood pumped mirrors every action, every thought lightened. if your heart failed, the blood would cease to flow. if you ceased all action, the life around you would stop, its existence fade with the sound of your last beat. care for your self as you would your heart, the life giving organ. explore your soul, recognize its vital existence. cultivate the living individual flowing from the core of your experience, for the present is the only place in time that the world will know you.

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A Christmas Song

by Sarah Valente '99

FEATURES Writer

When the air gets cold and the snow begins to fall,
And streets are decorated with garlands of lights and Santa is at the mall,
it's time to hang the mistletoe and wreaths and holly too,
And see what's underneath the tree just waiting there for you.

But Christmas isn't just about the presents, cards, and treats,
a new CD, a pair of skis, or even a box of sweets,
There's so much more to this holiday, it's more than meets the eye.
It should show how much you care not how much you can buy.

So when December 24th comes and your tree is shining bright.
And everything is quiet and you're tucked in for the night.
When you wake up on Christmas Day to sights like none you can believe,
Just remember the true meaning of Christmas.
"Tis better to give than to receive!"
Chaplain's Corner

Pre-Exam News

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

Now that Thanksgiving is over we are rapidly approaching the Christmas break. There is only one major hurdle left: Exams! We all know how stressful exam time is, and it never seems to get any easier. Make sure that you take time for study, time for rest, and time for prayer. It is easy to forget that we are at the beginning of Advent, which is a season of preparation for the joyful Feast of Christmas. As part of that preparation, many people make an effort to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation during Advent. There will be many opportunities for Confession on campus before Christmas break. Think about taking the opportunity to receive the Sacrament. There is nothing to be afraid of. If you would like to take a break from your studies, remember that the chapels are open until late at night. Stop in for a few quiet moments, or try one of the daily Masses. You also might want to sit for a time and come to the Pre-Exam Mass and blessing of the students, which will be celebrated Thursday, December 12th at 9:00 a.m. in Aquinas Chapel. This will not be a substitute for studying, but it certainly cannot hurt.

If you need a quiet place to study, try the Campus Ministry Lounge in Slavin 213. During the exam period we will keep the lights on for you late at night. Remember that if there is any way that I can be of service to you, all you have to do is ask. Stop by the Chaplain’s Office (Slavin 211) or give me a call at 42216.

Fr. Vincent, Sr. Annette, and I will be remembering you every day in our prayers and Masses as we approach exam time. Do not forget: There is life after exams! May the Advent and Christmas season fill you with the peace of Christ.

by Lori D. McGwenn ’99
Features Editor

She darted into the crowd with a kind of rambunctious energy that people sometimes seem to only really called. Besides, she hated football. I guess it is tradition to have a football game on Christmas. I almost did not come myself, but Evan convinced cold I would love it. It was simply around I started to realize that I really did not know anyone. All of the freshman looked a lot younger and a lot less friendly, I used to go to the games to watch my sister’s cheering team, that she was so proud of. Now, I came as an excuse to get out of the house for a while. It was fun to see who returned from college and graduating students that they came from our small town. She was one of those that immediately knew who I was. She could not help it. She used college as her escape; I stayed because she knew that it was the only thing that we had in common.

How’s school?” I asked because I knew that it was her first day and she had never really asked about the part of her life that I was not interested in. I had no idea what to answer because I had not been listening.

“Good,” I guessed and she seemed satisfied because I was never one to use excessive words.

In some ways I wished that she did not like school so much. I was used to comforting her. She never had it good, but she tried. She always tried to live up to her own and her parents expectations. It seemed that they always had her set aside, but she wanted to be good at something, so she tried everything. I felt bad that sometime I then could have told her that she could come to school with me. We would not be alone together. However, that was not the case at all. She informed me that she was holding me back. I needed to get on with my life, and that meant that I had to go on with out her. That was something I had never really thought to tell her. She asked me why I was putting it around to make it seem as though she was doing me a favor. But the truth was that I wanted to be free. I never really thought anything about other things. I wanted to be able to do the same, but I had my heart. Somehow people great really saw a room as a car while I still lived with Mom and Dad, but it was free. Anyway. The crowd started to disperse, and it was then that I realized that the game was over, I wondered who won. I was still watching her. She looked at me as she turned to leave with the rest of the gang, and I followed. Evan came up beside me and asked me what I thought.

Writers Wanted!!!

If you have ever wanted to write a features article, I am looking for interested writers. I will be publishing an article every other week written by guest writers from the PC campus. For anyone that is interested, drop off the story, poem, thoughts, whatever, at The Cowl (Slavin 104) in the features mailbox. Thanks.

- The features Editor

December 5, 1996

An Touch of Fiction
Friends and Football

by Yvonne M. Arsenaux ’99
Features Writer

As the semester comes to a close, you may ask why it has been said that college is the best time of your life. As you look at the pile of books that need to be read and the papers that need to be typed, you may realize that sleep was not calculated into your schedule. But do not fear, the end is near and you will discover the biggest joy and perk of being a college student.

First, there are finals. Many look upon this time with trepidation and dread, but some actually enjoy the excitement and plan to attend the books for a number of days. The amazing thing is, it may not be a number of days to actually learn all of the material that will be on the final. Then again, all the time in the world may not be enough to show all the information that is necessary in your brain. Whatever the case may be, enjoy the in-between.

Some of the best times are had during study breaks. I have noticed that my class hours have scheduled breaks and this is a great way to meet more people and enjoy some good food. It is also a fun chance to give your brain a break for a half an hour or so. I enjoy breaking out the candy during these breaks as you and your roommate use Play-Doh in the booth and collects money

even though it was after half time. She told him that she was a poor college student, but he did not have a sympathetic bone in his body. With all of her complaining, she was lucky that she got in at all. I guess she was used to me paying for her. I bet that he did not treat her like a lady. She moved her way around the crowd, making sure that she talked to the gang and told them how happy she was. I watched in the crowd and smiled. Everyone was comparing roommate stories, and my roommate was no different about anything else. I wanted to be able to do the same, but I had my heart. Somehow people great really saw a room as a car while I still lived with Mom and Dad, but it was free. Anyway. The crowd started to disperse, and it was then that I realized that the game was over, I wondered who won. I was still watching her. She looked at me as she turned to leave with the rest of the gang, and I followed. Evan came up beside me and asked me what I thought.

She babbled endlessly about people and things that I knew nothing about. However, I could see that she was happy.

Then there is always the troops in the snow at eleven at night to make a snowman that may get rid of last minute test anxiety. But after the tests are completed and all you want to do is go home and sleep the best part bed gins. You get to go home and sleep. However, all your books and papers and study notes can stay behind, in your dorm room, out of your sight for a whole month. You have no responsibilities associated with school, not a single book to crack for a month. You have nothing to do for four weeks. It is the greatest feeling to know that you can do what you want and have fun and not have to get up at 8:00 AM for class. Granted, you may have

..use Play-Doh and Silly Putty as stress relievers.
Happy Graduation, Petey!

All of us at The Cowl wish you the best of luck -- We'll miss your PHAT 'toons...especially Carchedi (you rock his world)!!

CONGRATULATIONS!
We'll miss you lots!

Help petey find his car

THE ANATOMY OF AN UNDERGRAD DURING FINALS

GOOD LUCK ON FINALS!

Holiday Mishaps... Yungjay Sihapanya

Rudolph loses his will to fly.
(This year Santa has only eight reindeer pulling his sleigh.)
Cross-Country Continued

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could have won it, and Stanford put it together on the day. Had we raced four or five days previously, it could have been us.

"Going into the meet you couldn't tell who was the most talanted team," added the coach. "Nobody was an out-and-out favorite like we were last year. The meet came down to who was going to put five for five together on the day and Stanford did that. Even Villanova-who came very close to winning their number five girl had been sick as well. I'm sure they're saying it could have been all the eastern teams could be that bad. They all had difficulty with it."

"I think they had given as much as they could in the meets coming up to the NCAA's and they didn't have a whole lot left when they got out there. And then in be faced with the kind of conditions that they faced, you have to be at the top of your game to face those type of conditions. They might have run themselves out.

Like they did at the ICAA's, the Friars surged at the beginning of the race and looked as powerful as before. But by the 5K mark, the conditions were taking their toll.

Above: The '96 men's field. Below: Mike Donnelly

It was noon, the heat wanted some recognition, and there was only thin air to breathe.

But John, are not the conditions the same for everyone? Not quite, dear readers, in particular the air. When You train in Providence, Boston, New York, Philadelphia, you train at sea level. Thrown 5000 feet above sea level, teams from St. John's, Brown, Villanova, BU and PC were at the bottom of the results list.

Senior Mike Donnelly again led the Friars at 87th. David Healy was 121st, Paul McNamara was 126, Zack Ventress a step behind in 129th, and senior Nick Kent was 137th round out the scoring.

Be careful about judging a sea-

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Men's Hockey Continued

ence of the blue line. Coach Barto spoke highly of the young delenserse, "The young players are starting to gel, they're starting to believe in themselves. We're getting better as a team in our defensive zone. To go in and beat UNH with four freshmen on defense, that's a big step for us." Focusing on the importance of the great road trip, Barto added, "We want to finish strong before finals. I want to stress to the team the importance of playing strong this weekend coming off the road trip, not to sit on the wins, but to surge forward.

The Lady Friar's top scorers looked the scoring production that is the core of PC's attack. Baker, Wheeler, Yates Clark, and Wigner stepped up as usual. Coach Barto spoke highly of Katherine Cahill, Alain Frankiewicz, and Stacey Kreger as young players who were playing well but focused on the chemistry of the hole team. The Lady Friars take on Yale on Saturday at Schneider Arena hop-

The Cow 11-23

PC ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

Alison Wheeler '97
(Waterbury, VT)
Women's Hockey

Alison registered six points (four goals, two assists) and led the Lady Friar hockey team to a 2-1 record at the Princeton Invitational on Nov. 29-Dec. 1.

Austin Crooks '97
(Leesburg, CA)
Men's Basketball

Austin helped the Friars' basketball team to a pair of wins against Long Island University (29 points, nine boards) and Columbia (17 points, seven boards). On the week, he averaged 23 points and 8 rebounds per game.

Hal Gill '97

SPORTS
Getting Wet Again

by Joe Valenzano '00
Sports Writer

Parents usually tell their children not to jump in the deep end of the pool until they have gotten used to the water. Coach John O'Neill and the Providence College swim and dive team wish that they could have adhered to this edict when they competed against conference powerhouse Connecticut in their first matchup in over two weeks. Having just recovered from a flu epidemic which decimated the ranks of the teams and kept them from practicing or competing, the Friars gave Connecticut all they had at the Taylor Natatorium on November 23.

On the men's side, the Friars fell 147-89, dropping their dual meet record to 1-2. Competing at nearly full capacity, with sophomore Sean Connell still out with mono, the team felt the effect of the lack of practice. Finishing first in only five of the thirteen events in the meet, the submarines put themselves in a hole, having to depend on taking close to all second and third place points. Unfortunately for them, it never happened. Connecticut finished first and second in five of the eleven swimming events, and won first through third in both of the diving events.

"Despite the outcome, it was good to get back in the water back in action again," said Coach O'Neill. "I thought we bounced back well from the flu against a good UCONN squad."

Unfortunately the women did not fare much better, losing their meet by the score of 156-84. Once again the Huskies dominated, taking first place in eleven of the events, and both first and second in five, including both of the diving requirements. Finishing strong for the Lady Friars was sophomore Carla Clemente, who had a second and third place finish in individual competitions, and was a member of the first and second place relay teams. Senior captain Stacey Sweetser also performed admirably, with a second place finish in the fifty freestyle meter, and was a member of the second place relay team.

This weekend the teams travel to the University of Rhode Island Invitational where they will compete against squads from Vermont, URI, and Holy Cross.

"Hopefully we will get a good idea of where we stack up this weekend," acknowledged O'Neill. "We will get a lot of good swims in. We should be back to normal by the end of the weekend."

AIRBORNE: Stacy Sweetser '97 takes off. Below Carla Clemente '99 shows off perfect backstroke form

With no return date set for Connell, Coach O'Neill keeps things in perspective. "We can't worry about what we don't have. If you were a basketball team and your top center went down, you put your backup in there and played. It doesn't matter who you don't have, what matters is that who you do have does their best."

The big time of year is just around the corner, where intense training over the semester break will determine how far this PC swim team can go. Hopefully, they have gotten used to the water, and are ready to jump in to the deep end of the pool.

this is yet another example of blatant space filler... i guess maybe if i planned a little better i would have something to go here... however, it is quarter of six in the morning, i have been here now for close to twelve hours straight in a room that has no windows or ventilation of any kind and, well, i don't really mind using blatant space filler... it kind of breaks up the day! - cory

Women's Basketball Continued

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42 of their team's first half points, and outscored the entire Providence team by ten in the half. The second half started out badly as the first for PC as senior captain Nadine Malcolm fouled out with 14:35 left to play. Malcolm, who was Providence's only bright spot in the first half tallying 13 points, could now only watch as her teammates dealt with a 27 point Mountaineer lead. Yet, as Malcolm sat down junior forward Reena Davis and junior guard Kerri Chatten seemed to get up. Chatten, who had only seven points in the first half, dominated the second half and supplied the spark her club needed to chip away at the large Mountaineer lead. Chatten recorded seven rebounds, fifteen points and four steals to push the momentum back to PC. Providence proceeded to cut into the Mountaineer defense and cut the margin to sixteen at the 4:34 mark on a three pointer by junior guard Julie Wheeler. With West Virginia leading 79-63, Providence began a four minute, 17.0-run that electrified Alumnae Hall and brought the Lady Friars to within 16 points with only 35 seconds remaining in the game. Highlighting the barrage for Providence was the slick shooting of guard Julie Wheeler and senior guard Jen Davis who combined for thirteen of PC's final fifteen points. However, despite the effort, the Black and White could not get within four points of West Virginia, and the Mountaineers held on to a hard-fought 81-77 win.

"We really played well the last five minutes of the game, but we should never have been down by 25 points to begin with," exclaimed Kerri Chatten who sparked the Lady Friar comeback. PC outscored West Virginia 41-29 in the second half and out-rebounded them as well, 21-15. Nevertheless, the loss moves Providence's record to 3-3 overall and 0-1 in the Big East.

"I expect us to play all forty minutes of the game and not just the last five," said Jabir who was visibly drained after the game. "We played the end of the game the same way West Virginia played the first part, but we came up a little short. We need to become mentally tougher."

PC will have their chance Saturday as they travel to South Bend to face the number 7 nationally ranked Notre Dame.

Top 10 People Cory and John like:
10. Malcolm-Jamal Warner
9. Zach Venessa
8. The good citizens of Omaha, Nebraska
7. Vanilla Ice
6. Andrew O'Connell
5. David Canal (he's hype)
4. Alejandro Pena
3. Rick James
2. Warrant (the bad 80's hair band)
1. The News Chicks (King, Cotrone, Pappas)

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LOCATIONS ON PEMBROKE, EATON, AND OAK-LAND AVENUES
by Cory McGann '98
he's a bad mother - that your mouth!

I went for serious basketball action. The Top of the World Classic. It was the "first ever" and it was big. It pretty much took over the entire town. Here are just a few observations I had while enjoying myself in the "city that never goes outside..." cause it's too damn cold.

First off, there was about a half hour of daylight (it's exaggerating... it was about three hours). This was good, because you really couldn't go outside. It was so cold that a river that runs next to the hotel was so completely frozen that trucks would regularly drive over it. No need for bridges, honey, the dang river is frozen!

My travel mate, Mary M. Shaffrey, editor-in-chief of The Cow, tried valiantly to battle the cold in order to "see Alaska." Af ter ten seconds of exposure her eyes froze shut. She at least felt Alaska. The city (town? village? igloo? wickup? ) treated everyone from Providence like gods. Of course, they all thought Rhode Island was part of New York.

Mary and I visited the lovely campus of the University of Alaska Fairbanks. We also visited the school newspaper and spent an hour trying to explain to them the outright necessity of sending two student newspaper writers to cover a basketball tournament. We were unsuccessful. We did learn something quite interesting: they actually pay their staff for their countless hours. What a concept!

Flight Brown went dog sledding. He's 6'6". Enough said.

We had dinner with the team on Friday night. They are all really nice and rather outgoing. I really don't think enough PC students get a chance to really chat with any of the varsity team members. You really should.

The hotel was, well, expensive. Especially the restaurant. Then again, it doesn't help when Mary is sucking down 18 Sprites per meal. The help there still hasn't recovered. They thought she was a member of the team... or at least ran suicide drills with them.

Dick Vitale was not there.

The local newspaper referred to Providence College as being founded by the Jesuits. Mary almost had a heart attack, while I engaged in some fistfights with the local pepper. We probably won't be asked back.

Word of advice in dealing with Mary and I now: if you see us walking to class, don't ever smile up to us and remark how cold it is because you sure as hell won't get any sympathy from us. We'll probably just tell you what a disgrace you really are.

It is nothing like Northern Exposure... although I did fantasize about being Bob Morrow a few times. He's cool.

Never again will I take a sixteen hour plane trip anywhere. I mean it. Never.

Otherwise, Mary and I had a blast in a one-in-a-lifetime experience. Mad props to all those who helped us achieve our life-long (actually, it was only about six months) dream. You know who you are.

Now that I'm officially done with the winter sports season I've decided to start thinking about the summer season. I'm sure you've all heard about this... yes, there are still three years of basketball left.

Here are just a few:

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Luckily for the Friars, he couldn't shoot at all as Providence, behind an awesome second half spurt, put them away 100-88. Austin Croshere was again incredible as he chucked in a game high 29 points with nine rebounds. When asked what he said to get the team in gear in the second half they were very much out of gear in the first), Coach Gillen replied, "Well, I kicked over a chair... that got their attention." (If you don't know Coach Gillen, this is quite rare for it is not usually his style. Don't worry, Friar Faithful, we do not have another Bobby Knight on our hands).

All of this came after a trip to Fairbanks, Alaska for the inaugural Top of the World Classic. Being serious favorites to win the tournament, they set up the bracket so that PC would be playing Alabama in the tourney final. Assuming both teams win all three games, that is. This turned out to be a bit of a challenge. The Providence Friars, an unknown Middle Tennessee State pulled off a shocker to down the Friars.

Give PC credit, however, for not falling in game three. They came back strong to decimate Southern Illinois to secure a third place finish.

Throughout the tournament it was Jamel Thomas who was the most impressive player. He averaged triple double performances in his three positions at times (shooting guard, small forward, power forward). He showed off his considerable skills and showcase dunks. He was good enough to make the All-Tournament Team, as selected on by the media (editor's note: They did not ask me to vote on the all-tournament team, and I am still kind of upset about it... I would have voted for Jamel and Derick "Flight" Brown, who wisely was right there with Jamel). The next game for the Friars is a home contest with Notre Dame on Saturday. After that is the always exciting game with the University of Rhode Island on Tuesday. Get your tickets early, as this game is always sold out and always a classic.
On the Road:

by Frank Mills '98
Sports Writer

Jacques Lemaire once said that one of the best things for a young hockey team is a long road trip at the beginning of the season because it allows the different personalities to mesh. If you follow this theory, it looks like the Lady Friars are going to excel this season. The Lady Friars went 4-1 on a five game road trip that included three games at the Providence Invitational. Providence beat St. Lawrence, Cornell, UNH, and Princeton, with the only loss coming from Concordia. Freshman goaltender Sara DeCosta started all five games and played impressively in net. DeCosta picked up a shut-out against St. Lawrence in 5-0 victory. Sophomore lamp-lighter extraordinare Laurie Baker reeled out a hat trick and Miya Yates scored a goal and an assist. The next day the Lady Friars traveled to Cornell and walked out with a 4-3 overtime win. Baker scored two goals, including the game winner. ECAC Home role member Alison Wheeler picked up a goal in the effort.

The next weekend the Lady Friars took part in the Providence Invitational and earned a 2-1 record. The first game, the Lady Friars defeated Princeton 4-1 under a two goal effort from Alison Wheeler. The Lady Friars' second game was a 4-3 overtime win over rival New Hampshire. The Providence trio of Kelly Clark, Jennifer Wagner, and Alison Wheeler sparked the win with goals in the third period. In OT, Wheeler and Katie Lachapelle worked hard setting up behind the net and fed a pass to Wagner who was open in the slot and put the game away.

The Lady Friars final game of the tournament came against Concordia, who Coach Barto described as a "Canadian All-Star team". Concordia dominated everybody in the tournament but ran into resistance from the Friars. Concordia beat the Lady Friars 4-2 but the effort was the only time they were scored on in the tournament. Concordia poured on 54 shots in the win, as opposed to the Lady Friars 12. A 4-1 record on this road trip is a phenomenal result. Coach Barto commented, "I think it was huge. The players and coaches got to know each other better." Remarkable on the success of DeCosta, Barto added, "Every game she plays she's getting more confident, she's got great strides!"

One of the main concerns for this season was the lack of experience continued on page 23

Lady Friars Amass 4-1 Record on Road Trip

Friars Battle Back, Show Heart, Fall Short in OT

Sudden Death:

by Frank Mills '98
Sports Writer

You play your heart out for two periods, all the while shots hang off the post and trickle wide of the net, the puck just isn't bouncing your way. Plus, the other guys are up 2-0, despite being out-played, out-shot, and out-hustled. But then you come out in the third, trying to kill a penalty and you score. Then you score twice more to take the lead, all of the sudden the puck is dancing and your leading.

This is the situation that the Friars found themselves in on Tuesday night against ECAC power Vermont in a game that ended in a 4-4 overtime loss. Vermont opened the scoring at 14:25 of the first on the powerplay when Martin St. Louis took a drop pass from Stephane Piche and fired a wrist shot coming off the right wing side that fell under Dan Dennis' blocker. The Friars seemed comfortable playing the fast pace tempo that Vermont established and forced many quality scoring chances. Providence looked extremely impressive when during back-to-back power plays, they sheltered Vermont goaltender Tim Thomas with shots, but were unable to capitalize.

The second period offered more of the same for the Friars as Vermont picked up another goal. Stephane Piche took a drop pass from the rushing defensemen and walked across the blue line to beat Dennis at the 11:44 mark. Providence again out-shot Vermont but Catamount goaltender Tim Thomas barred the door, looking sharp between the pipes. The third period turned out to be a different story, as the Friars entered the period trying to kill off a carry-over slashing penalty. 19 seconds into the period, Travis Dillabough broke in on a 2 on 1, and used the breaking forward as a decoy, broke in and went top-shelf, firing a wrist shot past Thomas on the glove side. Open the flood gates. After Russ Guzior carried the puck through the neutral zone, drawing the defense to the left, he passed to David Green who fired a wrist shot that beat Thomas in the five-hole, tying the score at 2-2. The Friars took the lead minutes later when defensemen Josh MacNeil threw a soft, low shot at the net that trickled past the sprawling goaltender. The momentum had shifted, the Friars had solved Tim Thomas. But the Catamounts regrouped and Thomas settled down. Vermont tied the score at 3-3 at the 8:51 mark when left winger Eric Lundin beat Dennis on a rising wrist shot from the leftwing circle.

Both teams battled for the rest of the period, trying to break open a big play. Dan Dennis made several key stops late in the period, including stoning J.C. Ruiz on a breakaway and stopping a point blank Eric Perrin shot. With 36 seconds left, Vermont got a power-play that was killed impressively by the Friars. Enter overtime.

The teams traded scoring chances in the overtime period but it was Vermont that prevailed. With 36 seconds left, no one picked up the trailing forward, Stephane Piche, who stuffed a rebound past Dennis to give Vermont the win. Piche, with two goals and an assist, was named the game's first star.

"Coach Paul Pooley voiced his disappointment at the end of the game, "It was a very tough loss. We're not that far from being a dominant hockey team. I think we played well, we had a lot of chances to score. We've played like this since the beginning of the season, we just haven't been able to find a way to win."

Co-Captain Hal Gill, who was named third star for his offensive production, played an important role in shutting down St. Louis and Perrin. "I think we did a good job of shutting down their top line, it was the third line that got the goals. I think we really forced some good shots. I thought we really had Thomas going there." Commenting on the team's showing over the last few games, Gill added, "We're young, we have to keep a high level the whole game instead of having lapses from time to time."

Hardworking co-captain Travis Dillabough commented positively on the game. "The outcome of the game didn't show our effort. I think coming back from the two goal deficit says a lot about our team's heart. Most teams get down two goals to a team like Vermont and they just fold, but we fought back and showed a lot of heart."

Coach Pooley added, "I'm very pleased with the effort, I'm very optimistic about our team, we're not that far from shutting this team out."
Continuing the Legacy
McMahon Captures Second at NCAA’s

by John Carchedi ’98
Art. Sport Editor

Marie McMahon capped off a brilliant collegiate cross country career on November 25 with a sec-
ond place finish at the National championships in Tucson, Ar-
izona, earning her eighth All-
American honor and marking the third year in a row she’s placed in
the top fifteen at the NCAA’s.

“But she did run a great race, she
gave it everything, as Marie always does,” lashed head coach
Ray Treacy. “When she steps on
the line you know you’re going to
get 110%. That’s what’s going to
stand for her in the future.”

After a fair start McMahon and
teammate, Maria McCambridge
jumped into the lead pack. By
the one kilometer mark, the race was
forming into a three woman meet
involving McMahon, who placed
fourth at the ’95 NCAA’s, Arizona
sophomore Amy Skieresz, who
grabbed second as a freshman, and
Notre Dame freshman Joanna
Deeter. Despite being a sopho-
more, Skieresz was the barrier to
beat. This was her home course, obvi-
ously her home climate, and it was the top returning finisher from
’95. Between the 2K and 3K marks she made her move, open-
ing a sizable gap on McMahon and
Deeter by 4K. The pair was be-
ginning to wheel her in entering
the final stretch but ran out of real
estate.

Meanwhile, our hero was in a
duel with Deeter. The pair battled
side by side until the turn for home,
where McMahon outsprinted Deeter
for second place honor.

“Marie ran well,” said Treacy. She
was fighting the (fins) bug, as well.
She had a sore throat the day
before the race. But it didn’t af-

fect her that much. Probably did
take a little bit of a bite out of her,
but she gave it her best shot. She
tried to stay with Skieresz as long
as she could. When it wasn’t hap-
pening for her, she still hung on
for great second place. She fin-
ished strong.”

McMahon was the NCAA In-
door champion in the 5000 meters
last spring (with a school record
15:42.71). But while the cross
country title has been elusive, it
has been elusive to every Friar,
men and women, before her. Her
second place spot in Tucson equals
the college’s best.

second, Richard O’Flynn was sec-
ond, Mark (Carroll) was second
(1995), Amy (Rudolph) was sec-
ond (1996), now Marie was sec-
ond.

“One of these years it’s going
to happen,” added Treacy with a
laugh. “We hope. It’s a tough title
to win, it really is a tough one to

win. As a cross country runner, you
take on the best at all dis-
tances. In cross country, you have
1500 meter runners, 3000 meter
runners, 5000, 10000 meter run-
ers, get together and run that one
race, and it’s very, very difficult to
win.”

The coach makes a very big
point there. While winter and
spring track disperse the competi-
tors into different events, cross
country takes everybody. With
track you’re biggest rival and forc-
est competition may be running a
different event. In cross country, it’s one event for all. You’re run-
ing against your biggest rival,
your second biggest rival, their
mother, their roommate, the city of
Omaha, Nebraska, everybody.

Now, toss the pile into a na-
tional championship setting, and
you have every top quality runner
in the nation vying to beat the rest.
That’s what makes this title so dif-
icult to obtain and so coveted.
And, that’s what makes
McMahon’s second place finish so
impressive.

Treacy was impressed with
how far McMahon has come.

“She’s improved by leaps and
bounds,” lauded the coach. “She
wasn’t highly recruited coming out
of high school. But I knew about
midway through her freshman year
that she had something special,
that she was prepared to go the
extra distance, that she was pre-
pared to get the most out of her-
sel, and she did. She made all
the right moves, and developed
very, very quickly, probably
quicker than anyone we’ve ever
had. And there’s a lot more there.
She’s only begun.”
Lady Friars Grab Seventh in Tucson

Heat, Elevation Add to Tough Competition to Cause Problems for Men and Women

by John Carchedi ’98

A year ago, life was good to the Providence College cross country program. The scene was the NCAA Women’s Championships on a crisp, overcast day with Toto-woody conditions on the campus of Iowa State. The conditions (even the wind) was suitable for our heroes from the Northeast, and the result was an admirable eighth-place finish for the men and a National title for the women.

This year showcased a contrast. A boost in parity and anti-Friar conditions influenced a seventh-place finish for the Lady Friars and a disappointing 22nd for their male counterparts at the ’96 NCAA’s on November 25 in Tucson, Arizona.

This year’s set was 3000 feet above sea level, at a temperature bordering on 50°F. “Don’t care if it’s dry heat, it was still hot.”

The course was a stinker, a rolling golf course with motor-cross hills. The teams from the East Coast struggled, especially in the longer men’s race, as five of the last six places belonged to our region.

“Everything was a factor when you were running 65 together,” explained Providence head coach Ray Treacy. “No one thing in particular would put people off so much as it did for us and a lot of other teams.”

“You had the heat, it got hot real fast that day. The elevation was 3000 feet, which on its own wouldn’t be bad, but then you throw the heat in and the difficulty of the course as well. Everything thrown in, it made it very difficult for some teams.”

Friar Maria McMahon led the Outsiders in 13th. But the story may have been thousands of miles away. The flu bug that slammed the campus this month caught senior co-captain Krissey Haacke before she fell of the game. Friar number three runner was bed-ridden the two days before the meet. She hung on for the finish but in the back of the field. Also, number four runner Gladys Daniel fell victim to the heat, and did not finish.

“We couldn’t afford anything to go wrong,” noted Treacy. “Everything was going fine, and we felt all we needed, going in, was a lead they never relinquished throughout the entire game—and proceeded to outscore PC 35-18 over the next thirteen minutes, pushing their lead to 18 with 3:49 left in the half. Leading the way for West Virginia was the trio of sophomores Rebecca Burbridge, Maria Tchobanov and junior Talisha Hays who combined for

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Hey Kids, Shuttle Buses for Saturday’s Men’s Basketball Game against the Fighting Irish of Notre Dame begin running at 2:30. Stop/Pick up points include: Fennell Gate to Davis Gate to Raymond Hall. Want a ride, get to these spots.

After the game, six buses will be waiting to bring you back to campus. Hey, it’s a Big East matchup. Go in style.

Marie McMahon and Marie McCambridge lead the pack early on in the 1996 Cross Country National Championships.

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The Providence Women’s Basketball Team has had many firsts this season. There was their first official win over Siena in October, their first exhibition game and their first home and away match-ups. However, in the program’s first clash with West Virginia University in Alumni Hall could have possibly been the most significant “first” for the Lady Friars to date. The reason for the heightened emphasis even this early in the season, stems from the fact that Wednesday night’s game was the maiden Big East contest for both PC and West Virginia. So the only question that remained was who wanted it more. And the answer came in the form of an 81-77 victory for the Mountaineers.

“They [West Virginia] came out and took it to us; they came after us as if it was a matter of life or death,” commented Providence Head Coach Jim Jabir on the early stages of the game. “It’s great to win because it affects us both on offense and on defense, and it takes away from the toughness we need to win games.”

West Virginia showed their aggressive style of play early and often in the first half by our rebounding PC 16-8 and forcing the Lady Friars into seventeen first half turnovers. The Mountaineers took the lead at the 16:38 mark—