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One World. One Hope.

World AIDS Day 1996 Comes to PC

by Erin R. King '98
News Editor

Recently, the Names Project AIDS Memorial Quilt was displayed in its entirety on the National Mall in Washington, DC. This week, as part of PC's contribution to World AIDS Week (December 1-7), thirty-two panels of the Quilt, many of them locally

"The aim of the theme is to emphasize the reality that we are all one world, for HIV knows no borders and affects us all," reads the Rhode Island World AIDS Day Calendar of Events.

The Quilt display and accompanying events were sponsored and planned by the Organization of Student Social Workers, Health Services, and the Pastoral Service Organization.

One activity which was new this year to PC's World AIDS Week events was the opportunity for members of the community to actually make a Quilt panel to commemorate a loved one. Dr. Marian Mattison of the Social Work department told how the making of a Quilt panel is often therapeutic for victims' families.

"We encourage students to take Quilt materials home to make a panel with their families," Dr. Mattison said. If you are interested in making a panel, contact Dr.

vice, three speakers, including Guest Lecturer Sister Zita Flemming addressed "The Changing Faces of AIDS."

Sister Annette Desmarais introduced Colleen Scanlon, a PC graduate who founded The House of Compassion, a home based on Christian ideals for people with AIDS. Scanlon related the obstacles she met as she tried to open The House of Compassion. Just

ing is the day I know I can no longer do this work." Like Scanlon, she too had known people who were remembered in Quilt panels hanging in '64 Hall, as well as the panel made by PC students in memory of Robert McBride. McBride spoke at PC a few years ago, and was fondly remembered by many members of the PC community.

"If Bob were here physically -



The Quilt was on display December 3 and 4

made, were exhibited in '64 Hall.

Although the Quilt was the focal point, several speakers, activities, and a Mass helped highlight the week's theme: "One World. One Hope." World AIDS Day, December 1, is recognized by 190 countries as a day to call attention to the AIDS epidemic.

Mattison in the Social Work department at 865-2526. She can provide you with official instructions as well as materials.

On Tuesday, December 3, the first of the two days PC hosted the Quilt panels, Mass was celebrated to memorialize victims of AIDS and their loved ones. After the ser-



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Sister Annette and volunteers construct a panel for the Quilt

two years ago, in 1994, she encountered much ignorance.

Her insistence on providing a caring, Christian environment for the dying gave her story a hopeful ending. "We're beginning to see little miracles in this community," she shared. "Each person who has died in The House of Compassion has died in the light...of peace."

Sister Zita Flemming of the Boston AIDS Ministry spoke next. She told how one day, she said to the Cardinal, "The day I stop cry-

he's here in spirit-this would be his message," Sister Flemming said. "If you don't listen to the information, you're going to get AIDS...but you've got to listen. There's no room to be naive in relationships...We must stop, look, listen, and think before we do anything."

Sister Flemming related the importance of education in the

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Class Project Combats Violence

by Tammy A. Ledoux '99
News Writer

A group of PC students recently donated two thousand dollars to the Network, a state-wide partnership among agencies dedicated to ending violence against women. The Network includes the Rhode Island Rape Crisis Center (RIRCC), the Rhode Island Coalition Against Domestic Violence (RICADV), and their six domestic violence member agencies. The students sold purple ribbons as a project for their class, Violence Against Women. Throughout October, which was Violence Awareness Month, each student in the class raised one hundred dollars.

Jill Ranieri '97 explained the project. "As our class project we decided, as a class, to do something around community action and awareness. Since October was Violence Awareness Month, we decided to focus our project around that."

The purple ribbons and accompanying fact cards that were sold cost one dollar each. The class hoped that students and faculty would wear the ribbons to show support for victims of sexual assault and to increase awareness of violence against women. The card contained the phone numbers for the RIRCC and the RICADV, as well as a 24-hour, toll-free hotline.

The cards also gave statistics of rape, assault, and violence. It stated that one out of three women will be sexually assaulted in her lifetime and that 80 percent of rapes go unreported.

The class was divided into groups to complete the project. Ranieri said, "We broke into groups-the designing/printing group, which made the purple cards, the public relations group, which was responsible for advertisement, and the Sales group, which was in charge of the financial aspects of the project."

"Collectively, we have raised \$2000 for the RIRCC and the RICADV," said Ranieri.

The class was scheduled to present the check to Meg McGrath of the Network two weeks ago. However, a scheduling problem arose and McGrath was unable to come to PC. She accepted the check in a letter to Lynn McCarthy, professor of the Violence Against Women class.

She wrote, "I am writing to sincerely thank you for your generous \$2000 donation. I am amazed and impressed with the hard work your class put into raising these funds for us."

McGrath detailed some of the

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The Art of RI's Native American Culture

by Matthew F. Stauff '00
News Writer

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

Dr. Wilesse Comissiong, Dean of The Balfour Center for Multicultural Affairs, opened the event by saying it is the "first time we make an attempt to a launch a celebration of a history which affects us dearly."

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."

The featured speakers and dancers were then introduced by Kenneth Gumbert, O.P., Assistant Professor, Art/Art History Department. The first two people Father Gumbert introduced were a mother and daughter pair, Dawn Dove of the Narragansett and her daughter Eleanor Dove MacKenzie. Both are members of the Narragansett tribe of Rhode Island. The third person Gumbert introduced 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' clothes included deerskin, both turkey and hawk feathers, and a pair of antlers.

MacKenzie, who is 17 and a senior in high school, said, "It is very important for me to express

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Laura Humann '99

Dawn Dove and Eleanor Dove MacKenzie in native costume

News Briefs

Inside Congress

This past Monday's meeting marked the end of Congress for the semester. This was also the last meeting of the year for Meghan Boyle '98, chair of the Elections Committee, and Kara Deal '98, Class Representative. These two talented Congress members 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 on student surveys and will present their findings and recommendations to Congress early next semester. The Constitutional Review Committee will be meeting with the Student Congress lawyer 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, named the Shadow Investigation Committee. The idea for this committee was proposed by Bill Ewell '97, Treasurer of the Senior Class. This committee will look into enabling Congress members to shadow college administrators and report happenings to the Student Congress. 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 we lost the game, but your 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 would be a great study break and a wonderful way to release some pre-test stress. Hope to see you all there.

After the Notre Dame game on Saturday night, Club Eagles 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. Cover will include a souvenir glass with a beer and two house shots.

This year, Congress will be celebrating our Christmas party on Monday, December 9th off campus, at Dimitri's in Foxboro. Now some people may be wondering how we are paying for the event. Do not fret, we are not using Congress funds to cover the event. Each Congress member was asked to pay their own way. Instead of 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 good 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 investigate next year include evaluation of our new mascot, and the possibility of an on-campus pub.

Happy Holidays!

Mike

Michael J. Walsh '97
Student Congress President

Good Luck
on
Finals!

Volunteer Opportunities

Do you have time to spare? Would you rather be busy than bored? If so, Roger Williams Medical Center has volunteer opportunities available at its Information desk, in its Emergency Department, and in its Helping Hands and Critical Care Support programs.

Whether you're interested in meeting people, keeping active, exploring a health care career, or making a difference in someone else's life, volunteer work is a rewarding way to spend some time.

Snow! Snow! Snow!

The Security Department with the assistance and cooperation of the Physical Plant personnel will determine when snow conditions at the college are at a point when snow plowing will begin, usually around 4 to 6 inches.

Assistant Director, Physical Plant, John P. Tucciarone will be in charge of all snow removal activities.

Telecommunications will establish a "snow hotline" that will give up-dated information regarding the status of the college during a snow emergency.

by Kristina Newman '99
News Writer

As students' thoughts turn towards final exams and heading home for the Christmas break, Residence Life has important information for residents of the Providence College campus. The Residence Halls will close on the last day of exams, Friday, December 20th, at 6pm. All students must be out of the dormitories or apartments by this time. Before leaving campus, Residence Life requests that each student close all the windows in his or her room, unplug all electrical devices (including small refrigerators), and turn off all the lights. If a student is in need of housing over the break, the following halls will remain open: St. Joseph, McVinney,

The volunteer program is flexible and hours are available days, evenings and weekends. This is an excellent opportunity for high school and college students, retired people, nonworking men or women, and mothers of school aged children.

If you are interested in volunteering or you would like more information about the opportunities, please call Dianne Giammarco, Director of Volunteers and Customer Service, at 401-456-2505.

All college students, faculty and staff should stay alert to snow alerts and realize that everyone has to cooperate with each other in moving cars, so that the lots can be cleared and all walkways, stairs and emergency areas are clear.

"Remember the areas have to be clear 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.

Freedom Summer

(National Student News Service)--After a summer of freedom, Jessica Esstroites was ready to go back to school and fight.

During the summer of 1996, Esstroites was a part of a grassroots voter education and registration campaign called Freedom Summer, modeled after the famous civil rights effort by the same name in the 1960s.

The campaign workers hope to defeat the California Civil Rights Initiative (CCRI), or Proposition 209, on the November ballot. If approved, the measure would ban affirmative action programs in all facets of California public employment, education, and contracting.

Last spring Esstroites heard a lecture about Prop. 209 at California State University-Chico, and quickly decided that she "could not stand by and watch the initiative pass."

"It really scared me," said Esstroites, an engineer major. "I wanted to help out in the fight."

Freedom Summer '96, named after the historic Freedom Summer of the '60s when groups of students volunteered to fight racial inequality in Mississippi, was jointly organized by the "No On CCRI" Campaign and the Feminist Majority Foundation.

More than 100 students from 52 colleges and universities across the nation came to California to participate in the battle to defeat Prop. 209.

"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 Ireland of the National organization for Women, the student activists fanned out across the state.

Students from Yale University to Cal State-Chico spent the summer registering voters and organizing rallies, marches and educational events.

"This crosses all racial, age, gender and class lines," said Martin. "They're fighting for one common goal."

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

Esstroites, 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 coalition of diverse student groups working to defeat the initiative.

"The students at school have been really receptive," Esstroites said. "They want affirmative action."

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

Bedford, Davis, Cunningham, Mal Brown, and DiTraglia. A written request to stay on campus over the break must be submitted to the Office of Residence Life no later than December 11th. Residence Halls will reopen on Monday, January 20th, 1997, at 12:30 PM., and classes will resume on Tuesday, January 21st.

Although the Board of Programmers sponsored bus trips home for Thanksgiving break, no decision has been made yet if the BOP will provide the same service for the Christmas break.

Exam time is right around the corner, and it is one of the most stressful periods during one's college years. To help ease the anxiety that finals frequently produce, the Campus Ministry is sponsoring a pre-exam mass on Thursday, December 12th at 9 p.m. in the Aquinas Chapel. The mass is a

time to "pray for easy essay questions!"

The Campus Ministry is also sponsoring a few events to promote the Christmas spirit on campus. Thoughts of Christmas cheer are often hard to come by when students are facing a week of finals. To help make a needy child's Christmas a little happier, the Giving Tree has been established to purchase small gifts for children for the holidays. Students can sign up in Slavin 211 or by calling the office at 2216.

On Thursday, December 5th, at 6 PM, PC students joined with local senior citizens and children from McAuley Village to light the Christmas tree at Slavin. Following the lighting of the tree, caroling and a party took place on the fourth floor of Feinstein. Father Cunningham gave his special performance for the children.

Library Hours for Reading and Exam Periods

Tuesday 12/10–Friday 12/13...

8:00 am–1:00 am

Saturday 12/14.....

8:00 am–11:45 pm

Sunday 12/15–Thursday 12/19.....

8:00 am–1:00 pm

Friday 12/20.....

8:00 am–10:00 pm

Saturday 12/21.....

8:00 am–4:00 pm

Rhode Island AIDS Facts

- * Rhode Island has the ninth highest percentage of women with AIDS in the country.
- * Rhode Island had the 16th highest AIDS caseload of the United States.
- * Approximately 477 Rhode Island AIDS cases are in their 30's
- * More than one-third of all Rhode Island AIDS cases are attributable to injection drug use.

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Freshmen Run in "Turkey Trot"

In the spirit of Thanksgiving, a three-mile road race called "The Freshman Turkey Trot" took place on Saturday, November 23. All of the runners completed the course and received a free tee shirt.

Finishing first for the males was Kevin Doyle with a time of 17:02. Second and third place finishers were Pete Brown and J. Hanley, respectively. Finishing first among females, and fourth overall with a time of 19:47, was Kate Brasch. The second female finisher was Kathy Laflamme, and Molly Bernegger took third place. All of the runners who placed received a prize, and each participant's enthusiasm made for a worthwhile and enjoyable event. Congratulations to all "Freshman Trotters," and a special thanks to all those who helped out!

Due to the interest and inquiries made by many upperclassmen, the Intramural Athletic Board is considering a spring-time, school-wide road race. Any feedback regarding this idea would be greatly appreciated!

by Rita Kane '98
Intramural Athletic Board

Behind the Scenes at the UN

by Carrie Spiros '00
News Writer

"Behind The Scenes" was the theme for the November 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 is the father of Jeni 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 Delegates lounges which are famous sites of informal talks between world leaders. Meagan 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 Raman Mosaic 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.

Caldwell Camero '97, the club's vice-president, described the trip as "incredible." Camero enjoyed the opportunity to see inside rooms usually unavailable to the public.

The tour lasted about two hours, which was longer than the previous year and concluded with a gracious speech by Ambassador Pachovska.

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 informational 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. Camero emphasized that "everyone is welcome at all of the events." Some of the events the club plans are movie nights or hosting special speakers. Camero also hinted that there would be a Washington, DC trip next semester. Anyone who is interested is welcome to call her at 865-3014.

World AIDS Week 1996



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're 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 to 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 1986, he made a commitment to himself

that his death would not be the tragedy of his life—the tragedy would be to not 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 *Newsweek*, 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 brings is quickly lost in light of 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 HIV 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 the gift of faith that you share with us. Please keep us in your heart and in your prayers," she asked.

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."

Combating Violence, Continued



Lynn McCarthy's "Violence Against Women" class

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projects which will benefit from the donated money. The first is a collaborative effort between 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 in 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

by Gregory W. McGonigle '00
News Writer

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 on 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, DC.

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 Exodus, the preacher first presented the biblical understanding of justice which he then adopted for a definition. To paraphrase, the Bible presents justice as fidelity to relationships, care for bonds, right relation. He defined the principle parties of the relationship as God, humankind, and, somewhat atypically among Catholic preachers, the earth. In fact, much of Burghardt's glossing of the creation 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 to the extent of love."

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, homosexuals, the elderly, women, non-whites, refugees, death row inmates, native Americans, and Jews. He cited the unfortunate 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 his lecture, Burghardt offered at least three specific recommendations for preachers and do-ers 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. Beverly Scott, the new director of RIPTA (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 matching children up with students at PC (or anyone who wishes to get involved), to have 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 involved," said Dean Commissiong. "What I need is people to call me or come down to the Balfour Center, so I can match them up with children. Many of the schools are within walking distance."

Dean Commissiong continued, welcoming everyone to join say-

ing, "Even just a handful will make a difference."

When slavery still existed in America it was hard for the slaves to hide learning to read and write. If they were discovered they would endure even greater hardships. In appreciation and in an effort to maintain the quality of life for their forefathers, the Balfour Center is responding in "kind."

In encouraging individual leadership in the program of this year's events, it is to everyone's benefit to get involved. Just because it is Black History Month does not mean that it is limited to blacks only.

"Why shouldn't whites care?" questions Dean Commissiong. She continued by explaining the effects of illiteracy and lack of education designated to one group in particular, such as African-Americans. If this remains the case, "our" futures will reflect this neglect by the angry, unemployed, and uneducated which will consequently be the product in the end.

Everyone has been touched by the contributions of African-Americans from science and engineering to literature and music. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to participate. The goal of all these events is not just to do activities such as this for one month only, but to make Black History Month all year round and current.

Native American Dance Continued



Laura Humann '99

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that I am a normal teenager, but this is part of my culture and I am proud of what I am."

The three then danced and sang to traditional songs. Between dances they took breaks to tell stories, such as The Legend of the Drum and the Story of the Woodlawn Rush. Coombs then explained how the tribes are structured around clans and the differences in each.

Dove invited everyone to attend the Nickommo, a holiday when the Native Americans give what they have to others, such as needy families. It is on December 7.

As a conclusion, Dove, MacKenzie, and Coombs led the audience in a dance simply known as the Two Step.

Luis da Costa '00, said, "It was interesting and enjoyable to have the audience participate in the traditions of the Narragansett."

Commissiong hopes to have more activities next November. "It is something long overdue, especially for us living in Rhode Island, where there are active tribes...For us not to acknowledge their history is for us not to acknowledge ours. How can we live in a land that once belonged to them, and not acknowledge them?"

Gumbert has known Dove and MacKenzie for three years and has been working with them to produce a video documentary. It is a narrative showing the cultures, traditions, and historical events that have happened to them through the story of a family alive today. While living in Salt Lake City, Gumbert produced two other documentaries on Native Americans which aired on television.

"Native Americans have been historically ignored by Anglo-European Americans," said Gumbert. "It is about time this stops, given the fact Native Americans have such rich culture and have so much to offer to the dominant society."

More news on PC graduates...

Danette Hann '87: Behavioral Scientist

by Kristina Newman '99
News Writer

On Thursday, October 24, the American Cancer Society held its annual board meeting in Providence. Danette M. Hann, Ph.D., a graduate of Providence College, was a speaker at the meeting. Dr. Hann is a behavioral scientist with the Behavioral 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.

After graduating magna cum laude from Providence College in 1987 with a Bachelor of Arts Degree from the Department of Psychology, 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 professor in the Department of Psychology at the University of South Florida. During this time, she was also a Member-In Residence at the H. Lee Moffitt

Cancer and Research Institute in Tampa, Florida, as well as a Research Associate there. In August of 1996, Dr. Hann began her current position as a Behavioral Scientist for the American Cancer Society.

During her career, Dr. Hann has had much research experience. Her doctoral dissertation was entitled, "Personality and Lifestyle Defenses of Breast Cancer Patients." 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 reporting of psychological oncology research." Most recently, Dr. Hann "designed and implemented research studies in psychooncology" at the H. Lee Moffitt Cancer Center and Research Institute. She received a Special Institutional Grant Award from the American Cancer Society as "a principal investigator on a study of fatigue in breast cancer patients."

In addition to her research experience, Dr. Hann has engaged in clinical research. She has worked at reducing the frequency of epileptic seizures in children and has

also worked with acute-care psychiatry inpatients, assisting with "substance abuse disorders and post-traumatic stress disorder." Dr. Hann has "conducted individual and couples therapy as well as conducted personality and neuropsychological assessments." At the Weight Management Center, which is part of the Medical University of South Carolina, Dr. Hann was responsible for "the psychological screening of potential Weight Management Center clients and co-led support /progress groups." In the Behavioral Medicine section of the Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center, Dr. Hann "served as liaison psychologist to the Department of Hematology/Oncology, conducting therapy with inpatient and outpatient cancer patients."

Alongside her professional positions and research and clinical experience, Dr. Hann has presented several lectures and workshops, most of which concern the subject of fatigue in cancer patients. She has also been involved with research funding and has published numerous articles on cancer. Dr. Hann has made ten conference presentations thus far in her career with her colleagues on various cancer related topics. Conference presentations have brought her to cities such as Toronto, Washington D.C., and Myrtle Beach.

News From The Brown Bookstore...

Michael Eric Dyson: "Hip-Hop Intellectual"

Michael Eric Dyson is an award-winning author, and one of our nation's most distinguished and visible public intellectuals. Dyson has been hailed as a prominent figure among a generation of black thinkers *The New Yorker* says Dyson is becoming "the most dynamic force in the American intellectual scene since the fifties."

Dyson has written for a number of publications, including *The New York Times*, *The New York Times Book Review*, *The Washington Post Book World*, *The Nation*, *The Chicago Tribune*, *The Christian Century*, *Vibe*, *Emergence* magazine, *Rolling Stone*, and a host of academic journals. He received the 1992 Award of Excellence in Journalism for Magazines from the National Association of Black Journalists and was the subject of a cover profile in the *Chronicle of Higher Education* in 1995.

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

Dyson's first book, *Reflecting Black: African-American Cultural Criticism*, was published by the University of Minnesota Press in 1993, and won a 1994 Gustav Myers Center Award for an Outstanding Book on Human Rights. Dyson's second book, *Making Malcolm: The Myth and Meaning of Malcolm X*, was published by Oxford University Press in 1994, and was named a Notable Book of 1994 by both *The New York Times Book Review* and the *Philadelphia Inquirer*. *Making Malcolm* has also garnered critical praise from *The Washington Post*, *U.S.A. Today*, *The Los Angeles Times Book Review*, and *The New Yorker*, which called it "a study that is as substantive and comprehensive as 'public' cultural criticism of such a figure can hope to be." The book was published in paperback in January, 1996. Dyson's last book, *Between God and Gangsta Rap: Bearing Witness to Black Culture*, was published by Oxford University Press in November, 1995. Praising *Between God and Gangsta Rap*, *U.S.A. Today* said, "Dyson's writing possesses an enviable energy and ability to mesh influences that include everything from Shakespeare to Public Enemy."

Dyson, who began his young adult life as a welfare father in Detroit, earned his Ph.D. from

Princeton University, and is also an ordained Baptist minister and former pastor. He has taught at Hartford Seminary and at Brown University. He is presently Professor of Communication Studies, and Director of the Institute of African-American Research, 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 follow.

Revealing the destructive influence of racial thinking across American social and cultural life, *Race Rules* breaks new ground as Dyson tackles our continuing inability to break free of race constraints in the United States.

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

"I want to speak to, and about, the pain and rage that festers...inside all of us. Inside our entire country. Race continues to make a difference. Race continues to dominate. Race rules."

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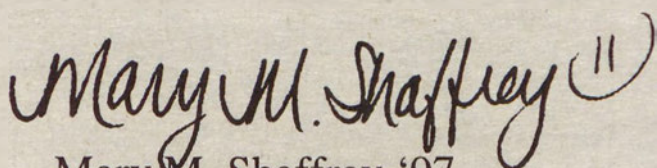
First, we want to thank you for subscribing to our student newspaper. We are grateful for your continued interest in *The Cowl* and look forward to serving you for a long time.

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.

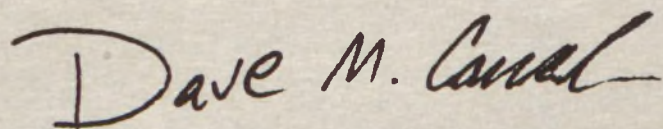
Many of us have been on staff for several years and remember when the paper was picked up from our office on Friday afternoon and was in your home by Monday. It is our aim to return to this tradition. For now all we can do is apologize for the delay and assure you that all of your issues have been sent 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



David M. Canal '98
Managing Editor

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Preserve Modern Languages at PC

To the Editor:

An important point was brought up in the last edition of *The Cowl* in the article entitled "The Russian Language Program in Danger." Susan James addressed the fact that Professor Flanagan, the sole Russian instructor here for a long time, will be retiring at the end of the 1996-1997 school year. His retirement makes the position open, but filling it is not even a consideration since Russian will be defunct starting next year- defunct as a minor and a day school class. I have a problem with this for several reasons. First, going along with what Professor Flanagan was quoted as saying, it is "a major blunder on our part" to not offer Russian, considering the importance both politically and economically of the still largest country in the world. By not offering more than one or two courses (night courses exclusively) in the Russian language, our school loses an upper hand that it may have had over smaller private or Catholic schools. Such schools can now boast something that we cannot and may be more highly regarded because of this.

Russian seems to me to be just a small component of the ultimate collapse of our language program. When I first arrived here, there

seemed to be a sufficient amount of languages available to study as regular, not just as night school, classes. We could, if we so desired, have a minor in Russian, Portuguese, and even Japanese. Two of these, and ultimately a third, have lost this privilege and have become exclusively night school options. If Russian indeed cannot be saved, and falls into this whirling vortex, what will be left to keep others from suffering the same fate? What will be next? Will he have to lose Italian too? Or German? Where is the line to be drawn, and when will someone say that we cannot let this happen anymore? I say that something should have already been done, and that the hole dug for future PC students has become too great to surmount in the immediate future.

This school cannot let what has been happening continue any further. To properly understand why this has happened, one must understand what causes the problem. The primary cause for the "fizzling out" of language classes is that enrollment, as a whole, has been slipping, with Spanish as an exception. Why has enrollment gone down? Is it because there is no use for Japanese? Or that Portuguese is a dead language? Without stating an obvious answer (No!) I

think that there must be some reason for this. A safe explanation would be that students are not interested any more - a statement that is not true. A more accurate one would be that language are not even given a chance. I was told, or I once read, that there used to be a language requirement. With the current situation, I have a very hard time believing the Modern Language Department gets so little recognition (try to locate the office.) I do not know why that is, since knowing a foreign language is so important in all worldly affairs (in business, politics and education.)

The generation that will be most influential in the world during the 21st century is ours. As students, we must be prepared for anything; as history shows us, anything can happen. We must be prepared to deal with all countries of the world, not in war, but in peace. In order to properly comprehend a world view, we must understand the various customs, governments, business practices, and languages of the world. For a liberal arts college not to offer Russian, Japanese, or Portuguese is unthinkable and is something that must not continue!

Michael Packard '97

Not Just Editorials

To the Editor:

Editorials Editor Jamie Lantinen '97 appears to be in a quandary over an aspect of President Clinton's Haitian policy [*The Cowl*, November 21, 1996.] He said, "was a matter of luck that the entourage (former President Jimmy Carter, Senator Sam Nunn and General Colin Powell) was able to restore Jean-Bertrand Aristide to power "as President of Haiti?" First, I think President Clinton was correct by calling off 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 pundits who wrote "Clinton must take a stand" [*The Cowl*, 9/29/94] were conducting the foreign policy of the United States. They said, "while a military invasion would have spilled human blood, the result would have been neat and predictable. The Haitian military would be out and the democratically elected government would be back in power. Most importantly for the United States, Bill Clinton

would have taken a stand. Second, from my own personal experiences in combat, there are just too many unexpected variables in combat situations to predict the exact results.

Since Features Writer Patrick Canole '97 finds me inspiring [*The Cowl*, 11/21/96], I wish to inform him that I read past the Editorials section. As a matter of fact, I wrote a letter that was published in *The Cowl* last winter, complimenting an article by Features Editor Bridget Hughes '96. [Bridget and Vera Schomer '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 Providence Apartment. I wrote that they have "a touch of class and a degree of sophistication" for being close friends. I always found Bridget's articles down to Earth, heart-warming and filled with a cornucopia of common sense. A trait I would like to see with all members of the PC community.

Russell P. Demoe '93

For Girls Everywhere

To the Editor:

There comes a time in every girl's life when she must decide between being her own person, or someone else's possession. Sometimes, this decision is made for us at a very young age. Maybe daddy made it by controlling us and ripping away our self-confidence, or maybe mommy made it by allowing us to witness her abuse, or maybe no one made it for us at all and for whatever reason, we rely on others for an opinion of ourselves. No matter what reason, some of us girls grow up, and without realizing it, get into exactly the kind of relationship we promised ourselves we would not. The dangerous part is that we do not realize it. If we did, we would not make excuses and stay with the guy, right?

Another important part of staying in the "cycle of violence" is that we do love these guys and there are good times. What needs to get through our thick heads is that love does not mean "meant to be" and a few good times are never worth the lifetime effects of low self-esteem, pain, and degradation.

I am not talking about serious physical violence here. I am talking, rather, about the average girl losing herself in her relationship. And this is not about her boyfriend beating her or being afraid to leave him because he will physically hurt her. I am talking to those girls who stay because they do not realize what he does is a form of abuse. He does not have to hit to be violent, words are enough and scar even more sometimes. It is hard for some of us girls to detect it, but our friends and family see it very clearly. We do not because it is subtle and is easily covered by him as love, affection, and attention.

Listen up, I am talking to the majority of girls who are losing themselves because their boyfriends take control of their emotions, social ties, and lives. They are made to feel that if he left them,

their world would end. They rely completely on being his girlfriend to feel good about themselves. If this is you, you are not alone. Here are the top ten signs you are losing yourself in a very unhealthy relationship:

1. When he gets angry he breaks things, throws things, punches walls, uses verbal attacks and calls you degrading names.

2. He is violent or threatens to be violent to you or other people (e.g. common when he thinks another guy likes you or hugs you.)

3. He attempts to keep you under control. He checks up on you, controls the way you dress, how and with whom you spend your time, and the way you act in social situations. He grills you after you have gone out without him as to who you saw, what you did, how you acted, etc. These can all be controlled in such subtle ways that it may seem kind and caring at times. This can progress to the point that he controls your decisions, who your friends are, and ultimately, he controls your opinion of yourself.

4. You make excuses to your friends and family about things he does that hurt you and actually believe them yourself. With this, you blame yourself for your fights. After all, if it is your fault, you can fix it.

5. You find yourself asking him way too often to change. When his promises to do so fail, you become frightened you will lose him and you change who you are and compromise your feelings just to keep him.

6. He isolates you, again very subtly, from your family and friends. As you lose perspective of how you should be treated, you become more vulnerable to his opinion of you. If he can convince you that your family and friends are just trying to break you up - and God knows you do not want that - you will not listen to them and he has you under his control. you begin to feel he is all you need.

7. He does not consider your opinion important and shuts you up if he does not feel like listening to your thoughts or feelings.

8. You break up with him every so often, mostly to see what he will do. There is a hope that he will somehow learn to treat us the way we want if he is scared that we will leave him. This is probably just a threat on your part. We both know you really do not want to lose the guy you love, but we want the guy who hurts us to stop his abusive ways.

9. You find yourself crying a lot more than laughing. My friends and I call this kind of relationship the "fight-fool around relationship." You are either screaming at each other and you are crying so hard that your eyes are swollen the next morning, or you are locked in a room "making up."

10. Due to his insecure tendencies of controlling who you see and where you go, you find yourself becoming jealous, insecure, and paranoid when he goes out with the guys. You fight with him almost every time another girl's name is mentioned and periodically visualize him cheating on you. The thought hurts so bad you cry yourself to sleep.

Relax girls, all of this is reversible, but you have to start with you. Do whatever it takes to make you happy. Happiness that comes from within yourself and is not based on others is the truest happiness in life. Once you are happy and secure with yourself, nothing else matters after that. Once you have achieved this, he may or may not be part of your life. Do not be scared to stand on your own two feet. Life will go on and, at the risk of sounding like my mom, "if you love someone, set them free - they will come back to you if it is meant to be." Believe in yourself and believe in God, for He has a plan for each of us. We only have one life girls, so make it your own. This is for girls everywhere.

Rachel Kaplan '98

A Modest Proposal

by Kristen Connolly '98
Contributing Writer

It has been said time and time again that Providence College tries its hardest to put its resources to the best and most efficient uses. Our tuition money is never wasted, but rather siphoned into the most profitable channels to always benefit us, the students, in every way. In light of this atmosphere, then, it is safe to say that the college would welcome the knowledge of a potential resource that may have been overlooked and under trodden. Because all of the other resources are amply utilized, most familiar with the campus probably know now what that happens to be.

Yes, it is the stinking ooze that flows from beneath Raymond Cafeteria, over the sidewalk, and into the street just after the entrance of our prestigious institution.

I have often pondered what this extraordinary substance was, that it managed to both clear my sinuses and eat away at the soles of my shoes every time I passed through it. One can only imagine the plethora of uses such a substance could have in our society.

As a biology major who has taken (at this point) more chemistry courses than biology ones, it saddens me that the many potential chemical uses may be lost to posterity, as they run wasted, like clear, refreshing Cranston water from a broken water main, onto a significant section of the central walkway and street on campus.

So many of our most precious medicinal assets have come to us only after having been overlooked for centuries. Penicillin, for example, one of the most universal of antibiotics, was discovered in common mold. And what about aspirin, isolated from tree bark? Isn't it possible that we, the Providence College community may

have our very own "wonder drug that works wonders" Why should we, in all likelihood, travel miles when we could have the chemical miracles of the rain forests at our own back gate.

Potential advantages of this substance are not limited to the chemical realm. As an English major who tends to be very absent minded, I have found it quite useful in retrieving lost articles around my Davis apartment. I simply retrace my steps in the corroded footprints that used to be sections of my carpet. I imagine this would be very useful to many other humanities majors as well. Perhaps Student Services might one day seek to market this marvel. I see infomercials in our future.

Since September, it seems, the substance has been begging for recognition. Lately it seems as if its distinctive putrid odor travels with me at least as far as the Student Health Center, and sometimes, as I have noticed, it has stuck to my foot with such a force that it has been necessary to ask a passing crowd to wrench me free of it. In any case, it is very difficult to ignore, as it requires dodging traffic.

And so I call upon the college to make use of its one undervalued resource, at least for the good of the students. Ceasing the wasteful flow of the ooze, as I see it, will benefit the multitude. I know I would rather not have to buy another eight pairs of shoes next semester, for I fear Payless will discontinue that style. Analyzing and rechanneling this constant tide for the good of the Providence College community will most certainly instill pride in current students, and be a drawing card to potential ones, who will have the opportunity to see the site where that great spring of inspiration once flowed without suffering any untimely side effects.

Many Unanswered Questions

by Jamie Lantinen '97
Editorial Editor

Ten percent of Americans are 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 viewpoint. It is a 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, I am an anti-conspiracist. While it is fun to watch the X-files and ruminate about alternative explanations for events, I generally subscribe to the belief that most historical events have been explained accurately. In addition, I generally trust the government. There is much corruption in all corners of our soci-

ety, as well as government. However, I think that most people in government are there to serve in the best interest of the nation.

Despite all of this, however, there are some events for which explanations are insufficient and circumstances so dire, that there must be an alternate explanation. The crash of Flight 800 is one of these events, which is why the

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conspiracy theories have augmented over the last few months. The investigation into the crash has been one of the most involved airplane crash 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 in 1995, authorities knew immediately what caused the ex-

plosion. They also arrested suspects in a matter of hours. When PanAm Flight 103 crashed in Scotland, authorities were able to piece together the wreckage and determine the cause in a relatively short 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

my eye, if I hadn't been diligently watching the news coverage on the night of the crash. I was watching ABC's Nightline that night, when a reporter at the Pentagon mentioned that Coast Guard cutters had been in the vicinity of the crash and arrived on the scene in 10 minutes. That ship, he reported, was engaged in routine pyrotechnic practice. In other

patients waited for the investigation to be completed. It seems to me that the federal agencies have either given up prematurely, or they are covering-up the truth. In nearly every other major disaster, there has been some type of explanation. Airline disasters in particular are more easily investigated due to the intense security surrounding air travel. The recent investigation of the ValuJet crash in Florida has come to the conclusion that a fire was started in the baggage compartment. They have determined this cause despite the fact that most of the fuselage is buried in the Florida swamps. By merely saying Flight TWA was downed by a bomb, missile or mechanical failure, investigators have given the nation no information and leave the appearance of a cover-up.

My personal observations of this tragedy do not necessarily indicate a cover-up. However, there is no hard evidence of anything in this case. The investigation has been useless, so we must go out on our own. Unless something substantial is offered, I will continue to question this dubious investigation.

words, the Coast Guard was launching flares the night witnesses saw a "flare-like" light rise to meet Flight 800 and cause it to burst into a fireball. I immediately realized the connection and waited for more to be said. Other than a few closing remarks from Ted Koppel about friendly fire, nothing about that Coast Guard cutter has been mentioned since that report. It fact no other plausible explanations have been offered.

Being an anti-conspiracist, I

What is Funny About Prozac?

by Elizabeth L. Duryea '97
Editorial Writer

What is so funny about the drug Prozac? I have noticed a growing number of instances in the commercial and entertainment industries in which it is referred to sarcastically. The humor connected with the drug is most often presented in a generic situation in which a character is having a bad day or something went wrong because - punch line - he or she forgot to take their Prozac. I recently saw a birthday card with a picture of a harried looking woman with a flippant message enclosed which read, "Sorry I missed your birthday, I forgot to take my damn Prozac." I do not want to ruin the humor for some people, but Prozac is a drug which is used by many people who have a serious mental condition, depression. A person who is sick with depression, in whatever degree, depends on drugs like Prozac to help him fight a disease which has left him completely weak and defenseless. We all have bad days and times when we feel "down" and we say, "I feel so depressed." Luckily, most of us will never become truly sick with depression. For the people who are subject to this illness, it is an indescribable feeling. I have heard it most often referred to as an unbearable heaviness, emptiness to the point of desolation, 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 did not require it to regulate a serious

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chemical imbalance but who wanted it to "feel better." One author mocked the indiscriminate doctors prescribing it and described them as saying, "Having a bad day?" Take a Prozac!" Prozac has become the Valium of the nineties: an over prescribed 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 an even greater number of people who depend on Prozac to save them from the death-like grips of a serious mental illness. We should consider the gravity of such a sickness and the power of a drug before we make fun of it.

The doctors who prescribe this drug too liberally are ultimately to blame for what has been a standard jibe 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 search of a drug which will make them feel more emotionally stable. The doctor prescribes Prozac and the patient finds that they are less susceptible to these mild "moods" and enjoy feeling more positive than negative effects in their lives. The drug becomes a crutch for other problems which the patient may be having trouble with and soon he or she believes that they cannot live comfortably without it.

What is so funny about drug dependence? What is so funny about Prozac? We should hail the successes of a drug and monitor its failures for further research and development. A person who has not taken their Prozac or who is desperate to take Prozac is not someone whom we should make a source of humor for our culture.

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The Spirit of Cardinal Bernardin

by Mike Sullivan '97
Editorial Writer

"Brother Joseph is at peace. He has begun a new life."

-Bishop Raymond Goedert

After a life of selfless service and charismatic leadership Cardinal Joseph L. Bernardin passed away in the early morning hours of 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 the dying with a smile on 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 true leader who inspired his followers instead of bullying them.

Cardinal Bernardin earned the respect and admiration of almost everyone around him. Throughout his years in the Catholic hierarchy 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 Bernardin chose to live in a

small suite in the seminary instead of the traditional episcopal mansion. 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 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 opinions were. He was one of the first American bishops to call for an end to the bombing of North Vietnam in the early 70's. He called for an end to capital punishment and also took a very strong stand against the manufacturing and stockpiling of nuclear weapons. Many conservatives accused him of being "soft" on communism and

internally. Bernardin realized this was a serious problem and that the Church would have to be deal with it openly if it was going to regain the public's trust. He created a new method to deal with reports of sexual abuse by priests that respected the rights of both the accused and the accusers. When he was accused of sexual abuse - an

accusation 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 that is through an 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 there is no need to discuss issues such as birth control, priestly celibacy and women's ordination because the Church had already spoken definitively on them. 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. These days too many of our "leaders" are afraid to go against public opinion. Too many are afraid to tell the truth when it is easier or more convenient to lie. And too many just want to exercise their power over the people they are suppose to be serving. Hopefully Cardinal Bernardin's life will be a reminder to us that it is better to teach by example. One who wants to be a leader must become a servant.

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by Amy Rodrigues '97
Assistant Editorial Editor

Yesterday, nine Supreme Court justices began deliberating 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 their 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 to the laws contest that these "restrictions" are unconstitutional and divisive, these measures will create the necessary incentive to nudge those new to this country to learn a basic knowledge of the predominant language in American society.

It is obvious to conclude that most immigrants in the United States are ready and willing to make their American experience as positive and fruitful as possible. Contrary to what many Americans seem to believe, a natural desire to assimilate into the culture and

society in which they live is a big concern for all immigrants to the United States. Part of that assimilation process is to have the ability to communicate with those around you, to a certain extent, enabling yourself and others to get along. It is impossible to break down the racial and ethnic tensions that we have in this country with-

out first being able to communicate with each other. Making English the official language, especially in areas that are experiencing tension due to immigration policies and populations, will provide many with an incentive to learn the language, and will help to remove some of the cross-cultural barriers that continue to

plague our ethnically and racially diverse nation. These amendments are not calling for minorities and immigrants to abandon their own native languages and master the English language. These laws call for minimal language skills, language skills that must be ascertained before gaining citizenship as an

resides is not restrictive in the least. Along with speeding up the assimilation process for many immigrants, these laws will help us to open up the lines of communication between the many diverse neighborhoods of our nation. In effect, the laws ensure that immigrants and foreign-born are able to keep their culture and ethnic identity, yet assimilate as best as possible into American society. It will ensure a higher level of government responsiveness and legitimacy if citizens are able to communicate 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 cultures, yet united in one area of socialization that connects us all: our language. Any citizen, natural or foreign-born, has an innate desire to fit into mainstream society in order to be lead a productive and happy life. Making English our official language will not only open up doors for many people to feel as though they belong to this country, but it will be one step closer to closing the racial and ethnic barriers that continue to be a divisive problem in American society.

Language Can Help Unite America

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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

A True Conservative Does Not Support the Death Penalty

by Kieran Lalor '98
Editorial Writer

When the debate over capital punishment surfaces, it is normally the knee jerk reaction of conservatives to throw their support in favor of the death penalty. However, support for the death penalty is inconsistent with the basic tenets of conservatism. Any self-respecting conservative who supports a strong pro-life agenda, a limited role for the 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 this forum to trample on conservatism. 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. Conservatives oppose abortions under the claim that only God can take a life, or by insisting that mere humans cannot decide when a person's life should end. With this argument in mind, it is hypocritical to support killing even the most loathsome of criminals. Similarly, conservatives are the most outspoken critics of Dr. Kevorkian, his death machine, and euthanasia in general, for the same reasons that they oppose abortion. This being the case, how can conservatives justify being the champions of capital punishment? If conservatives would oppose capital punishment, they could strengthen the pro-life and anti-euthanasia platforms that are the heart of their social agenda.

One might object to this position by insisting that there is a difference between taking the life of an innocent person and executing a murdering rapist. This argument is easily deflated by the idea that our current legal system is imperfect, and often has difficulty distinguishing guilt from innocence. Have we forgotten the O.J. Simpson criminal trial which mo-

nopolized our air waves for over a year? For the most part, Americans are skeptical of the verdict in that case. Imagine if that jury was deciding whether someone should live or die. It is very discomforting to think that under our system, a crafty attorney playing on emotions 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

as inefficient and corrupt. Why then put the life of a person in the hands of an institution that is known to be, at times, plagued by inefficiency and corruption?

Criminals who are sentenced to death can appeal that decision in an endless and often fruitless chain of costly appeals. Moreover, it costs the taxpayers more to keep a person on death row and finally execute that person, than it does to keep that same criminal in prison for life. Conservatives are always trying to cut costs, so why then support the more costly method of punishment?

Candidates that support the death penalty often claim to be "tough on crime," although I have yet to hear a candidate claim to be soft on crime no matter what his position on the death penalty. I suggest that those who want to take a hard line on crime support legislation mandating that all violent criminals, particularly murderers, rapists, and child molesters be put in jail for life with no parole. Furthermore, those politicians that want to take a stand against crime should insist that all violent criminals live under the most basic conditions: in a cell alone for twenty-three hours out of the day, with only one hour a day outside. Such provisions are already the norm for convicted serial killers and mob bosses, proving that this solution is a feasible and tested method of incarceration. Finally, costly meals and cable television that coddle killers and drain taxpayer money should be discontinued. The miserable fate facing would-be violent criminals in jail would become the deterrent the death penalty has failed to be.

Perhaps for different reasons than I have, the left-wing has long been opposed to capital punishment. It is time that both sides of the political spectrum support an end to the death penalty. Death is all too common in our culture as a result of violence, abortion, euthanasia, and disease. There is no need for the government to add to the carnage.

thoughtful 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 African-American or to do their job. The fact that legal scholars deemed this a dilemma illustrates that the outcomes of trials may not always be accurate.

What's more, a good conservative prides himself on his opposition to government intervention and opposes the inflation of government power. What could possibly be a more glaring example of giving government too much power than giving it the authority to take a human life? Conservatives often decry the government

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Clubbies Should Not Be a Priority for Congress Agenda

by Matthew Metivier '99
Roving Reporter

When Mike Walsh was elected Student Congress President last Spring, it was with the intention that he was going to tackle the on-campus issues that the students felt were important. I opened up the November 7 issue of *The Cowl* and read Walsh's column, "Inside Congress." It was filled with the usual information about what's going on, but also included an interesting statement. "Myself and Chris Miller (President of the Class of 1997) will be meeting with management at Clubbies soon to take back clubs for the upperclassmen." Is this the reason why Mike Walsh

and Chris Miller were elected - to be the watchdogs of the local establishments? I do not know about you, but I voted for him to tackle campus issues that were important to me. The student health center needs improvement, the food service is still not adequately serving all students, and the mini-mall is facing certain demise next semester, but his concern is where he is going to go party during the upcoming 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 is ineffective, something that I do not

want to believe. Also, with all the bad press PC has received in the news lately, you would think that he would be going out of his way to give PC the best image he could portray. By worrying over Clubbies, he only contributes to the bad rap we students get. Therefore, Mr. Walsh, focus more of your attention on on-campus issues. When they are all solved and everything is perfect with PC, then you can use your Presidency to worry over your weekend plans. If you think that the cooking at "Your Mother's" is greasy or the nachos with chili from 7-11 are stale, will those be the issues Congress debates at their next meeting? Let's hope not.

Disgust In Delaware

Story of Infanticide by Two College Students Shocks the Nation

by Kristen Martineau '98
Editorial Writer

If a poor black teenage girl leaves her newborn baby to die, we rarely think anything of it. However, when two affluent white college students from New Jersey dispose of their newborn son in a dumpster, the news rocks the nation. Certainly there is the issue of race and class involved, but what surprises us most is that the two young people were given every opportunity possible and could take advantage of what life has to offer. Yet they still committed this heinous crime. Usually we attribute such atrocity to those who are poor, uneducated and non-white. Amy Grossberg and Brian Peterson Jr. proved last month that even privileged white Americans are capable of cold-blooded murder.

On November twelfth, Amy Grossberg, an 18 year old freshman at the University of Delaware, gave birth to a six pound-two ounce baby boy at the Comfort Inn in Newark, Delaware. Her boyfriend, Brian Peterson, an 18 year old freshman at Gettysburg College, traveled 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 motel's dumpster while the baby was still alive. Peterson maintains that they never abused the infant, but autopsy reports indicate that the boy died of multiple skull fractures with injury to the brain. This implies that Peterson and Grossberg not only abandoned their child, but beat it and killed it. The state of Delaware is charging them with murder, and if found guilty they could be executed.

Both of the youths were from affluent families and therefore would not 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 respective colleges. Later that afternoon, 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. Gettysburg College security tracked Peterson down. Peterson told security officers about the baby and where he could be found. Once the autopsy reports were completed, it was determined that the couple would be brought

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up on charges of first degree murder. The state announced that they would seek the death penalty, since murdering a child under 14 years old is a capital offense. Peterson was able to hide out with his parents for a few days while his mother tried to convince him to flee the country, possibly to Iraq or Syria. He finally turned himself in two weeks ago.

What led Peterson and Grossberg to view the murder of their newborn child as their only alternative? That question may never be answered. With so many loving couples in this country who are unable to have children, one would think adoption would be a viable solution. One of the scariest realities about this is that had Grossberg not passed out and been taken to the hospital, the couple may have gotten away with murder. This is an example that

proves that heinous crimes are not reserved strictly for the poor, but occur among the rich white sector as well. To understand the actions of Peterson and Grossberg is unrealistic. We can only hope that in a court of law, they will get the punishment they deserve.

In Love and War

by Eric Cutler '98
A&E Writer

The English Patient

Starring Ralph Fiennes, Juliette Binoche, Willem Dafoe, and Kristen Scott Thomas.

★★★★ 1/2 (out 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. Miramax is banking on *The English Patient*, a beautifully shot World War II epic drama starring Ralph Fiennes, Juliette Binoche, Willem Dafoe, and Kristen Scott Thomas. Now, I 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.

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 makes up most of the movie. In his flashbacks, Almasi 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 Almasi 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 immedi-

as Count Almasi. He spends a good deal of the movie wearing burn make-up all over his body, making him look like an old, decrepit Ed Harris. Playing the pre-crash Almasi, Fiennes looks like your typical Hungarian count, with leather bomber jacket and perpetual five o'clock shadow. The difference between the two Almasis is like night and day. While with his love Katharine, he is a take-charge lover who is also gentle and sweet. After being burned beyond recognition the only recognizable feature is his eyes, and even these seem lost and empty.

Kristin Scott Thomas, who has played second fiddle in films like *Mission: Impossible* and *Four Weddings and A Funeral* for far too long, finally has a chance to shine. She plays Katharine as a strong-willed, strong-minded woman, until she falls into Fiennes' embrace, where she melts like butter. Juliette Binoche plays with the little role she is given. She seems happy to care for Almasi, because everyone she cares about dies. Her character begins to blossom with the brief love affair with Kip (Naveen Andrews), an army bomb expert. Willem Dafoe's Caravaggio seems odd, add doesn't really fit in the story until the end.

With a running time of two hours and thirty-nine minutes, *The English Patient* is a long movie. (I love to point out the obvious.) It was not made to make big bucks at the box office, and I'm guessing that it probably won't. It is a great story with wonderful actors who work very well together. So if you're tired of studying for finals or writing papers, go see *The English Patient*. You just might like it.

ately after World War II. The scenes in the desert with Fiennes and Thomas look 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 sicko. That is how director Anthony Minghella wanted it to look!) In harsh contrast is the dead waste and middle of the night look of the monastery when Almasi and Hana get to know each other.

Ralph Fiennes is fine, as usual,

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Based on Michael Ondaat's novel of the same name, *The English Patient* is the story of the Hungarian Count Almasi (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, Hana (Juliette Binoche). Spending all of his time in bed, Almasi has nothing else to do but

A Winter Wonderland

by Joy Kealey '99
A&E Writer

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 money this woman spent on her ski outfit, she forgot 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 heckling people from the lift, stealing someone's skis, or doing something equally as obnoxious. Most likely he will be donning a loudly - colored parka, or better

yet, just a turtleneck 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 - whatever that means. However, even though 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 restrict 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 why on earth this article is featured in the A&E section. I shall enlighten you, dear readers. Number one, I'm an A&E writer, therefore of course my article would be in this section (ha!). Number two, I had 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 snobby, spoiled, rich brats. (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 a 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 pirhannas to run wild throught humanity (Erica)
- ★★--World Peace (Venessa)

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An Evening of One Act Plays

by Venessa Anderson '99
Asst. A&E Editor

Once upon a time, in a land far, 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 pm.. He has spent about two months preparing these extremely humorous pieces, *The Actor's Nightmare*, *Suppressed Desires*, and, *For Whom the Southern Belle Tolls*. (...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 confusing, but very entertaining. Eric Cutler '98 portrays the clueless George Spelvin wonderfully but the most intriguing character of this play is Ellen, (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

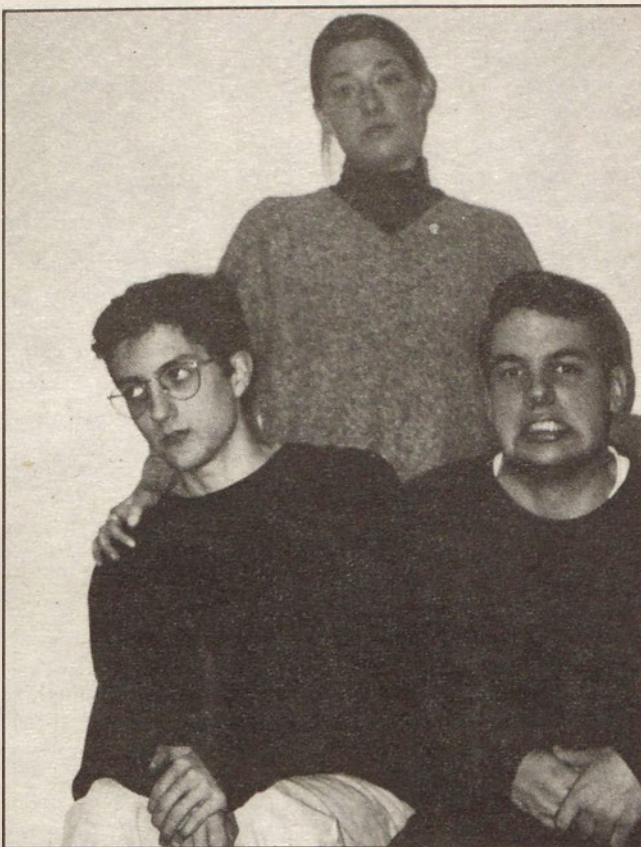
read, but I still got lost, especially at the *Checkmate* part. I guess the point of this play, though, is that you don't have to know all the plays because it is suppose to be confusing. The scene in which Cutler presents his monologue (which Mike says is probably one of the longest, most encompassing monologues in a play with more than two characters) is entertaining. Jacquelin Bradford '99 (the stage manager), Cayte Castrillon '99 (Sarah) and Richard Powell '00 (Henry)

also add to the quality of the play.

Steve Radochia 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 psychoanalysis. Drury's character is a great imitation of *I Love Lucy's* Ricky Richardo. 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 William's *The Glass Menagerie*. To get the whole effect, I would greatly encourage you to skim through *The Glass Menagerie* before you see this production because you will only laugh more. In addition, the actors, Amanda Davis '98 (Amanda, the mother), Mike Sablone '98



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

(Tom, the brother), and Nora Whalen '00 (Ginny, the feminine 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 spoof of William's Laura 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 terrifically written character, Cutler's pitiful aura, and his talent make the character of Lawrence phenomenal.

I think it would also be appropriate to mention the efforts of Allison Healy '99, the stage manager, and Pat Austen '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 virgin effort, I can't wait to see what else spawns from his future career. Good Job Steve! Keep up the great work.

My Top Eleven

by Michael P. Sablone '98
A&E Editor

Well, we're strapped for space, which means that instead of getting the week off, I have to contribute. So I'm going to cross-reference this article with my radio show on WDOM (Thursdays from 4-6). For the last show of the year, my radio partner Pat and I do a countdown of the years best singles. I figured it would be neat, and easy, to write a *Cowl* article about this yearly ritual.

The criteria for my list is simple. The one question I ask is: Is the songs copyright date the year of the countdown? Pretty easy, eh? So put on your best Casey Casem voice and lets count em down:

11. Fountains of Wayne "Sink to the Bottom" Mark my words, Fountains of Wayne are the next Weezer. Geek rock for the masses, they are just starting to get some airplay from major stations (note that Pat and I have played them for a while now. Pretentious, yes, but it's true).

10. Cake "The Distance" A quirky song with impressive work on the trumpet by Vincent di Fiore. *Fashion Nugget* also features a great remake of "I Will Survive." It's worth the price of admission.

9. R.E.M. "Leave" a marathon length song that starts out with a quiet acoustic guitar and evolves into a grinding, moving song.

8. Screaming Trees "All I Know".

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THE GREAT DILEMMA:

Of Boxers, Briefs, and R.P.D. '73

by Shaggy Keenan '99
A&E Writer
The Great Leader

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

I grew up as a brief 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 tighty-whites, I could not become a boxer-Vegan without some strong persuasion.

That experience came with my transfer to a private school. Middle school was upon me, and my P.E. 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, some silk. Many with pretty and beautiful designs, stripes, plaid patterns. Christmas boxers, Valentine's Day boxers, boxers that glowed in the dark. Silly boxers with bananas on them, serious blue boxers, conventional white boxers, and strange, disturbing boxers with severed heads on them (I actually had to wait until I got to PC before I saw those). And so, bending under peer pressure like a reed in a strong wind, I made the switch.

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

Without entering the specifics of comfort and support, 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-whites.

So, there I am. Returning to the subject at hand, a buddy of mine whom I met first semester 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 twisted road of colored, striped, and the ultra-revolting bikini styled briefs.

Quite a stir was raised about this brief-wearing individual last year. My former roommate, whom for familiar purposes I shall refer hereto forth as "Buddy," was frequently harassed and persecuted for his choice of undergarments. The repartee 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 borrowed boxers. Laundry day was often a trying time for Buddy. Unbeknownst to him, we used to snatch his underwear from the

tionary ladder from which briefs are spawn) 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 sleepware. This has prompted me to establish a society, appropriately named the Fraternal Order of Boxer Sporting Menfolk. And, in the absence of a sister society, females may apply for membership as honoree associate members in the F.O.B.S.M. Membership applications to my society must be accompanied by a one-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).

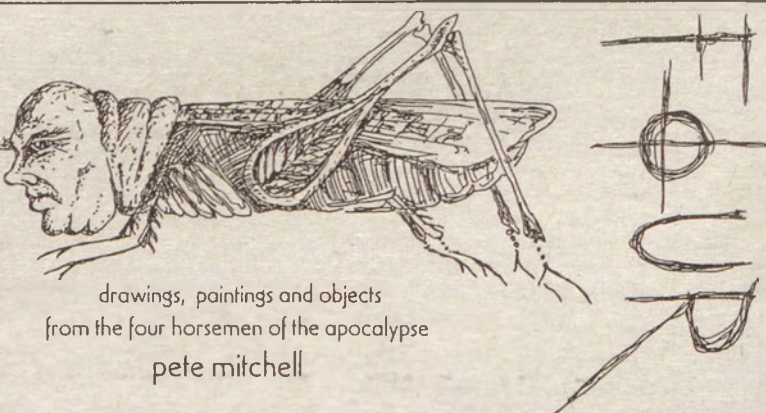
Getting back to my point, I am experiencing severe distress over this change. Before, I knew the way of the world. The sun rose in the morning, and it set at night. Leaves fell from the trees in Autumn, and Buddy wore briefs. What's next? Will the seas boil? Will the sky turn blood red? Will I begin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

I sincerely apologize to those who were offended by this piece, as I understand it is a touchy subject. And to those who are supporters of the more supportive underwear — although I apologize for my attack on your way of life, I cannot help but feel a sense of pity for you. As quoth Buddy, "I never knew what I was missing."

dryer and display them to passerbyers, and I would be lying if I told you that a pair of the Jockeys was never stolen or vandalized in some fashion or another.

Tonight, my Buddy revealed to my roommates and I that he had made the switch. He said that his father had made the switch, and acting from his referral, Buddy also entered the brave new world of boxers. Although that may be the primary catalyst, one cannot help but wonder if it was our months of mistreatment and malign which planted the initial seeds of rebellion and change in his mind. Whatever the reason, I am happy that Buddy has joined us from the dark side, like so many other converts (such as myself). Indeed, Buddy has passed through the looking glass with this one.

As a side note, one does not need to look far to see the allegiance paid to boxers here at PC, and worldwide. Aside from Third-World countries, in which loin-clothes (which are from a rung somewhat higher-up on the evolu-



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Of Music

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A great song from a great album. Lanegan's vocals work wonders on this grinding number.

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" marks the second time that Adam Schlesinger is on the countdown. He is also the drummer for Fountains of Wayne. Basically what I am saying is that Schlesinger

voice sticks in your mind. If you haven't already pick up *Irresistible Bliss* and their first release *Ruby Vroom*.

3. Beck "Where it's at" Sure all the teenyboppers in America love the song, so they got something right for a change. "Where it's at" is an annoyingly catchy ditty. The best part about it is the samples that Beck and the Dust Brothers stuck in the song. Bonus points to whoever tells me where the "That was a good drum break" comes from.

Let the public ridicule begin! Here are my personal top eleven singles released this year. The only criteria was that the song was published in 1996. Have fun disagreeing with me.

writes one hell of a pop song.

6. Bill Janovitz "Coming Down With Something" (from Safe and Sound) Low production quality behind it, it still is a moving tribute to Nichols and Lowery. The lyrics are even more biting now that John Salvi has passed away. A good melody and it's got thought provoking lyrics? Who can go wrong.

5. Mono Puff "Unsupervised" John Flanashburg of They Might Be Giants wrote this hysterical ditty. Sample lyric: "I've lost my superpowers / I was invisible / I could just write myself / right out my will". Flansberg proves that he can write a great song as well as some of the funniest lyrics.

4. Soul Coughing "Super Bon Bon" Damn this songs has got a groove to it. It features one of the best rhymes in recent memory: "You gotta take the elevator to the mezzanine." M. Doughty's slightly annoying, yet pleasingly interesting

2. Sebadoh "Ocean" Earlier in the year I waxed 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 are Ringing" This was a tough decision. I flipped a coin between this and "Till My Head Falls Off." Bells Ringing won due to its overall orchestration 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! I know that there are a lot of radio singles on here, but producers are trying to sell money, so they usually put the good songs out as singles. Beware of bands and women whose every song is a hit. That's a sure fire way to know that you are just peddling opium for the masses.

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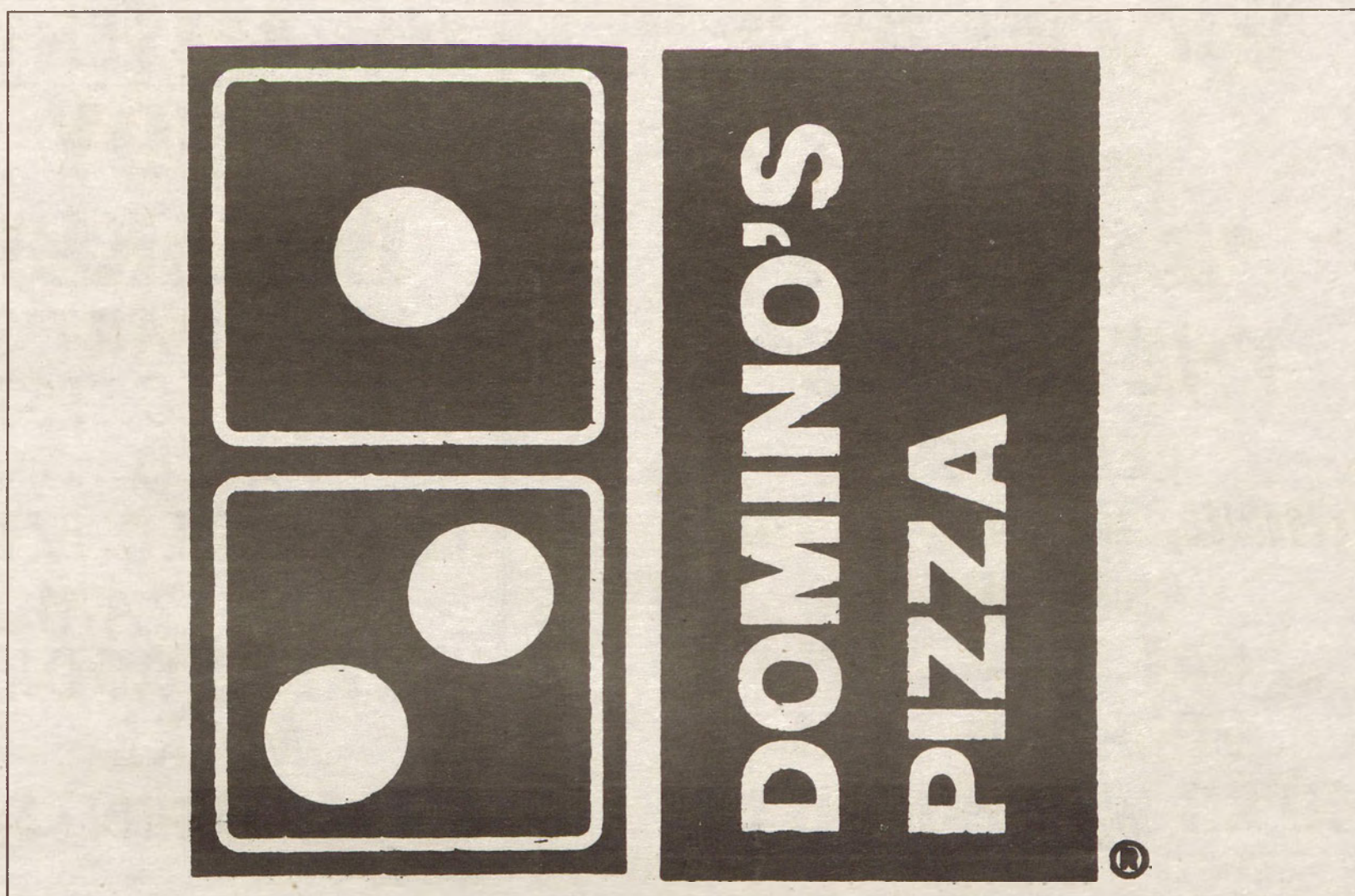
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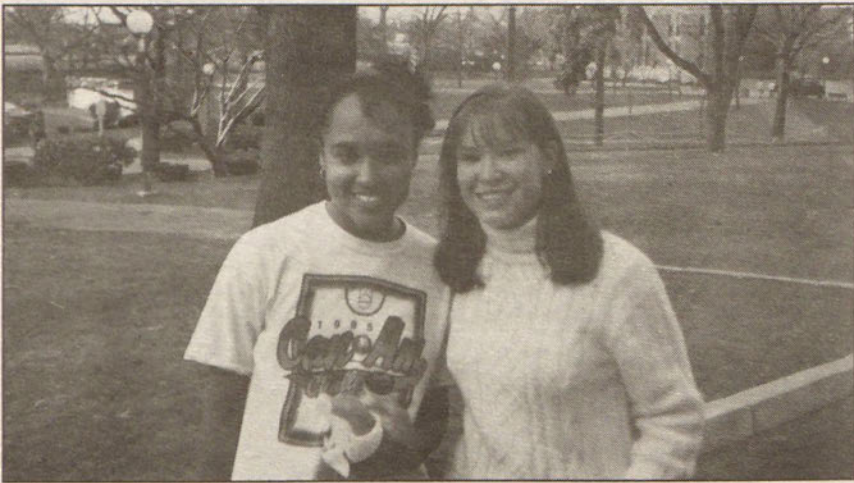
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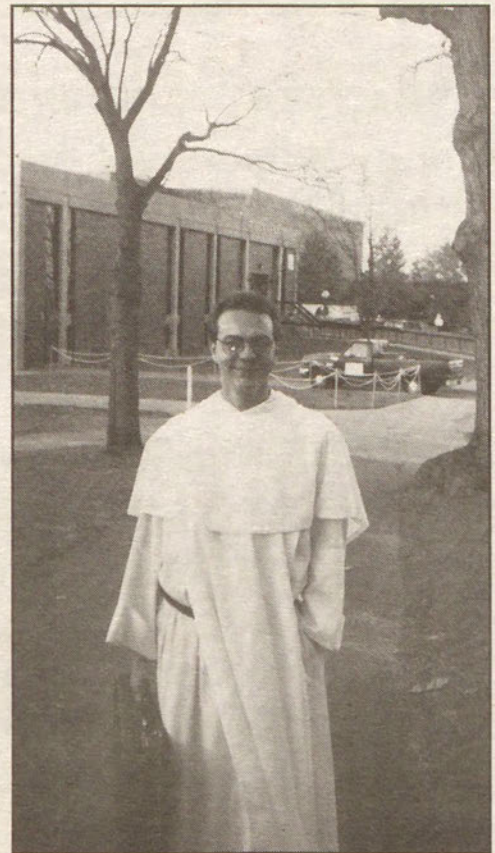
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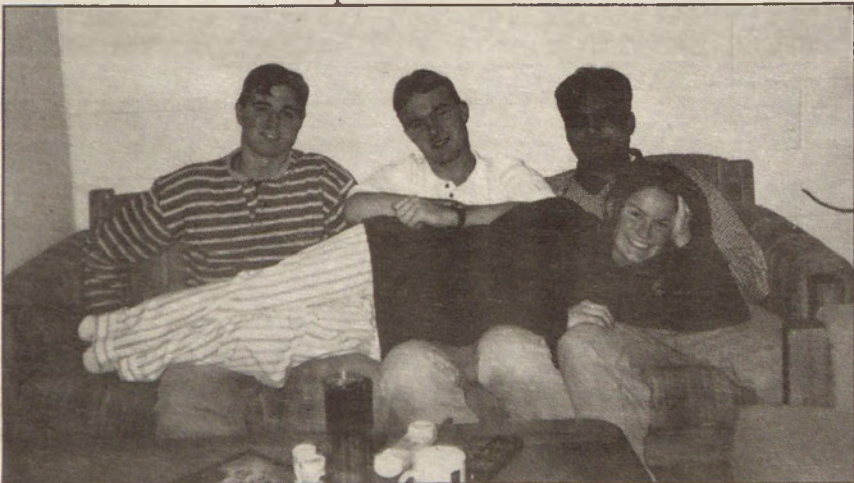
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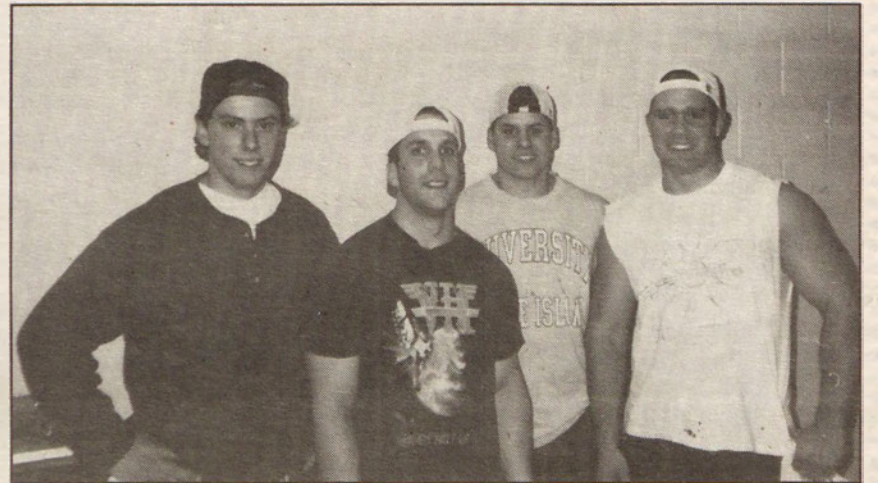
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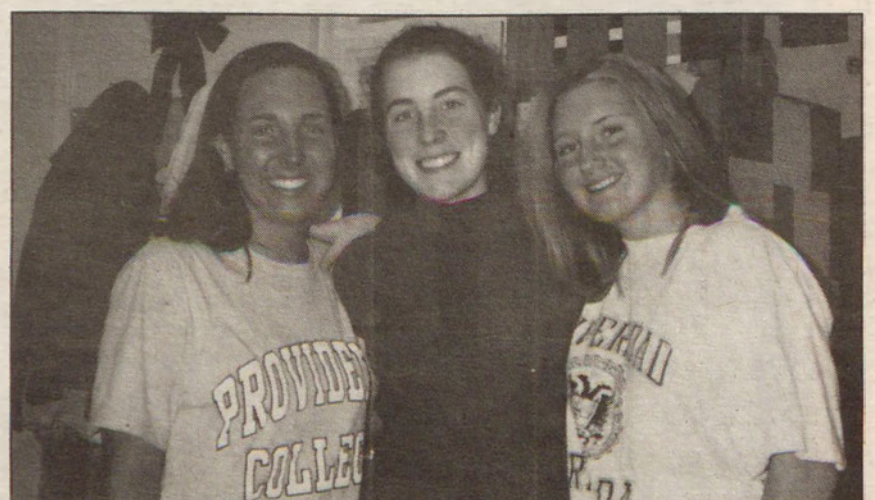
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My Second Semi-Annual Awards List

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, accordion-playing uncle? Or how much they really missed 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 Science Theater 3000: The Movie* (it also got a lovely review in the A & E section of *The Cowl* on October 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: "Trainspotting"

Best Film: probably also *Trainspotting* (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 I will be taking next semester: 0

Average number of days before a paper is due that I start it: 1

Average number of non-productive

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 boxers (oy vey, 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 (Oooh, sassy!)

Words that sound sexy but really aren't: "vas deferens," "seminar," "beer belly," "enema," "cola" (or even worse, "cola enema"), "penicillin," "Streisand"

Words that sound sexy and really are: "nudity," "free beer," "the Gore daughters," "features," "underpants," "McVinney," "high heels," "Sablone"

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 sensitive 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 'Chefs'?" (if you have not seen it, I am not going to bother trying to explain it)

Best mall that sounds like something from "The Wizard of Oz": the Emerald Square Mall in North Attleboro, 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.

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 annoying and an idiot was not enough. If Scott could just find a good enough reason to have John kicked out, he could enjoy the biggest dorm room on campus all to himself. In frustration, Scott blurted out loud, "What evidence do I have to show that 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 swiped!"

In his left hand, John had a bloody, half-torn 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 Savage and Barney from the Simpsons. He always had a crazy look on his face, and when he entered a room he was sure to be noticed. John had a Rambo-like mentality towards everything. He called any task he had to do a mission. When he was bored, he would go out and search for a mission to occupy his time. This usually meant he would go torment

some poor student walking home from class, or steal something. Whatever he did, he would always come back to the room and brag about it.

Scott checked out what his thief-for-a-roommate had stolen and in amazement said, "You stole the arms from the security gate."

Like a father beaming with pride after seeing his son hit his first home run, John said, "That's right my friend, it was like taking candy from a baby. Of course security went after me 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 searching 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."

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 gate and a license plate?"

Scratching 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?"

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-

"There always has to be a reason with you. Isn't the thrill of doing it enough?"

ence, never leave ID at the scene of a crime. You may have gotten our gates 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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Patience is a Virtue

Dream On

by Kate Fournier '99
Features Writer

I wait a lot. I have come to the conclusion that I am in a constant state of anticipation, and I have been this way for as long as I can remember. When I was little I waited for the schoolbus, the Tooth Fairy, Dad or Mom to read me a story. Usually the things that I looked forward to were in the not-so-distant future. I did not have a firm grasp on the concept of time. I only knew that Christmas was around the time that snow fell and my parents pulled out the stockings.

As I grew up, I waited for different things — often things that would change my life forever. I waited for a new baby sister and later, a baby brother to come home from the hospital. Holidays were events to get excited about, but now I realize that the time which stretched between two Christmas seasons was twelve months. Impatience wormed its way into my heart, and many of my whiny demands about opening presents were met with the classic mother response, "You'll just have to

wait!"

Waiting was a part of life during high school. I agonized over SAT scores and college acceptance (I hoped!) letters. I eagerly awaited the prom and the field hockey finals. Graduation could not come soon enough. As I was waiting, I found myself wanting to rush through some of the most

guess that the time of the year has to do with the conclusion that I have reached. Advent began last Sunday, and Christians all over the globe are waiting for December twenty-fifth. Kids are impatiently awaiting the arrival of Santa Claus and looking forward to the brightly wrapped presents under the tree. But oftentimes we are so wrapped

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memorable events of my teenage years. But college loomed on the horizon for me, and all else faded in anticipation of such a milestone. Now that I have made it to college, I anticipate the long rides home and seeing my family. I look forward to study breaks and traveling with my friends. Waiting takes up an immense portion of my time.

My point (and I DO have one) is that I feel that my waiting has not necessarily enriched me. I

up in the waiting that we overlook the joy 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 mittens. Go back and read *The Night Before Christmas* and enjoy it. Take some quality 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!

by Ali Fallon '98
Features Writer

Dreams are really weird. Think about it. How many times have you woken up in the morning and told your roommate, "I just had the weirdest dream." Then of course she asks you what it was about. You strain your brain trying to remember, but to your dismay you cannot! Even though it just ended thirty seconds ago, the whole thing has already left your mind. Where do our dreams go? And, why is it often so difficult to remember them?

The times when you do remember your dreams can often be even stranger. Often they are of bizarre, unrelated events that somehow become intertwined into one twisted plot in your subconscious mind. How and why does this happen? You know the kind of dreams that I am talking about. For example, it would be like having a dream about your best friend from home getting married to your roommate's father in a prison in Siberia and you bringing Michael

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 types of dreams occur 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 day it is! You might not even have any idea of where you are. You may panic 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 cannot tell if it really 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 dozing off watching TV late night. Your roommate asks you if you want anything to drink. You answer that if he runs 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 dream world. Although you heard the question posed to you in this world, you responded with where your mind is, in a dream world.

I sometimes wonder if our dreams are 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, enjoy it!

This Isn't Santa's List

Ellen Mastrostefano '99
Features Writer

Well, how does it feel guys? We're almost at the finish line. Our muscles are aching and our hearts are beating fast, but until we feel the tape hitting our bodies then, and only then, can we 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 yourself. Christmas and shopping for gifts are synonymous.
2. Getting cheeks pinched (the cheeks on your face, that is). Don't blush when crazy Aunt

get the Grinch, Frosty and Scrooge? My 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 the Misfit Toys?

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

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

Harriet asks about your love life. Instead, be easy going. Remember, you can pick your friends, but you cannot 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 for-

cooks one heck of a lasagna for Christmas dinner!

5. Returning Christmas presents. Admit it. We have all gotten some pretty bad gifts in past years. So, instead of living with that solar-powered water purifier why not exchange it for a leather jacket? You may even find your secret santa at

the exchange register next to you.

6. Working. Some extra pocket change comes in pretty handy. Especially for buying new books (among other things).

7. 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.

8. Celebrating New Year's Eve. Do you remember what you did last year? Enough said.

9. 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.

10. Thinking of topics for future *Cowl* articles. The ink in my pen is just about out. I think I can speak for the rest of the staff when I say it is time for a rest, not to 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!

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Daddy's Little Girl

by Sarah Antonello '98
Features Writer

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 ominous 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

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 then how I thought when I was six years old. When you are lying on your back hundreds of miles away from home with your underwear 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. You learn that you are all alone. Not only can your dad not protect you from being hurt, but you can hurt him as well. You can even make him cry.

And you lean on each other for support, and you go to each other for comfort. You step beyond the boundaries of the parent-child relationship and you count on one another for what you really are: two separate people who need each other. You find yourself appreciating and loving, and even liking, your parents, not out of obligation, but out of something that can only be achieved when you finally reach the realization that your parents are just people, just like you.

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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

life

by Emily Benfer '99
Features Writer

it is our decision. we make a choice every day of our lives whether or not we will experience this day with the vitality that accompanies the state of being alive. we often become caught in the web we create out of our lives, our worlds. the result of such disorder is a neglect of life. we fail to appreciate the glory and wonder of such a miracle as is life. we allow ourselves to become emersed in play or work. how easily we have forgotten to appreciate each moment as it affects us, as it comes into contact with our senses. when we fail to recognize the life intertwined with our own we lose our sense of self.

life is an expression of the individual. every action and thought reflects the individual's attitude. allow the beautiful essence of our habitat to overflow into our own houses, into our souls. let it awaken

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.

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 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,
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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 joyous Feast of Christmas. As part of that preparation, many people make an effort to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation during Advent. It may be the best possible way to prepare our hearts for Christmas. 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 out one of the daily Masses. You also might want to set some time aside to attend the Pre-Exam Mass and blessing of the students, which will be celebrated on Thursday, December 12th at 9:00 p.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 light 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 #2216.

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 seasons fill you with the peace of Christ.

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

A Touch of Fiction Friends and Football

by Lori D. McCrevan '99
Features Editor

She darted into the crowd with a kind of rambunctious energy that people longed for. I was pleasantly surprised to see her. I did not even know that she was home yet. Then again, she never really called. Besides, she hated football. I guess it is tradition to come back for the Thanksgiving football game. I almost did not come myself, but Evan convinced me that I had to. But as I walked 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 cheerleading routine 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 was willing to acknowledge that they came from our small town. She was one of those that hated where she came from. She could not help it. She used college as her escape; I stayed around.

"Hey you," she said as she looked into my eyes, penetrating them.

"Hi," I said, longing to have something better to say.

She smiled, and I tried to find something interesting to talk to her about. Unfortunately, nothing has happened since she left.

"How's school?" I asked because I knew that it was the only thing that we had in common.

Her face brightened and she babbled endlessly about people and things that I knew nothing about. However, I could see that she was happy. That is all that mattered. I remember how scared she was on the day that she went to school for the first time. She drank five cups of coffee in that morning, and that only made her more nervous. She did not want me to go with her, even though I offered. She told me that it was her thing. I almost pointed out that she helped me move in the year before, but I did not want to pick a fight with her. Now that I know what the end result is, I wished that I had gone with her. She replaced me quickly.

"So how about you?" she asked me casually when she was done telling me all 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 with the answer. 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 easy. I was hard for her to live up to her own and her parents' expectations. It seemed that they always wanted something different. She wanted to be good at something, so she tried everything. I wanted her to miss me, and then I could have told her that she could come to school with me. We could drive into the city everyday 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 without her. That was her nice way of telling me that she had met someone else. I hated how she turned it around to make it seem as though she was doing me a favor. But the good thing is that he lives in New York, and for now she has me.

The crowd went wild as we scored a touchdown, and I was forced back into reality. Our team might actually win this year. When the noise subsided, I could hear her complaining about the prices of the game to her friends. The guy that sits in the booth and collects money made her pay four dollars to get in,

crowd, making sure that she talked to the gang and told them how happy she was. I watched as she laughed and smiled. Everyone was comparing roommate stories, amount of homework, and just about anything else. I wanted to be able to do the same, but I had my car. Somehow people never really saw a car as a roommate. 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

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

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. I still would.

She moved her way around the

me and said nothing, but stared at me.

"She has a boyfriend," he informed me.

"I know."

I think that once you fall in love with someone, it is impossible to fall out of love. She will always be my first love. We will be together again, someday.

Freshman Corner

by Yvonne M. Arsenault '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 then 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 not attending classes and just hitting the books for a number of days. The amazing thing is, it may take a number of days to actually learn all of the material that will

Then there is always the tromps 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 begins. 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 scholastic requirements for a whole month, 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 bio class. Granted, you may have

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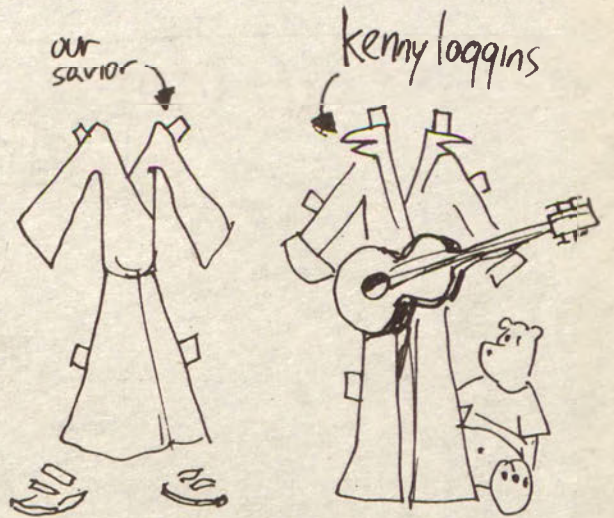
be on the final. Then again, all the time in the world may not be enough to shove all that information into your brain. Whatever the case may be, enjoy the in-between time.

Some of the best times are had during study breaks. Many of the dorms have scheduled breaks and this is a great way to meet more people from your dorm and to get free food. It is also a fun chance to give your brain a break for a half hour. Some lasting memories can be made during these breaks as you and your roommates use Play-Doh and Silly Putty as stress relievers,

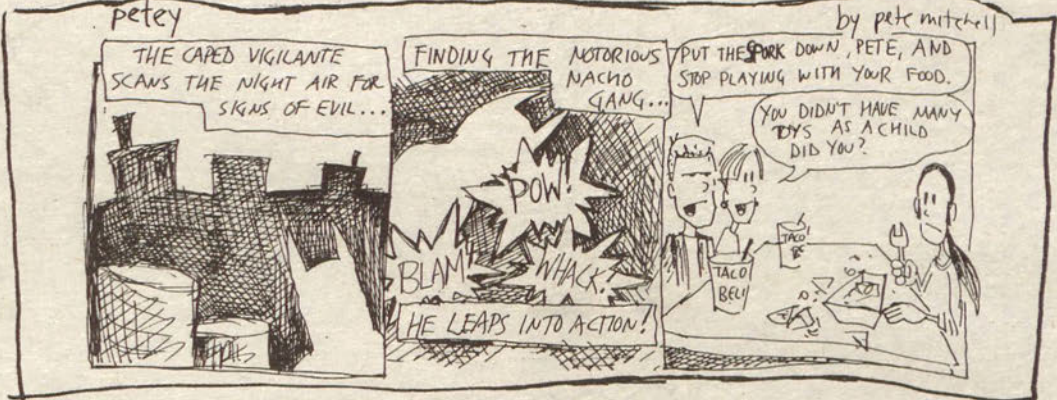
a job lined up at home, but it usually is a mindless, minimum wage job that is great because you may still enjoy it due to the fact that your brain is on vacation.

Christmas Break is definitely one of the greatest perks of college life. But no matter how great your break may be or how much you enjoy having no homework, coming back to school is well-timed and usually welcomed. If nothing else, being with your friends here and back on your own is a way to realize that college is one of the best times of your life.

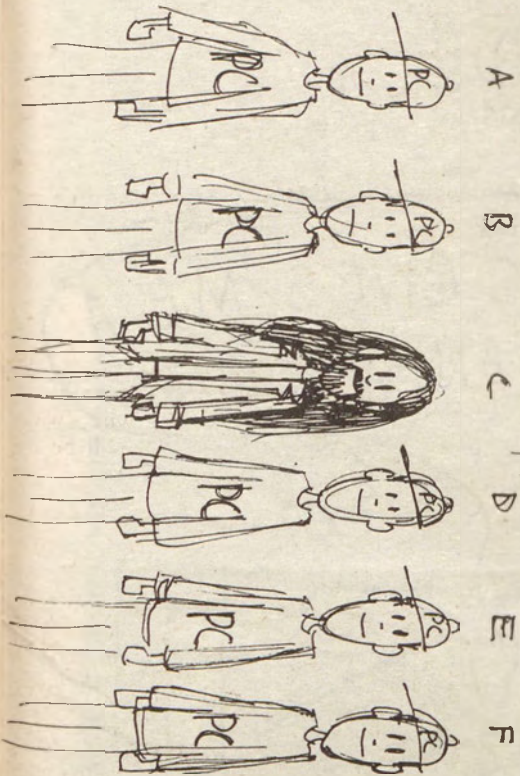
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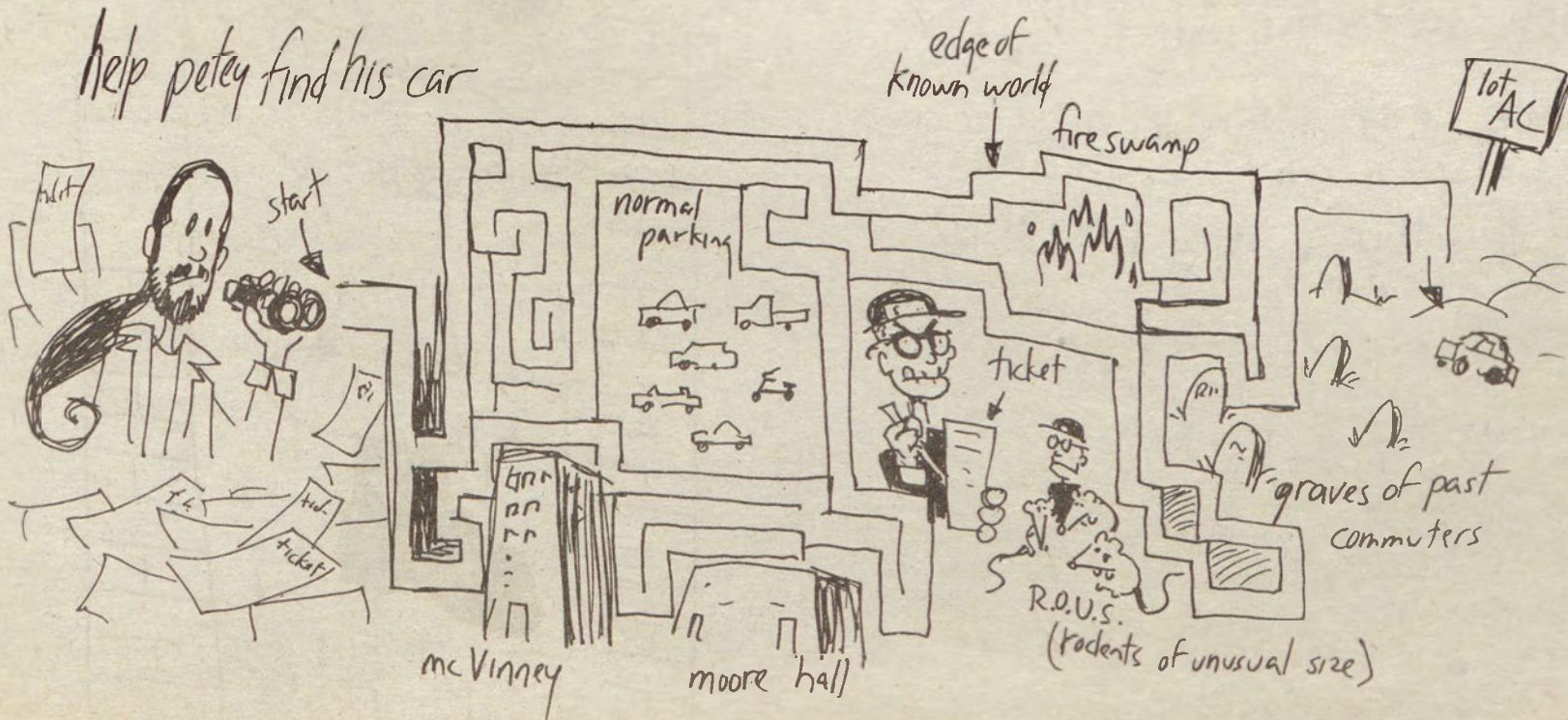
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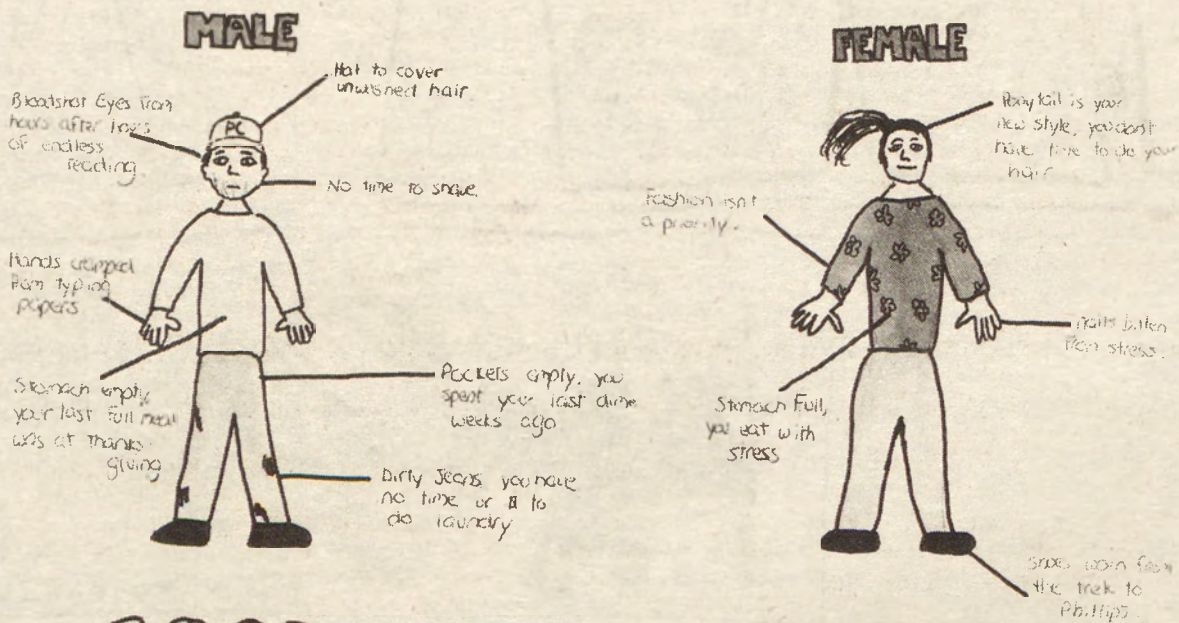


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THE ANATOMY OF AN UNDERGRAD DURING FINALS



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Rudolph loses his will to fly.
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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 talented 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 to 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 IC4A's, the Friars surged at the beginning of the race and looked as powerful as before. But by the 3K mark, the conditions were taking their toll.



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

them. That's the way it goes. You just have to learn to accept these things."

The Friar men had been racing extremely well and surprising many all year, until showing a crack in the armor with a tenth place finish at the IC4A's. The previous dominance earned PC an at-large bid to the NCAA's.

But, like the armor killed the Crusaders in the Turkish heat, it cost the Friars in the Tucson sun.

"The elements came a little bit more into play on the men's side," replied Treacy. "You look at the results and you see all the eastern teams filling all the positions in the back. There's no way I can believe, or anyone can believe that

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

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 3000 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 124, Zack Ventress a step behind in 129th, and senior Nick Kent was 137th to round out the scoring.

Be careful about judging a sea-

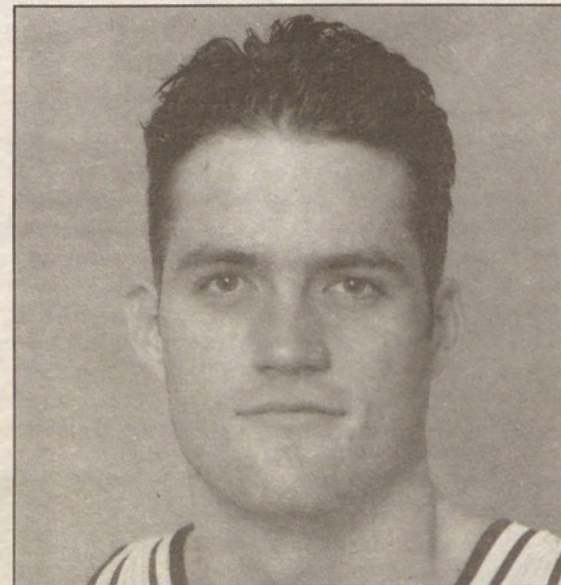


PC ATHLETES OF THE WEEK



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 Croshere '97
(Los Angeles, 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.

son by one meet. These Providence teams won the Big East titles, not bad scratch. And these were teams that continued to bolster PC's reputation as the best program in the conference, and one deserving of continued national recognition.

"I'm satisfied with the season," answered Treacy. "Obviously with the women we were hoping we could win it. But that's the beauty of it. Being in a position where people consider you a contender, is a great position to be in, and it's great for the program to be thought of that way. Sometimes you reach what you're hoping to achieve and sometimes you don't. But that doesn't diminish the fact that the women had a great season, they won the Big East's, the toughest conference in the country. They won the New England's, ran solid at the ECAC's, won the Minnesota Invitational. They're still out there, to everybody looking in, as one of the premier programs in the country."

"With the guys, I'm very happy. They ran well in Minnesota, won the New England's, won the Big East's, which is huge for us. If you don't have one of the top ranked teams, you have to play the game in terms of qualifying at-large. We did that, we set ourselves up for an at-large bid, and

maybe by doing that we took something off ourselves at the end of the season. But I feel if we hadn't have done that we wouldn't have even been at Nationals."

Treacy is very positive about the future. Despite losing four talented seniors from both teams, Providence will not be thrown into rebuilding mire. Actually, he predicts he PC women will return to the awards platform in the near future.

"We look at it, 'okay, we were in the top ten again for the eighth year in a row. We will be back again next year and give another crack'. We lose a lot (to graduation), but we're replacing well, so I think we'll be a good team again next year. We're going to win it again. There's no doubt in my mind we're going to win it again. I can't tell you when, but at the same time, I know we have the talent on the team."

"My feeling is that they went into NCAA's feeling like they had a chance to win it. Looking at the results afterwards and at what happened, I think those feelings were justified. No doubt in my mind that if everything had gone right on the day, we could have come in first. We weren't *dreaming*. It was a very realistic goal."

Men's Hockey Continued

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ence of the blueline. Coach Barto spoke highly of the young defensemen, "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 freshman 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 provided the scoring production that is the core of PC's attack. Baker, Wheeler, Yates, Clark, and Wagner stepped up as usual. Coach Barto spoke highly of Katherine Cahill, Alain Frankiewicz, and Stacy 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 Schnieder Arena hoping to continue their winning ways.



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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, these 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 submariners 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, tak-

ing 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 meter freestyle, and was

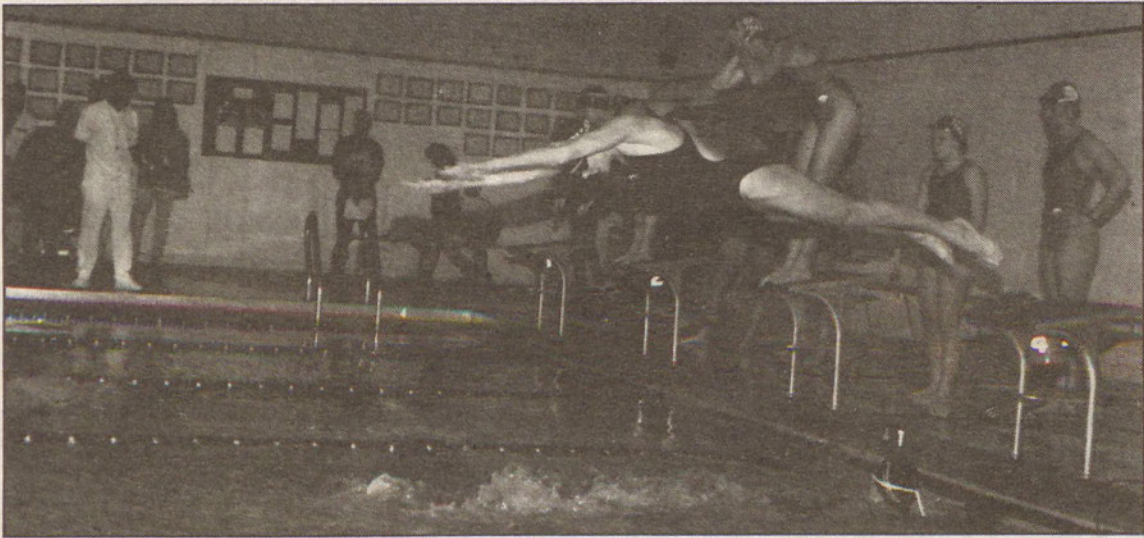
a member of the econd place relay team.

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

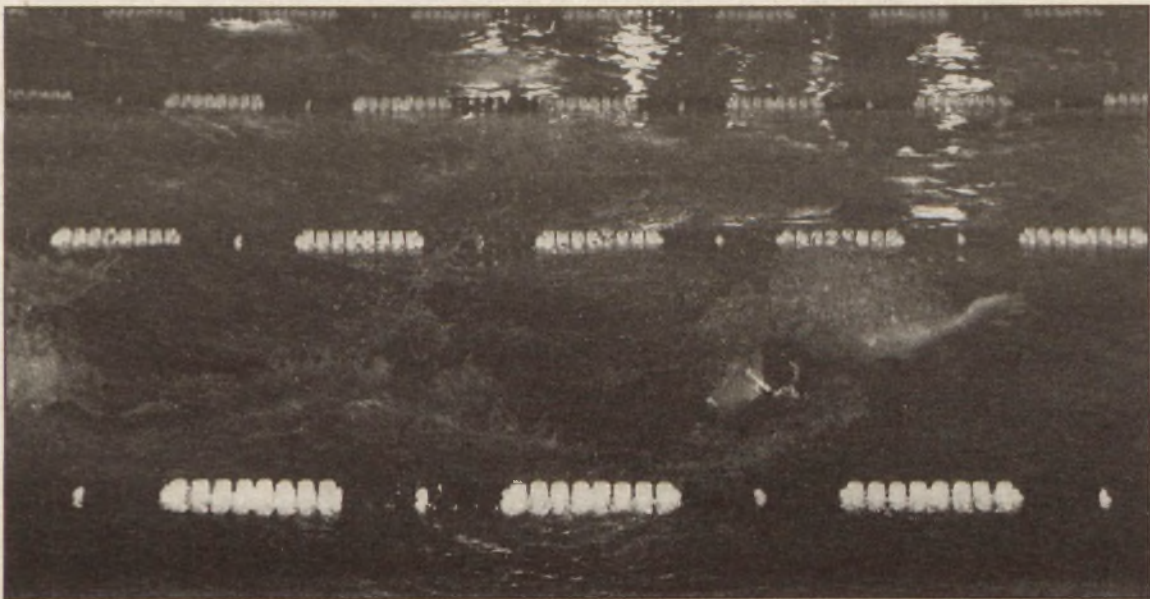
"Hopefully we will get a good idea of where we stack up this weekend," acknowledged O'Neill. "We will get a lot of good swims in. We should be back to normal by the end of the weekend."

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.



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



Women's Basketball Continued

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42 of their team's 48 first half points, and outscored the entire Providence team by ten in the half.

The second half started out as 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 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 Alumni Hall and brought the Lady Friars to within four with only :58 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 Irish of Notre Dame.

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i guess maybe if i planned a little better i would
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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

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Jen Davis	22	2-3	1-2	2	1	7
Meghan Hinds	35	3-8	1-2	5	3	7
Kerri Chatten	28	5-6	10-11	7	1	22
Shannon Bresnahan	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Nadine Malcolm	25	2-6	9-10	1	1	13
Kerri Sullivan	13	0-2	0-0	2	1	0
Julie Wheeler	31	3-9	6-6	1	0	14
Dana Simonelli	16	2-3	2-2	5	0	6

From the "It's No Omaha, Nebraska" Department: I Went to Fairbanks and it was Okay

by Cory R. McGann '98
he's a bad mother-
shut your mouth!

I sent my assistant to Arizona for the weekend for a little cross-country action. His attire for the trip consisted of shorts, tee shirts, and maybe a couple of button downs (he is a PC student, of course). I, however, went to Fairbanks Alaska. Luckily while I was there a heat wave hit and the weather actually reached -18 degrees Fahrenheit. There was much rejoicing.

I went for some 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 (I'm 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 Cowl*, tried valiantly to battle the cold in order to "see Alaska." After ten seconds of exposure her eyes froze shut. She at least felt Alaska.

The city (town? village? igloo? wickiup?) 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 fisticuffs with the local sports hack. 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 sidle 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 Rob 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 once-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.



Jamel Thomas showing off his rise

Men's Basketball Continued

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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

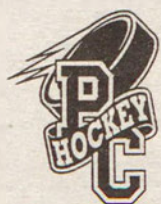
attention" (if you don't know Coach Gillen, this is quite rare for it is not usually his style. Don't worry, Friar faithful, we do not have another Bobby Knight on our hands).

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 big assumption as little known Middle Tennessee State pulled off a shocker to down the Friars.

Give PC credit, however, for not folding 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. Playing 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 voted 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 Derrick "Flight" Brown, who stat-wise 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.



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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 Princeton Invitational. Providence beat St. Lawrence, Cornell, UNH, and Princeton, with the one 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 extraordinaire Laurie Baker recorded a hat trick and Myia Yates scored a goal and two assists. 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 Honor role member Alison Wheeler picked up a goal in the effort.

The next weekend the Lady Friars took part in the Princeton 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 everyone in the tournament but ran into resistance from the Friars. Concordia beat the Lady Friars 4-2 but that was the only time they were scored on in the tourney.

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." Remark-

ing on the success of DeCosta, Barto added, "Every game she plays she's getting more confident, she's making great strides."

One of the main concerns for this season was the lack of experi-

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Laurie Baker '99 is playing great hockey for the Lady Friars

Sudden Death:

by Frank Mills '98
Sports Writer

You play your heart out for two periods, all the while shots bang 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 4-3 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 shelled 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 defenseman and walked across the blueline 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 using 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 defenseman Josh MacNevin 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 leftwing 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. Ruid on a breakaway and stopping a point blank Eric Perrin shot. With three minutes 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."



Captain Travis Dillabough '97

Friars Battle Back, Show Heart, Fall Short in OT

Continuing the Legacy

McMahon Captures Second at NCAA's

by John Carchedi '98
Asst. Sports Editor

Marie McMahon capped off a brilliant collegiate cross country career on November 25 with a second place finish at the National championships in Tucson, Arizona, 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," lauded 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 Skiersz, who grabbed second as a freshman, and Notre Dame freshman Joanna Deeter. Despite being a sophomore, Skiersz was the harrier to beat. This was her home course, obviously her home climate, and was the top returning finisher from '95. Between the 2K and 3K marks she made her move, opening a sizable gap on McMahon and Deeter by 4K. The pair was beginning 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 outlasted Deeter for second place honors.

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

McMahon was the NCAA Indoor 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 second, Mark (Carroll) was second (1995), Amy (Rudolph) was second (1994), now Marie was second.

"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

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

Now, toss the pile into a national championship setting, and you have every top quality runner in the nation vying to beat the rest. That's what makes this title so difficult 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 prepared to get the most out of herself, 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."



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Marie McMahon running alongside nearest competitors Deeter and Skiersz

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 Skiersz as long as she could. When it wasn't happening for her, she still hang on great for second place. She finished strong."

"It seems to be that one title that eludes us," admitted Treacy. We've won NCAA track titles, we've won team titles, but that NCAA individual cross country title, men or women, we have never won. My brother (eventual Olympic silver medalist John) was

win. As a cross country runner, you take on the best at all distances. In cross country, you have 1500 meter runners, 3000 meter runners, 5000, 10000 meter runners, get together and run that one race, and it's very, very difficult to win."



Clockwise from top right: Feeling the effects of the heat; Zack Ventress; Paul McNamara; Sarah Dupre
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Lady Friars Grab Seventh in Tucson

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

by John Carchedi '98
Asst. Sports Editor

A year ago, life was good to the Providence College cross country program. The scene was the NCAA National Championships on a crisp, overcast day with Totor-worthy wind 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 80 degrees (I 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 add them all 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 Marie McMahon led the

Ostrander came in 130th.

But the story may have been thousands of miles away. The flu bug that slammed the campus this month caught senior co-captain Krissy Haacke before she fled west, and the Friar's number three runner was bed-ridden the two

Maria to turn around and run the way we knew she was capable of running, and that happened.

"And then you can't control somebody getting the flu. I thought we were getting off campus without getting sick, so many people had been sick the week be-

their top five.

"At the NCAA level, you have to go 5 for 5," said the coach. "Your five best runners have to run and all have to run well on the day, have to run a little bit better, and that's what happen last year. This year we went three for five. Marie, Maria, and Sarah ran very, very well. But Krissy was sick and Gladys was on track with about 600 meters to go, having a great race."

"These are the things that happen. That's why they run the races. That's why they step on the line. On one particular day we might win it, on another particular day Georgetown might win it. You know, we weren't the only people with stories afterwards. Georgetown was missing their number four girl, she was out to injury, and their number two girl came into the finishing straightaway in 25th and ended up 137th. Everybody had their stories after it was over."

This day belonged to Stanford University. An hour before their male counterparts would win, the Cardinal girls pieced together a superstarless block of five runners in the top forty, good enough to edge potent Villanova by five points and take the title.

"What makes it difficult is there was no one dominant team," explained Treacy. "Any of five teams

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

Michael Sablone '98

contingent with a remarkable second place finish behind Arizona super sophomore Amy Skieresz. Junior Maria McCambridge earned 19th, and sophomore Sarah Dupre narrowly missed All American honors, crossing in 35th. Senior Heather Couture placed 103rd, and freshman Dana

days before the meet. She hung on for the finish but in the back of the field. Also, number four runner Gladys Ganiel 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

forehand, I was scared that at any time somebody was going to come down with something. I thought we had escaped, and we got there and Krissy wasn't feeling well."

The top five runners from each team figure into the scoring, and suddenly, Providence was taking on the nation's best without two of

Too Early Almost, Not Enough

Lady Friars Come Back From 27 Point Deficit, but fall 81-77

by Cory R. McGann '98
Sports Editor

Way too much Tim Thomas. He is the man.

Villanova University proved their #5 ranking is no fluke as they dispatched Providence 75-64 behind freshman phenom Tim Thomas and his 29 points. Gillen's guys were simply outmuscled as the they drop to 4-2 on the season (0-1 in the Big East).

Providence was definitely shaky as they could not find the bottom of the basket. They had good looks, they just couldn't finish their shots. When you play a team like Villanova, you got to hit the easy ones, which the Friars didn't do.

The game against the Wildcats was really the first test for the Friars. They are coming off consecutive home wins against Columbia University and Long Island Uni-

versity and a 2-1 trip to the Top of the World Classic in Fairbanks, Alaska.

Columbia caused problems for Providence with their slow down style of play and a heavy use of the zone defense. PC relied on the inside and outside play of Austin Croshere to secure a 74-61 victory. Austin dropped in 17 points and pulled down seven rebounds.

Long Island University caused more problems than the average fan would assume for the Black and White. LIU is led by soon-to-be-superstar Richie Parker. Parker was highly recruited by all the top Division I schools across the nation until he pled guilty to a sexual assault crime. After a very trying period, he has finally found a place where he is happy and playing basketball: the University of Long Island.

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by Ken Martin '99
Sports Writer

The Providence Women's Basketball Team has had many firsts this season. There was their first official practice back in October, their first exhibition game and their first home and away match-ups. However, Wednesday night's 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.

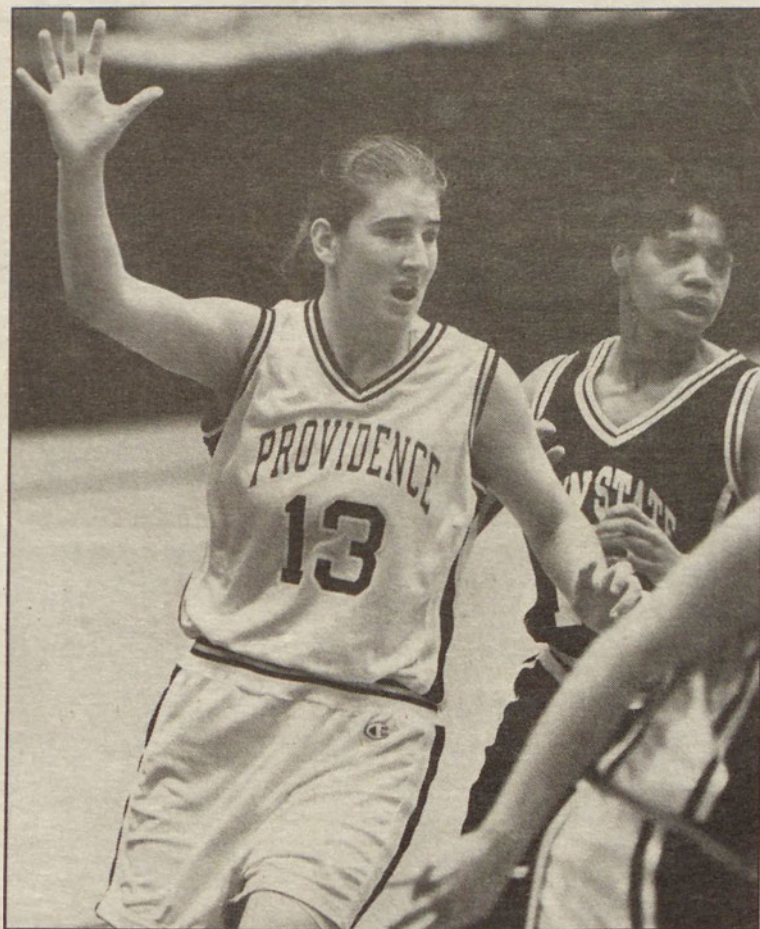
"They [West Virginia] came out and took it to us; they came after us and we became very passive," commented Providence Head Coach Jim Jabir on the early stages of the game. "We can't let that happen because it affects us both on offense and on defense, and it takes away from the toughness we need to win games."

West Virginia showed their aggressive style of play early and often in the first half by out rebounding PC 16-8 and forcing the Lady Friars into seventeen first half turnovers. The Mountaineers took the lead at the 16:28 mark—

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 Hagis who combined for

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Kerri Chatten dominated the second half for the Friars

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