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## PC Study Abroad Controversy

### Revises Mission

by David M. Canal '98  
News Writer

Yesterday, Dr. Sickinger held an open forum from 3:00 to 4:30 in Moore Hall to explain the process leading to the new mission statement and to field any questions concerning their completed draft.

According to Sickinger, "This rough draft is the end product of a lot of hard work by the committee. There was a great deal of devotion put into this whole process and we feel that this statement represents the school much better than the previous one."

Sickinger states a major issue that the committee wanted to address was that, although the primary mission of Providence College is to educate, it is very important to include that PC also

The committee stressed the importance of making everyone feel a part of the mission statement process. Their first step was to issue a five-question survey to all members of the PC community. The five questions on the survey asked specific questions about the old mission statement. They focused on certain areas of the old mission statement that needed improvement.

The response from the surveys was a great tool for providing feedback for the committee. The committee formed sub-committees of two people which each took a question and analyzed all responses. "We took all responses seriously to see if we could find any patterns or common concerns of the community," said Sickinger.

Once the committee had reviewed the feedback of the community, it was time for the committee to analyze exactly what needed to be changed.

The committee consisted of the following people: Father Joseph Barranger, O.P., Chaplain of the College; Dr. Douglas Blum, Political Science; Dr. Judith Clark, Feinstein Institute; Dean Wilesse Comissiong, Balfour Center; Dr. James Janeczek, Art and Art History; Dr. Mary Jane Lenon-Elliott, Economics; Ms. Jacqueline MacKay, Student Development; and Dr. Patrick Reid, Theology.

The committee met every week for nine months and has come up with a draft they feel best presents the goal of Providence College. The committee chairperson, appointed by Father Smith is Dr. Raymond L. Sickinger, Assistant Dean of Undergraduate Studies.

**For a complete copy of the proposed Mission Statement, see page 5**

by Erin Piorek '96  
News Writer

Regarding the Providence College Study Abroad Program, The Bulletin of Providence College 1995-1996 states that "In keeping with the liberal arts emphasis of Providence College, and recognizing the diverse educational and cultural advantages gained from experience in other countries, the College encourages study abroad for qualified students." Since last fall, students have been questioning the degree to which the College really does encourage study abroad.

The issue is whether or not students who study abroad for a semester should be expected to pay for housing at Providence College for the semester they are away. The Providence College Handbook states that if a student interested in studying abroad signs a

housing contract, he/she is obligated to pay for a full year of housing. According to Dr. Leonard Roberts, Executive Director of Residence Life, "It has been the standard operating policy of Providence College for a long time that if you sign a housing contract and/or put in a housing deposit then you must abide by that for the full academic year." Roberts advises students not to sign a housing contract if they are considering studying abroad next year. When asked what he advises students who cannot afford to pay housing expenses for a full year at PC plus housing abroad, Roberts stressed that "it is not my position to convince a student not to study abroad." Students interested in studying abroad are required to either pay Providence College for a full year of housing or find a replacement for the semester they are abroad. "If a student commits by signing a contract then the college is count-

ing on that student paying the revenue for that year," Roberts explained, "because that student has essentially prevented somebody else from taking that spot."

Last year, there was a lot of confusion in terms of information that was initially given out concerning the Providence in Europe program. Based upon a significant amount of student complaints, Father J. Staurt McPhail, Vice President for Student Services, decided to make an exception for those Providence in Europe students who wanted to live on campus for the fall semester. As a result of all the confusion last year concerning the housing policy for students studying abroad, there is a lot of concern among students currently considering the program. Bethany Cuddy, a sophomore at PC, is among many sophomores who are frustrated with the way the Providence in Europe program is run. "They can't promote a program

that encourages people to go abroad and then tell you at the last minute that you have to pay extra money so that the college won't lose money. The decision to study abroad was hard enough to make and now it's even harder."

The main issue is whether or not the administration is discouraging students from studying abroad in their junior year. Students have found that it is not a simple task to find someone to take your place in the residence halls unless you decide very early that you want to go abroad. At many colleges and universities the percentage of students who study abroad in their junior year is very high. At Providence College, only 20-40 students go abroad each year. Juniors at Colgate University who decide to go abroad receive a different tuition bill for the semester they are away. The University makes the housing pay-

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## News Commentary

### Perception is Everything

by Mary M. Shaffrey '97  
News Editor

"(PC students') thirst for knowledge is simply no match for just plain thirst.... (and) there are only two purely academic institutions in this town, Brown and RISD"

-Bob Kerr

Providence-Journal Bulletin  
September 22, 1995.

This is just another example of how the media in and around Providence seems to perceive us as a bunch of bumbling alcoholics that really could care less about our academic futures. Other remarks made in this column claim we are detrimental to the community and that the closer a home is to the PC campus the more it goes down in value.

Why does the media have such a poor image of us? Why when students cut their summer short and

return to campus (a.k.a. Urban Action) to build an amphitheater in nearby Camden Field only one news channel feels the need to cover it, albeit only 50 seconds at the end of the newscast? Yet when a handful of students in the neighborhood get out of hand all three channels as well as the newspaper decide it should be the main story?

Mr. Edward J. Caron, Vice President of Institutional Relations feels that negative news always receives more prominent coverage than positive news, but at the same time there is much positive coverage coming out about PC students.

"There was a front page story in the *Sunday Journal* and the focus was on PC students. There are posi-

tive things about PC that go on and we report those things that are brought to our attention. (However), we have to depend on student sources from the various organizations so we can be aware and promote it. Never have we been made aware of something positive and not reported it, Caron stated.

So what specifically is the school doing to improve our image and get the positive word out? We do so much for the community. Jobs that otherwise would not be available are in the Civic Center due to Friar basketball. We are the Civic Center's main tenant, and if it wasn't for us they would have to close down. Students volunteer their time at the local schools, hospitals, and day care centers to help those out who are less fortunate. Christmas in April, Habitat for Humanity and Camp Heartland are just a few of the service projects we take part in, and I have not even begun to touch the Feinstein Center and all the work they do.

Caron states this really is not news, at least not the news people in journalism are interested in. The school however, is going to try this year to force the issue and develop a community profile that will highlight the collective sum of all the service work that is done on campus, whether it be by faculty or students, and they are going to distribute it to every opinion leader in the state. Other colleges have attempted this, and Caron hopes it will be a success.

The school holds an editorial conference with the top level editors at *The Providence-Journal Bulletin* every year to discuss what the students are doing and their impact



Another Example of PC students helping the Community; Face painting at a Halloween Party

Cowl archives

### JRW Under Scrutiny

by Michelle Boozang '97  
News Writer

The JRW is around the corner, and members of the class of '97 are busy doing all the almost-last-to-minute preparations. Between the tuxes, dresses and finishing touches for the formal and semi-formal, hotel and bid fees, and all other important expenses for the weekend (including the ring...), juniors are already beginning to feel the tight budget that will limit weekend fun (no groceries...) in the remain-

ing weeks before the break. Yet, the way past JRW goes describe the Boston trip, it will all be worth the dent in the wallet.

In the past, the Junior Ring Weekend began on Thursday night, when Juniors received their rings at a ceremony on campus. Due to the intensive partying on this night (which resulted in many missed classes on Friday mornings), Fr. McPhail banned this traditional night of festivities. As a result the class of 1997 will partake in the Sunday morning ceremony to receive their PC class rings. Some have wondered about this change in

tradition; the Mass, many believe, is the center of the weekend and thus should begin the class events.

This break in ritual meant new planning was needed to accommodate the change. With a tight budget, the ring committee worked hard planning the brunch, video presentation, Mass and transportation for juniors who are interested in joining their class for the Sunday celebration. Some members of the class are concerned about the fifteen dollar charge, as one student puts it, "It's too bad the tradition of

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# Bosnians Return to their "Homes"

With Bosnia-Herzegovina's truce finally holding, about 1,000 Muslim refugees boarded buses and trucks yesterday to return home to the three front-line towns in the northwest.

Many were victims of mass expulsions three and a half years ago when Serbs captured Sanski Most, Kluc, and Mrkonjic Grad at the beginning of the war. The towns were retaken this fall by Croatian and Muslim-led government forces.

The effort to resettle the towns, even though front lines remain nearby, is one of the strongest signs yet of confidence that the October 12 cease-fire will hold.

A stable truce is considered crucial to peace talks to begin October 31 at Wright Patterson Air Force Base near Dayton, Ohio.

Fighting last week in northwest Bosnia-Herzegovina threatened to undermine the peace effort, but guns have fallen mostly silent since Thursday when the warring parties agreed to redouble their efforts to enforce the cease-fire.

"The situation on the ground is

quiet everywhere," said U.N. spokeswoman Major Myriam Sochacki.

The Serbs' self-styled assembly was to meet in the northeastern Bosnia-Herzegovinian town of Bijelina, apparently to map strategy for the peace talks.

There were reports that Serbs will press long-standing demands for access to the Adriatic Sea and control over part of Sarajevo, a demand over which the government has vehemently opposed.

The Serbs also may be trying to resolve a leadership rift that emerged after recent battlefield losses to Croatian and government forces.

Many of the immigrants were up before dawn, heaving boxes and bags onto the vehicles as their children slept.

"I am going back home now," said 65-year-old Hasija Jamakovic as she loaded belongings onto a bus. She was bound for her house in Klujuc. "I don't know whether it is undamaged," she said.

U.N. officials have expressed growing concern about the fate of

other Muslim and Croats purged from Serbian-held areas of northern Bosnia-Herzegovina in recent weeks. There have reports of mass killings, rapes, and robberies by Serbian paramilitary groups.

More than 2,000 people are missing, mostly draft-age Muslim men, forcibly separated from their families. Aid officials say there is evidence many have been killed or sent to dangerous work on front lines.

## Elections in Zanzibar

Nasib Tindo was a caddie at the whites-only Zanzibar golf club until the island's 1964 revolution. Zanzibar then merged with mainland Tanganyika to form the socialist East African nation of Tanzania. When the new government nationalized the golf club, Tindo and other caddies became members.

Tanzania's 28-year experiment

with socialism has been disastrous for the economy. The country remains one of the poorest and most aid-dependent in all Africa. Yet amid the country's first multiparty democratic elections this week, the future looks bright. Tanzania represents one of the best chances this decade for an African nation to make a smooth transition from a one-party state to democracy.

In the mind of most Tanzanians, the legendary "Father of the Nation," former President Julius Nyerere, is a patriot who is willing to fight for the common man. Though his experiment in "African socialism" stunned his nation, Nyerere's idealistic efforts to create a classless, multiethnic society in a land of 120 tribes of Muslims, Christians, and animists are largely responsible for Tanzania's remarkable record of peace in a region beset by civil strife.

Though he officially retired in 1985, Nyerere remains a power behind the throne.

In the nation's upcoming elections, the future of the union with Zanzibar is the most contentious is-

sue. In Zanzibar, both the Chama Cha Mapinduzi (Tanzania's ruling party) and its main rival supported loosening the bonds, but they are also stirring up potentially volatile African versus Arab tension.

The upcoming elections also bring to the fore the stranger side of Africa's "spice island." The CCM is accused of trying to terrorize opposition supporters on the main island by bringing on the scene a homosexual ghost who locals say molested Pemba islanders in the 1970s. The ruling party, in turn, says its rivals have used sorcery, satellites, and CIA spies to monitor voting. The tales underscore the public's uncertainty in the face of change. But voting, political observers say, is likely to further bolster the stability that has come at such a high cost.



# Madalyn O'Hair, Silent or Dead ?

It is not like Madalyn O'Hair to be so silent.

For more than 30 years, one of the world's most persistent and vocal atheists has kept her reputation alive by trumpeting her opinions and speaking her mind about everything from prayer in schools to the "In God We Trust" imprint on dollar bills (she blots it out with a black marker).

So it is curious that O'Hair, 76, has not been seen since late August at the American Atheist Center in Austin, Tx. that has been the cornerstone of her life. She has not responded to local headlines that speculate she is missing, ailing, or perhaps, even dead.

"When I last talked to her and I am known as the last person to have talked to her about three weeks ago, she was fine; everything was okay," said Spike Tyson, 45, O'Hair's spokesman.

Is he worried about her? "Not really. I have a minor concern. You can't know her as long as I do, and

not be a little concerned. Let's put it this way: When she does show up, I'm going to chew her butt."

The rumors have taken vivid form; O'Hair has absconded with \$100 million dollars and left for Tahiti. O'Hair is dead but does not want the Christian world, or her estranged son, to know.

O'Hair's standing as the prominent spokesperson for atheism dates to her 1962 landmark case before the Supreme Court, a companion to the case that led to the banning of prayer in public schools.

O'Hair built a controversial career battling what she described as "The concerted effort...to make us a Christian nation."

Even as the rumors of her death swell, O'Hair is still very much a live presence on cable television. New installments of her *American Atheist Forum*, which she hosts with Jon Murray, are airing weekly in Austin and 140 other markets.

## Clinton Seizes Colombian Assets

Seeking to rally world leaders against international drug traffickers and terrorists, President Clinton announced Monday that he had moved to freeze any assets of Columbia's biggest drug cartel that are in the United States and to stop American firms from doing business with any of its front organizations.

Clinton also said he had directed members of his Cabinet to identify nations that help in money laundering and to put them on notice that unless they adhere to international standards, the administration would consider imposing sanctions that could prevent them from doing business with the United States.

Clinton also urged more countries to sign anti-terrorism treaties and take more aggressive actions against drug cartels. He also called for a greater effort against the sale and smuggling of illegal arms and such deadly materials as plutonium and biological weapons.

U.S. officials estimate that the Colombian drug group, known as the Cali cartel, is responsible for 80 percent of the cocaine entering the U.S. and 15 percent of the heroin.

Clinton's measures against the drug traffickers came in an executive order, issued under the International Emergency Economic Powers Act.

## Antiacids Increase Risks

Using antacids to protect your stomach from the side effects of ar-

thritis drugs may just mask the symptoms and therefore increase the risk of serious bleeding, according to new studies.

The findings could affect an estimated 6 million Americans who routinely take antacids while using arthritis drugs.

"There is a perception that antacids protect the stomach, but there is no evidence of that among the drug users," said Dr. Lee Simon of Harvard Medical School. "They treat the symptoms and not the underlying problems."

Nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs have been prescribed to 17 million Americans, chiefly to treat rheumatoid arthritis. Because these drugs are also one of the two leading causes of ulcers in the U.S., a third of the people taking them also use antacids or anti-bleeding drugs called H2-blockers to protect their stomachs.

Simon said doctors should tell their patients to report any stomach discomfort, and the patients should be monitored.

# Computers Used to Combat 'Sins'

Ninth-graders straggling into health class last week stopped short at the sight of two dozen sleek black laptop computers on their desks, complete with earphones, "mice" and scarlet mouse pads.

In minutes, they were busily tapping answers to questions about whether or how much they smoke and how much time they spend frying in the sun. The classroom was oddly silent, each pair of eyes glued to the computer screen.

This was all part of the University of Rhode Island's attempt to answer a question that has historically plagued parents: How do you get teenagers to stop doing things that are bad for them?

Dr. James O. Prochaska, Director of the University's Cancer Prevention Treatment Center, has launched a four year study in 23 Rhode Island Schools, thanks to a \$10 million grant from the National Cancer Institute.

The study is one of three being

financed by the institute; the others examine similar efforts to change behaviors in doctor's offices and workplaces.

The school study's goal is to help students quit doing the things that increase their risk of cancer, such as smoking, eating junk food, and spending too much time in the sun.

But instead of tongue-lashing them in health class, Prochaska's project zeroes in on each student in a class and designs an approach for him or her.

"It's a whole new model of behavioral change, depending on what stage a person is in," said Prochaska. "Most programs are aimed at students who are ready to change and that is 20 percent, maximum."

"Our program is for everyone," he said.

The program is complicated in that it tackles three unhealthy activities-smoking, sun exposure, and

unhealthy diet. It will also examine whether it is more effective to work with students at school only, or also at home.

## Baptists Attempt to Reunite

In 1854 a group of Baptists from the North and South met at the First Baptist Church in America to try to resolve their growing differences over the issue of slavery.

They failed. The Baptist denomination split into two camps, the Southern Baptist Convention and the American Baptist Churches, which still exist today.

The failures of 150 years ago are being explored today and Saturday at a conference held the First Baptist Church, 75 N. Main St., Providence.

Speakers will examine the split

over slavery. Programs will be devoted to what can be learned from the division.

At the time of the meeting in 1845, the First Baptist Church in Providence was one of the most famous Baptist churches in the nation. It was founded by Roger Williams, who is credited with launching the Baptist denomination in America.

Ramifications of the split that began in Providence are still being felt.

Earlier this year, in a historic meeting in Atlanta, Southern Baptists for the first time acknowledged that slavery and racism are wrong. More than 20,000 delegates to a national Baptist meeting apologized to "all African-Americans."

## Journalists Honored

The Rhode Island Press Associa-

tion honored three Rhode Island journalists and held two professional panels at its annual fall seminar, Monday at the University of Rhode Island.

The journalists honored were the late Frank Lanning, a *Journal-Bulletin* sports cartoonists and illustrator; Joseph C. Harsch of Jamestown, longtime columnist and editor for the *Christian Science Monitor*, and Jean Rice Murphy, former reporter and feature writer for the *Times of Pawtucket*.

They were inducted into the association's Journalism Hall of Fame.

"Taking a Second Look at the Open Meetings and Access to Public Records Laws in Rhode Island" and "Are the Media Desensitizing Readers and Viewers with Too Much Coverage?" were the topics discussed.

all articles compiled from The Providence Journal-Bulletin, USA Today, and USNew & World Report



# Students Serve City

by Robin L. Erickson '98  
Asst. News Editor

The Second Annual City Year Serve-a-Thon kicked off last Saturday morning in front of the capitol building in downtown Providence. The weather was anything but nice for the thousands gathered to clean up Providence. The day started off cloudy with a few sprinkles, but within hours, the wind picked up and the skies opened up on the crowd as torrential downpours soaked the volunteers.

Two thousand volunteers came together for Serve-a-Thon 1995. Their goal was to raise \$100,000. Each volunteer had to raise money through donations and sponsors in order to participate in over 75 community service sites throughout Rhode Island. Among the service

Providence College was represented at the Serve-a-Thon, which was sponsored by WJAR Channel 10 and 95.5 WBRU. Bill Ewell, President of the Class of '97, was in charge of the event from PC's end. The classes of '97 and '98 sponsored the group of nearly one hundred PC students. Delegations from Student Congress, the Friars Club, and Urban Action participated, as well as random individuals who were interested. They met in front of Station Park at 8 a.m. and started the morning off with a rousing round of calisthenics. After working all day, the group was treated to a free concert and cook-out back at the park.

"They felt they really accomplished something, even under the adverse conditions," stated Bill Ewell '97. The pouring rain did not dampen the spirits of the volunteers. It was the second year PC

*"Even though it rained, we accomplished everything we wanted to, and we had a great time!"*

-Jennie Pillion '97

activities were painting community centers, cleaning up vacant lots, planting trees and gardens, and restoring parks and playgrounds.

City Year, the recipient of this fund-raiser, is a full-time ten month community service project for 75 young adults between the ages of 17 and 23. They provide over 100,000 hours of their time tutoring children, planting gardens, and visiting the elderly in Providence and the surrounding communities.

# Study Abroad

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ment adjustments based on the cost of renting an apartment abroad or living with a foreign family. Martha L. Johnson, a senior at Colgate who studied in London second semester of her junior year, was appalled that PC students are required to pay for housing while they are away. "If that was the policy at Colgate, I never would have been able to study abroad," she said. Holy Cross, Stonehill, and Boston College all have Study Abroad Programs similar to Colgate's.

According to Father McPhail, his task as Vice President of Student Services is "to make sure that the tuition is as reasonably low as possible." He explained that most students who study abroad choose to go away second semester of their junior year. This means that 20-40 beds would be vacant second semester of every year if students going abroad were permitted to pay for only one semester of housing. Father McPhail stated that "the students remaining at PC for that semester would have to make up for the lack of cash flow to the College." If an equal number of students went abroad each semester, McPhail pointed out that students going abroad wouldn't have to pay for both semesters because the cost would even out.

According to Dr. Roberts, his role in Residence Life is "to make sure that the 'Residence Life Program' works, is responsive to students' needs, that it's safe, sound, and that we're providing good experiences." As it is now, the housing policy for students studying abroad does not seem to be responsive to students' needs and it may be discouraging good experiences for students who want to acquire an inter-cultural perspective by studying in another country for a semester during college.

Blythe Pikosky, a sophomore at PC, has met with Father McPhail to discuss the financial possibility of her studying abroad. "At this point, I really don't think I'll be able to study abroad. They make you pay for housing for both semesters and then they take away your financial aid," commented Pikosky.

This issue is currently being discussed among Faculty Senate members. The Faculty Senate believes that students gain valuable experiences abroad, and they are urging the administration to review how the Providence in Europe program is run. Ultimately though, whether or not the housing policy for students studying abroad is changed is the decision of the Administration of Providence College. As it stands now, the housing policy for this year is in the Student Handbook and students going abroad should be aware of its tenets.

# Conference Held at PC

by Colleen Pappas '99  
News Writer

Today, Providence College presented the second annual Textron Business Forum on Women and Minority Issues. The daylong event provided interactive panel discussions and workshops concerning the issues that face women and minorities in today's business world.

The forum, held in the Peterson Center from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., was being co-sponsored by Providence College and the Textron Company. Based in Providence, Textron is a \$9.7 billion multi-industry company with global operations in the aircraft, automotive, industrial, financial services, and insurance markets.

The company has a solid relationship with Providence College. In January of 1994, in the largest corporate contribution ever made to PC, Textron granted \$1.1 million through which a program focusing on the advancement of women and minorities could be established. Aside from which, Textron also grants eight full-year, full-tuition scholarships annually as well as scholarships awarded to four students in the Continuing Education Program.

"Providence has a strong relationship with Textron and they have placed many of their employees in our Continuing Education Programs," explained Carol A. Hartley, Vice-President for Faculty Affairs.

"Textron," Hartley continued, "wanted to do something for others in that situation, particularly using the Continuing Education Program as a forum for the scholarships, in recognizing that a lot of people have alternative paths to higher education. Everyone does not necessarily come right out of high school and go to college. For example, some women and minorities might be in that situation, where they need to have some earning years before they can move onto college, probably because of other responsibilities."

The keynote speaker this year was Lenny Wilkens, Providence College graduate and Head Coach of the Atlanta Hawks. While at Providence, Wilkens enjoyed an extremely successful basketball career and was named the Outstanding Player in New England for two consecutive years. Graduating with a degree in economics, the Brooklyn native went on to play and coach in the NBA. This past January Wilkens earned his

first NBA IBM Coach of the Year Award for being the NBA's all-time winningest coach. Currently President of the NBA Coaches Association, Wilkens was inducted into the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame in 1988. He served as an assistant coach on the 1992 U.S. Olympic basketball staff and will hold the position of Head Coach for the 1996 Olympic Games in Atlanta.

Wilkens was an appropriate choice for keynote speaker, as a major theme of the forum was the breaking down of racial barriers,



NBA Coach and PC grad Lenny Wilkens was the keynote speaker.

which Wilkens achieved by becoming one of the first African-American players and coaches in the NBA.

There are other successful Providence College graduates involved in this year's forum as well.

Leading a workshop titled "Balance - The Last Taboo" was Joyce Kilmartin '77, President and Founder of Equilibrium, Inc. James McClain '62, lead a discussion entitled "Subtle Discrimination." McClain, former New England Director of the American Association for Affirmative Action, is now president of the McClain Group, a management and consulting firm specializing in human resources.

Other workshop leaders included: Mary L. Howell, executive Vice-President of Government and International for Textron; Lorna E. Wayland, executive vice-president and director of human resources for Citizens Financial Group; Kevin Hively, Policy Director for Rhode Island Governor Lincoln Almond; and Barbara Scott Preiskel, the former senior Vice-

President and General Counsel of the Motion Picture Association of America, who now serves on the boards of such prominent companies as General Electric and Textron.

The various workshops explored such topics as: "Juggling Career and Family," "Perspectives on Corporate Careers," "Diversity, the Workforce, and Public Policy," "Women in the Media/ Women in Real Life," "Managing Diversity," and "Women Serving on Corporate Boards."

Two members of the Providence College community that were instrumental in the organization and planning of the forum were Carol A. Hartley and Dr. Charlotte O'Kelly, Director of the Social Science Program and professor of sociology.

"I'm just one of many people who has worked on this forum," remarked Hartley. "There is a whole group of individuals that worked on this project and helped it along to its current stage." One of the people who was very important in the process was Charlotte O'Kelly, praised Hartley. "She's the individual that we appointed director of the forum, and she's the one who has done all the legwork to identify all the workshop leaders and help us form themes and so forth."

"It's really a group effort," replied O'Kelly. "We have a committee of people including Ed Caron, the Vice-President of Institutional Relations, Carol Hartley, and we also get input from the college community," she said.

The forum was designed to be a beneficial resource to those who participate. As Hartley commented on last year's forum, "I personally gained some valuable insights attending Barbara Preiskel's workshop on women serving on corporate boards."

Dr. O'Kelly affirmed, "The people loved it, the workshops were really enthusiastically received. There's active participation between the workshop leaders and the participants."

Both women hope this year will be as successful as the previous year, as O'Kelly proclaims, "It's only in its second year but I think it's gaining a reputation."

The forum was expected to rise in popularity and recognition, for as Hartley concluded, "It provides a great place for people to gather and discuss important issues, because they are issues for the nineties and for the next century as well."

# JRW Under Scrutiny

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having the ceremony on campus on Thursday night has been broken, but now we have to go to Boston to get our rings, and pay to get there too?" Yet, the committee explains that all juniors are paying transportation fees for the weekend, as a bus fee is included in the \$100 bid, to cover getting to and from the semi-formal on Friday night. As one committee member shared, "The juniors who go on Sunday will be paying the same amount that the weekend bid covers for that day. Most of the JRW expenses have been covered through allocated funds and the junior class budget." Essentially, the \$100 bid is covering the meals, transportation and the Sunday celebration. The \$15 will allow interested juniors to share in the Mass and ring presentation, and

the brunch and junior class video presentation.

Some juniors feel that the 15 dollar fee should be covered by their class treasury, and is unfair to require a charge for travel expenses when previous classes could receive their rings on campus, first of all, and sec-

ondly, free of charge. The concern of some is that it should be a PC tradition, one to be shared by the entire class at the college together - as in the past - and that the weekend in Boston (the formal and semi-formal)

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## PC Celebrates Hispanic Heritage Month

by Colleen Pappas '99  
News Writer

On September 15th, the Providence College Spanish Club, Amigos Unidos, joined in the National Observance of Hispanic Heritage Month. The thirty-day celebration began on an appropriate date, for the 15th marks independence day in five Central American countries.

The month's events, organized by Amigos Unidos, with the help of the Balfour Center for Multicultural Affairs, were intended to heighten the awareness of Hispanic culture here at Providence College.

Information gathered on Latin American countries, with the help of new part-time consultant for Hispanic Affairs, Ana Morgan, was distributed on table tents in the cafeterias.

In a letter to the editor that appeared in *The Cowl* on October fifth, Joaquim Fonte '98, President of Amigos Unidos, discussed the controversy taking place within the Latino community concerning language preferences between "Hispanic" and "Latino."

On October 10, BOP presented a Mexican theme for Coffee-house. Along with traditional Latin American foods and a piñata, students danced to Latin music. Also in October, artifacts of Hispanic culture and history could be seen in the two display cases at the entrance to Phillips Memorial Library.

As a conclusion to the month

long celebration, on October 12, a Mass was held completely in Spanish at the St. Martin de Porres Chapel. Planned by Brother Kevin O'Connell and Aris Vasquez '96, the student advisor to Amigo Unidos, the Mass was led by Father Joseph Barranger, O.P. The homily was given by Father Damian Myett, O.P.

"I got alot out of just going and listening to the mass in the second language and appreciating the use of the words," remarked Sister Carolyn Sullivan. "I felt that I paid much more attention to everything that was being said. Whereas when it's in English, I don't concentrate as much as listening to the words."

Many students participated in the Mass as readers and altar servers: Vasquez, Nizelky Genao '98, Marena Motijo '99, Danny Perez '98 and Joseph Wilson '99. The Mass was followed with traditional Hispanic foods such as empanadas, platanos, salsa, tacos and tortilla chips.

The Hispanic Heritage Month activities are just a few of the programs that the Spanish Club will be presenting this year. Another such event will be the Hispanic Expo which is scheduled for April. "This year it will be different though," explained Fonte, "because we're networking with Latin American Student Associations from other schools in the state. It will be us along with Rhode Island College's LASO (Latin American Student Organization), URI's LASA (Latin American Students Associa-

tion), as well as some other schools within the state."

At the end of October will be the third international soccer match between the various clubs on campus, including the French, Italian, and Portuguese. The game, which will be held at Raymond Field, will be followed by a barbecue.

Other activities will include movie nights that will showcase regions or countries and student socials that will allow members of Amigos Unidos to present information on countries of their own heritage.

"At the socials students can explain the different traditions of their countries," explained Fonte. "For example, traditions that I don't have as a Cuban but that someone else in the club might have because they're Mexican. Or just regionally, an example being that Caribbeans tend to share some things with Central Americans."

According to Fonte, the club is also planning a semi-formal Thanksgiving Banquet to honor the UNICCO workers, who are primarily Hispanic. There will also be a Christmas banquet as well as a fashion show for the early spring.

Fonte also mentioned an event that is still in the planning stages. "We're working with this (Balfour) office and with Women's Studies to bring in Esmeralda Santiago as a speaker. She is the author of *When I Was Puerto Rican*.

## Acclaimed Artist Visits

by Robin L. Erickson '98  
Asst. News Editor

Internationally acclaimed artist Hoi-Ying Chan paid a visit to Providence College last Thursday night. He was sponsored by the Liberal Arts Honors Program and the Asian American Club. Chan, a Chinese artist and art educator, put on a slide show for all those who gathered on the third floor of the Feinstein building to observe him. Mr. Chan's comments on his work were translated into English by an aide.

Chan was born in Hong Kong in 1918. His solo debut was in 1939 in the Hong Kong Academy of Fine Arts, of which he is founder and president. Over the years, Chan's work has been exhibited in many shows, galleries, and museums. In 1994, he was honored by the American Society of Portrait Artists as one of only three premier artists. Chan's notable career has brought him many awards and accolades, and at the age of 77, his career is not over yet.

Currently, Chan works as a Vis-

iting Professor in Art at Columbia College in Columbia, Missouri. He is also on tour throughout the United States, and just last week, made two appearances at Rhode Island School of Design.

Chan's art combines Chinese and Western features together, yet they resemble styles of Rembrandt and Velasquez. His repertoire includes still-lives, landscapes, portraits, and figure paintings in oil, watercolor, and Chinese ink. Chan is most famous for his work which bridges the Asian-Oriental and the Occidental West. He includes features of both cultures in his work, yet is able to clearly distinguish them from each other.

"I thought it was excellent!" exclaimed Jim Woo '96, President of the Asian American Club at PC. "It was very interesting to see how he combined artistic features from the Oriental East and the Occidental West. That was his key point." It was well received by the group of about forty students and faculty that gathered to listen to Chan. When asked why they chose Chan to lecture at PC, Woo answered simply, "He's renowned internationally."

## JRW Crisis

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should be optional. People who share this view feel that by making the trip to Boston on Sunday an "option" is undermining the whole spirit of the class experience, and that having the mass and ring presentation on Sunday is in a way, "making it an afterthought."

Because of this change made by the administration, the ring committee has worked hard over the year preparing all the details to make this JRW a successful and enjoyable event. They have especially labored to make Sunday the perfect, memorable conclusion to the three days, to draw all the juniors together.

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## October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month

by Cindy Jacobson  
Student Health Center

It remains a fact that more than 90% of breast cancer lumps are discovered by women themselves highlighting the significance of Breast Cancer Awareness Month! Breast Cancer in younger women, as well as older women, is on the increase.

This stresses and places a strong value on the importance of routine breast self-examination (BSE). Routine is defined as monthly, several days after your menstrual period, or on the same day each month if you no longer menstruate. BSE is a simple skill that starts with a visual examination in front of a mirror with both hands on hips, at sides and overhead looking for lumps, dimpling or discharge from the nipples. The second stage is a manual exam performed first in the shower and then lying down using a pattern of manipulation with pads of the fingertips traveling from the collarbone to the bra line and from the breastbone to the center of the underarm. Repeating this exercise on a monthly basis will familiarize you with the topography of your own breast. You will be the first to realize any unusual change which should

prompt you to make an immediate phone call to your doctor for an appointment emphasizing the reason for your call. Brochures with detailed explanations and pictures are available at the Student Health Center either by calling x2422 or by stopping by to pick one up.

For women over 40, the diagnostic tool of a mammogram has identified tumors and has added to the increased survival rate because of such early detection. It is urged that women 40-49 get mammograms every 1-2 years and women 50 years of age and older get one every year with out fail.

**NOTE TO FEMALES:** If it is not a part of your routine, start with your monthly breast exams NOW! It is never too early. BSE should remain a part of your life-time habits.

**NOTE TO MALES:** Breast cancer is not solely a women's disease. Any lump, thickening, dimpling, from the collarbone to lower rib cage and breastbone to center underarm or discharge from nipple should be evaluated by an M.D. immediately.

**NOTE TO ALL STUDENTS:** Carry this message home to your mothers, and other female family members, as BSE and prescribed mammograms are life-saving measures.

## Alcohol Awareness Week

by Kara Kolomitz  
Aquinas Hall Director

In Conjunction with Alcohol Awareness Week, meagher Hall Director Peter Contre and Resident Assistant Brian Matthews '98, donated their artistic talents to create mlarge murals tht were placed in Staurts. "Rocktober Fest" was held in Staurts to create mocktails while student bands played for entertainment. STEP 1 also participated and provided over 150 students with information concerning responsible drinking behaviors, as well as how to help a friend dealing with poor choices made under the influence of alcohol.

"It was a real solid effort by

many facets of the college community to show students that alcohol free events are worthwhile," said Grant Wilder, McDermott Hall Director.



## Pro-Life Seminar to be Held This Weekend

The eighteenth annual Rhode Island Pro-Life Conference will be held this Saturday at the Rhode Island Convention Center from 8:30am - 4:00pm. Burke Balch, J.D., Director of Medical Ethics for National Right to Life will address the issues of Medicare and Managed Care in the morning session. Also scheduled for the morning is Clarke D. Forsythe, Esq., Executive Director for Americans United for Life. His topic will be "Where the Pro-Life Movement is going from here." In the afternoon, Monsignor Phillip J. Reilly of Brooklyn, New York will speak on the issue of Sidewalk Counseling. The conference is sponsored by the Rhode Island State Right to Life Committee and Catholics for Life, Inc. Tickets are \$20, and can be purchased through the Campus Ministry Office. For more information, contact Victor B????? at x2216.

## Shadowing Program Begins Soon

by Sarah Perotti '96  
Career Planning Asst.

What's it like to a stockbroker, doctor, economist or social worker? Find out by participating in this year's Alumni Shadowing Program. The Shadowing Program is your chance to get a taste of what life is like in the real world. It also gives you something worthwhile to do over Christmas Break. Not only is the program advantageous to your career planning, but it is also fun. Opportunities are available with alumni in a variety of careers, so you're bound to learn some new and exciting things.

Now in its seventh year, the PC Alumni Shadowing Program is sponsored by the Career Planning and Internship Service, a division of the Student Development Center. This popular program is coordinated

by Mrs. Debra Santostefano, Assistant Director and Mrs. Kathleen Clarkin, Director. Each year, the program grows in interest with both students and alumni. Last year there were 114 alumni volunteers of which 81 were selected by 93 students. Many alumni hosted more than one student, and some students elected to shadow more than one alumni. One student from the Class of 1995 was even offered a job as a result of her shadowing experience.

Students who take advantage of the program are provided the opportunity to observe PC alumni for a day or more in the workplace, make valuable contacts, and obtain information about their careers of interest. Some of this year's opportunities include a pediatric dentist, marketing director and a stockbroker.

So, no more excuses. There are opportunities available for you in many locations, some as far away as Chicago and Los Angeles. This is your chance to take advantage of one of the most valuable opportunities here at PC. As a former participant, I have first hand knowledge of what a great learning experience this is. By shadowing both as a public accountant and an Insurance claims consultant, I gained a deeper understanding of both the public accounting and insurance industries. So give yourself a gift to remember this Christmas by, and take advantage of the PC Alumni Shadowing Program.

The deadline for receipt of applications to the program is November 17. Applications will be processed on a rolling basis, beginning November 13.

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ends.

The College actively promotes the development of the whole person and seeks to cultivate spiritual, ethical and aesthetic values within the context of the Judaeo-Christian heritage and the unique tradition of the Dominican Order with its distinctive emphasis upon quality teaching and sound scholarship.

The College welcomes qualified women and men from all religious, racial, and ethnic back-

grounds. Recognizing the unity of the human family that proceeds from its one Creator, Providence College cultivates in its students the deepest respect for the essential dignity, freedom, and equality of every person. Providence College seeks to prepare its students to be informed, responsible, moral and productive citizens who will serve in their own democratic society as well as in the greater world community.

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# When It Comes PC's Image, Perception is Everything

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on the community. The school also writes Op-Ed pieces to reiterate all the good things that PC does for the community. Caron believes the reason this is not covered as much is because it is not controversial news.

Something that was done three years ago, and Caron hopes will happen again, was a focus group held with student leaders and top level officials from all the local media. "I would like to see student leaders, ideally 10 or 12 students, discuss all the good that comes out of PC, either this semester or next, and not have it filtered through the administration. If you were to talk to alumni and alumnae that participated three years ago they will tell you it was a positive event."

The school also sends *The Spectrum Digest*, a huge newsletter that highlights the contributions of PC students and alumni to the community, not only here in Providence, but in their respective hometowns as well as to all influential leaders and organizations within the state. In addition, the school sends press releases to hometown newspapers regarding accomplishments of the students here on campus and in the area.

Perhaps the most notorious problem concerning PC students is our relations with the surrounding neighborhood, especially the Elmhurst Community Association. Steven P. DeNuccio is the President of the Elmhurst Association. He feels the school is not doing enough to address the problem of drinking and lawlessness in the community. He believes the school should have more of a commitment to the neighborhood. In a letter to the *Providence Visitor* Oct. 19, 1995 DeNuccio wrote that "Students feel they have the right to drink and party and the college will ignore it and defend it." In a counter letter, Fr. J. Stuart McPhail, Vice President of Student Services, stated that since PC is in the midst of a residential neighborhood, even well intentioned considerate students may irritate some neighbors because of noise and late night activities. He went on to say that it is not the school's commitment to pretend it can eliminate the problems in the neighborhood, rather to do everything it can to reduce them.

Several years ago the school in conjunction with the Off-Campus Residential Organization (OCRO) published a newsletter to inform the neighbors of what was going on. *Peaceful Coexistence* was published as often as three times a semester, but recently the length and the frequency of this newsletter has diminished. "We tried publishing one or two last year but they did not go over that well," commented Monica Vigerstol '96, President of OCRO. She went on to say that this year the club is having difficulty in recruiting members and that the first two meetings sponsored by the club have been sparsely attended.

The club, however, is doing other things to improve relations in the off-campus community. This weekend they are sponsoring a neighborhood cleanup with students helping to improve the neighborhoods where they live. Other activities include decorating the Oakland Ave. Senior Center during both the Thanksgiving and Christmas seasons.

Vigerstol went on to say that she along with Caroline Ryan, Director of Off-Campus Housing, are putting together a letter and addressing it to all the residents in the Elmhurst Community who have complained about PC, and letting them know the school is aware of the problems, and is trying to correct them.

Caron stated that his office would be more than willing to help in the production of a newsletter, similar to the one published in past years with their high-tech publications capabilities. Vigerstol commented this is something in which OCRO would be interested.

Do students feel the school is

doing a good job in trying to help our image? Some students who I talked with said yes, but feel that some people outside the community still have a negative image of us. One student who volunteers at Chad Brown said she feels as if they sometimes look at her as a rich, snobby college student who only drinks, and they don't appreciate the work she is doing.

The bottom line is to make students aware of what the school is doing and what we can do to help bolster our image within the community. We know the truth about our school and about our fellow classmates. Yes, there are students

who are disruptive and destructive, but they are not the majority. Maybe we as a community could try to influence these rare students to try to monitor their behavior not only for their own sakes, but for ours as well.

Finally, there was a letter to the editor in the Oct. 20 issue of *The Providence Journal Bulletin*, written by Mr. Domenic J. Antonelli, reprinted below, that sums up not only the value of most of PC students in the neighborhood, but also, and perhaps more importantly their character. I wonder if Mr. Kerr ever thinks about that?

"As a lifetime resident of the Providence College area for 37

years, an incident inspired me to write the Providence Journal. With all the political hoopla regarding PC students and the neighborhood, I felt I should put my two cents in.

Recently, I lost my wallet with a substantial amount of cash in it. I backtracked the area and assumed that I would never find it. Later on that evening, a polite security officer notified me that a student found my wallet and money and returned it anonymously to the office. This student exemplifies the quality of the PC student body. I just pray that the people who grip, moan and groan about the students are as honest."



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# Chaos in Campus Computing

by Vera Schomer '96  
Editorials Editor

What was once the joy of the student body has become a hassle for many. Yes, we all know what it is - computers. Last year everyone fought for internet access. Now that we have the internet at our fingertips, the problem is computer access.

Frustrated students can be heard all over campus complaining about the endless wait in line to get to a computer. Many need to type papers or do assignments for one of the many classes that are incorporating computer work into the course requirements. Certainly they deserve first priority. Others simply want to check or send messages on E-mail or surf the net; after all, it is exciting and fun.

The problem begins with computer lab hours. Sunday thru Thursday, the labs are only open until midnight. Apparently our guardian angels in the administration do not want all the little boys and girls staying up past their bedtime (or up all night) to do their work. But we know the price of a body, perhaps a security guard, to man the labs, is more of a deterrent to extended hours or 24-hour

service than our beauty rest.

The labs close at 4 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays, usually when they are packed with students enjoying the use of the internet and not getting in the way of students working on assignments with deadlines closing in. But they are kicked out and basically rushed off to get a head start on the evening escapades sooner than they would have liked.

During the day and well into the evening, computer labs are also found reserved by professors for computer science, business, accounting, etc. Of course it is wonderful for students to gain hands-on computer training in their classes, but is it worth it at the expense of other students not getting their work done?

Naturally computer lab hours would not be such a problem if we had computer rooms sprouting up in every classroom building and residence hall. But we don't, and we probably won't any time soon. After all, we are constantly reminded of our institution's destitute financial state. (Mr. Feinstein, if you are reading this, how about a couple of new computer rooms in your building?)

We have four main (IBM com-

patible) public computer labs - one in Koffler and three in Accino (there is no longer a lab in Harkins). That is a whopping 100 computers to be shared by 3,600 full-time undergrads, 600-700 grad students, and 1,070 part-time Continuing Education students. That



is one computer for every 53 students! In an ideal, but obviously hypothetical situation where computer labs are accessible during every hour of their 91 hour per week operating schedule, that allows every student only 1.7 hours per week of computer access. That is hardly enough for students in a burgeoning computer era.

These figures do not include smaller labs of ten computers or less in Howley, Koffler, Sullivan and Sowa Halls; they are run by individual departments and are usually only open during business hours.

Let's argue that many students have their own computers, thereby freeing school computers to be used by others. Unfortunately, PC students can only access the school's on-line system with the proper hardware, and most students do not have the software applications required by many of their classes. It will be a few years before students are directly hardwired to the main server in Accino that will allow them access to all the software available in the labs. In the meantime, many student owned computers are relegated to word processing tools.

What can be done to quell the ever-increasing demand and frustration over computers? We can start with extended hours in the computer rooms. Nothing drastic or costly, just two hours longer. This would mean remaining open until 2 a.m. Sunday - Thursday, and until 6 p.m. Friday and Saturday. I think the student body would gladly give up Saturday

morning hours in exchange for more late night service during the week.

The powers that be might consider adding an extra late night or all night lab with no internet access, to serve only students with pending assignments. Perhaps it could be located in Slavin or in the old security office to take advantage of the watchful eye of Huxley Gate all-night security.

Sign-in sheets should be used for students planning to use the internet for recreational purposes. With this system, students in need of a computer for course work could ask the student on-line for the longest amount of time to give up his or her seat.

The school should provide buying incentives and a computer leasing program for students, publicizing extensively to parents.

In the meantime, students should voice their concerns constructively to the administration. A wish list might include more computers, more labs, more hours, and more support for the understaffed Computer Services Department.

It is our job to prove that the internet is not just a fad, and that computers are our gateway to success in the modern working world.

## Quick Fix Not Workable in Welfare

by Amy Rodrigues '97  
Editorial Writer

So, all of you from Massachusetts, have you heard what Slick Willy is planning to do to all the unwed, teenage mothers that use and abuse welfare? He has finally discovered a way to nail those little suckers and stop them from weaning off our tax dollars. He's going to fingerprint them. Yep, that's right. Governor Weld, in fighting to eliminate fraud and keeping track of those recipients who abuse their welfare check wants to fingerprint all unwed, teenage welfare mothers in order to end a "welfare culture that has contributed to the decay of American society."

Weld cannot be serious when he holds the welfare system responsible for the immorality and decay of American culture. It is precisely the opposite of that. Because of the loss of religious values, and the diminishing value of respect for human life that has become evident in the twentieth century, we have cast a spell on the younger generations, and they, according to Weld, should be expected to pay for it. If our system had taken care of these children and seen to it that they grew up to be respectable and productive citizens, we would not have this problem in the first place. Weld's quick-fix proposals are noble (I couldn't imagine any other idiot in our governmental system seriously proposing them) but they will never work because he is attempting to solve the problem from the wrong end. On the whole, the problem is not the welfare recipients themselves, it is all the problems that lead unwed, teenage mothers straight to the welfare office.

I see fingerprinting welfare mothers, not only as insane, but also as a major encroachment on their fundamental right to privacy.

They have not committed a crime, and they have done nothing wrong except maybe fallen through the cracks of a system that put them there in the first place. Fingerprinting welfare mothers brands them as the lowest of the low, and it will only further deepen the existing class divisions already evident among welfare recipients. Some welfare mothers have said that they would not mind being fingerprinted if it is only used for the purpose of eliminating "cheats". However, under Weld's plan the law would allow law enforcement officials investigating crimes to subpoena welfare fingerprints. If this is the case, why not just fingerprint the fathers that contribute

fare. This is obvious because if they were organized better they would not have to resort to the demeaning process of fingerprinting in order to weed out those that do not belong. When did we lose all ability to control our welfare system? These "cheats" should not have been there in the first place. Maybe we should look at the system internally and see why they cannot control and organize the intake of welfare recipients, and our money. Maybe we will see that simple administrative procedures will help organize and prevent "cheats" from wasting our tax dollars, rather than looking externally and branding all teenage mothers as criminals.

## Weld's plan would allow law enforcement officials investigating crimes to subpoena welfare fingerprints.

to our welfare problem also. In effect, we will be killing two birds with one stone, and have every juvenile girl and boy who ever contributed to the massive mess of our welfare system on a fingerprint system that makes it easy for us to find them when they commit their next crime. Obviously, Governor Weld's proposal goes way beyond the scope of reasonable power that our government has over anyone, welfare mothers (and fathers) included.

So what does this say about the organization of our welfare system anyway? First, welfare agencies have lost complete control over who comes in and receives wel-

Before we admonish hundreds of girls who only know what they have learned from previous generations, and who do not really enjoy living in subhuman conditions with two kids at the age of fifteen, we should look at the real root of the problem. A quick-fix solution is not workable in welfare. These girls get here somehow, and it is not for the \$500 a month they receive either. Weld's fingerprinting plan and all his other "quick-it's-almost-election-day" proposals, only cast these girls deeper into the degrading and vicious cycle of our welfare system, and brand them as criminals of a world and culture that created them.

## Providing for Pro-Life

by Beth Danesco '96  
Editorial Writer

As "Respect For Life Month" begins November 1st, a Providence agency that has done much for the "cause" of life faces an untimely demise. An organization that has provided Providence with the two best defenses against abortion, namely adoption and counseling/ material support in preparation for parenthood is about to be closed. The true irony is not in the timing of this closure but it what is being closed and who is doing the closing. This agency is not some state-run group that has fallen victim to budget cuts. It is not a big philanthropy undermined by corrupt board members or inept accountants. This agency is Providence's Catholic Social Services, more specifically, the CSS Children's Unit, and it is being shut down by a branch of the biggest pro-life contingency of them all: The Catholic Church.

The Children's Unit at Catholic Social Services will cease to offer adoption services after the eight remaining couples on its waiting list are matched with children. When this service ends, so will the counseling offered to confused pregnant women who wish to place their children up for adoption or raise their children themselves. This service will be replaced by one social worker to whom parishioners may be referred. The Family Counseling Unit has already been shut down, despite the waiting list of families in need of help. The reasons for all of these closures: CSS does not make enough money to support itself and the Diocese of Providence has concluded that it cannot afford to fund the agency any longer. In a time when teenage pregnancy is at an all time high, when thousands of children linger in state care, when families in trouble are common place, the Diocese of Providence should be opening more so-

cial service offices not closing down the ones that already exist.

The Catholic Church has taken a rock solid stand against abortion and in support of families. As part of this Church, the Diocese of Providence has a responsibility to maintain the programs that promote birth over abortion, which link loving would-be parents with children in need and which counsel parents and parents-to-be through times of trouble and moments of crises. By replacing the CSS Children's Unit with one social worker of dubious accessibility, the Diocese of Providence is contradicting and perhaps counteracting the pro-life, pro-family tenets of Catholic Church teaching.

If the Archdiocese needs to cut its budget, let it cut something else. If the budget cannot afford the Children's Unit, the Diocese should find a way to raise the funds. Hold a collection. Employ the resources of pro-life advocates and other private groups concerned with the interests of children and families. Sell a rectory if you have to, but do something. Do not write off this small but important agency. If the Diocese gives up on CSS, one woman with no one to turn to for counseling may give up on being pregnant. One couple with no access to affordable adoption may give up on the idea of bringing a child into their home. One outside observer may give up the belief that the Catholic Church in Providence has more than petitions and protests to offer families and the unborn.

The Diocese of Providence must take this opportunity to "put its money where its mouth is" and keep the CSS Children's Unit open. It must express its commitment to life and to families through real support services as well as through prayers and the best of intentions. The "pro" in pro-life must stand for not only promoting and protecting life but also providing for it in concrete and vital ways.



# Money, Politics and Power

by Mike Sullivan '97  
Editorial Writer

There has been much debate in Washington and around the country about reforming the way that political campaigns raise their funds. Almost everyone agrees that something must be done to change the current guidelines, but no one can agree exactly how to go about it. Some think that individuals and corporations should be limited in how much they can contribute to a campaign. Others think that individuals and corporations should be able to donate as much as they want as long as the candidates make it public as to who gave how much. This type of reform will do little to stop the corruption it is intended to.

The basic problem with campaign financing is that in an election the candidate with more

cally speaking, very few people could successfully run for office without the financial help of some interest group. The result of this arrangement is a government of officials who answer back to the groups that helped elect them, as opposed to the people who did elect them - the voters.

The only way that we can purify the government into one that protects the welfare of all instead of the interests of the few, is to modify the way that political campaigns are funded in this country. One way to accomplish this might be to follow the lead of Senator Bill Bradley of New Jersey. In a speech to a crowd in California this week, the senator said, "The single most important thing that we can do is to take money out of politics." He went on to say that he would write a constitutional amendment that would reform the

## Few people could successfully run for office without the financial help of some interest group.

money usually wins. That having been said, candidates facing an election are going to try to raise as much money as possible. That is where high-priced lobbyists and special interests groups with big money come into play. These special interest groups will donate generously to a candidate who is willing to protect their interests, no matter how selfish. Once elected, they will hold the candidate to his promise with the threat of not contributing to his re-election. It is estimated that some U.S. senators must collect roughly \$7,000 every day of their term in order to pay for their re-election bid. Realisti-

cally speaking, very few people could successfully run for office without the financial help of some interest group. The result of this arrangement is a government of officials who answer back to the groups that helped elect them, as opposed to the people who did elect them - the voters.

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# Parietals: The Big Lie

by Christopher Roche '96  
Asst. Editorials Editor

Parietals: A policy upheld by Providence College that prohibits men and women from seeing each other in a mature atmosphere after 12 midnight on weeknights and 2 a.m. on weekend nights. (Writer's Embellishment)

This policy has been a major thorn in my side since I transferred here sophomore year. I found out about it from my RA on my first night here, and I sort of laughed it off. Parietals was something straight out of the show "Happy Days." I thought the policy had gone the way of the "panty raid" - thankfully extinct. However, by the time my junior year rolled around, I realized this policy was not a joke. As an RA I was expected to enforce this insidious rule, a rule which insults my intelligence and maturity. However, I realized that if I wanted my badly needed paycheck, I had to enforce all of the rules regardless of my personal beliefs.

As the year went on, I experienced first-hand what the phenomenon of parietals does. Parietals treats the mature students like babies. The students who follow the rules are hurt the most. For example, if a student goes to the library from 8 to 11 on a Wednesday night and comes home to the dorm to watch a movie with his or her friend of the opposite sex, he or she cannot do so. The student could choose to violate the policy; but more likely, the student in question would not want to risk a write up, and he or she should not have to. Students are not going to turn into pumpkins at 12 a.m., nor are they going to automatically fornicate. Parietals do not save individuals from "sins of the flesh." Parietals do not save a man and a woman from unbearable temptation. What they do is make it increasingly difficult for two mem-

bers of the opposite sex to sit down in a civil atmosphere and enjoy a movie. On the other hand, those students could forgo the movie and go to Bar X or Keg Party Y and meet members of the opposite sex there. This compels me to pose the question, which atmosphere does the PC administration favor?

The "separate but equal" mentality of parietals elicits many negative symptoms, one of which I have illustrated above. There is nothing wrong with meeting members of the opposite sex at a bar or a party, but when that is one of the ONLY places to meet them, there is something wrong. From the

in the building.

On the other hand, if a group of men and women are laughing and discussing a movie, the staff member will hear it and be obliged to make the women leave. Once again the system breaks down, and the wrong people are punished.

One famous pro-parietal argument is that it stops cohabitation. The pro-parietalists argue that one roommate will be too uncomfortable to ask another roommate to not have his girlfriend sleep over every night, for example. If this were the case, then I would tell the roommates to grow up! They should be mature enough to con-

## Parietals does not stop "fornicators" or prevent "hookups." It is a failure of a policy that is keeping PC in the Dark Ages of education.

perspective of a male, I am inclined to say that parietals rewards those males who are immature, and it inhibits those who wish to have friendly, platonic relationships with women.

It was very disheartening to make women leave my building when they were just sitting in a room watching a movie or hanging out. There was nothing illegal, unethical or unChristian going on in the room, but the parietal policy of parietals had to be upheld. Conversely, the residents who invited women over solely to "hookup" were seldom caught because they would usually enter the building well before or after the midnight deadline for the express purpose of not being foiled by an RA or Hall Director. Once inside the room, there most likely was not enough discourse for the RA to become aware that a woman was

front each other with the problems of the room, and if they cannot solve the problem on their own, then the RA and HD are available as mediators. I realize that this takes initiative. Maybe the administration does not view this as a desirable quality.

The bottom line is that parietals does not stop "fornicators." Parietals does not prevent "hookups." Parietals is a failure of a policy that is keeping Providence College in the Dark Ages of education. It may even contribute to the massive damages in many male residence halls and to the general lack of mature dating on this campus. Furthermore, the majority of the school does not believe in the existence of parietals, for if it did, then I probably would have read about the policy in the copious amount of literature I received about PC prior to matriculation.

# Time To Change

by Kristen Martineau '97  
Editorial Writer

Change. According to Webster's dictionary, change means to make different; alter. A simple word with a simple definition. Why then, are so many people afraid to change?

For many people, the word change is not a part of their everyday vocabulary. Change is a scary concept for anyone to compre-

the changes we will face later in life. However, as with everything, the habits we follow now will more than likely carry over into our adult life. Therefore, it is imperative that we take control of our lives. We need to speak up for what we believe in, even if it does not conform with the group. If we do not alter our lives and change the monotony, it will become increasingly harder to do so with age. Many older people are reluctant to

of insecurity and self-consciousness, especially when entering a new environment, such as a college campus.

Do people enjoy the conformity of their everyday lives? Schedules and deadlines are a part of life. Without them life would be out of control. For many, each day runs like clockwork. The schedule is the same, day in and day out. After a while, it can become boring and extremely monotonous. However, do we take the giant leap forward and change? Probably not, because it is much easier to leave things the same than to make them different. It takes much more confidence to break away from a group and make your point known.

If a person is inclined to adapt easily, change may seem unnecessary. Change is not always scary or threatening, though. It is an opportunity to grow. Through change we learn more about ourselves and our surroundings. Apathy is unacceptable. We are lucky enough to live in a country where we can freely express ourselves. We should all take that opportunity to stand up for issues that mean a lot to us. Otherwise, we will find ourselves stuck in a rut that will be difficult to alter.

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hend. In a world where there is so much apathy, people are afraid to speak their mind. As a result many of us become set in our ways, have our own schedule and rarely alter it. It is easier to "go with the flow," than make a difference.

The changes we as college students face are quite different from

change because they are afraid to make a serious mistake. College students are more likely to change and accept risks involved because they are younger and more free-spirited. They have fewer concerns and less responsibility resting solely on them. However, young adults face the challenges



# A Christian Response to Abortion?

by Jessica Billings '96  
Contributing Writer

Last Spring I had a series of conversations with a co-worker of mine. He is a member of the Providence College staff - a nice guy. He had graduated from PC and returned to work here and attend graduate school. In the course of working with him and talking to him it became apparent that he was a devout Catholic; he attended mass regularly as more than just an obligatory duty. He is one of those Catholics that you meet every once in a while who is proud of his faith and clearly lives a closely examined life. Being a Catholic is not an abstraction that bears little relation to his daily life; rather it is as much a part of him as eating and breathing.

In the course of our conversations we covered a variety of topics, from welfare to communion.

He gave me some thoughtful perspectives on our common faith - a faith I am constantly struggling with. It was heart warming to have found a Catholic who had some of the same questions, doubts and uncertainties as me; not some self-righteous prig who defended his closed mindedness with religious dogma he had only a shallow understanding of.

thought I knew fairly well turned into a bitter, damning mouthpiece for his religion. While I was not surprised that he was opposed to legalized abortion, (I stop short of calling him pro-life, in deference to the pro-life movement which I think deserves a better spokesman) I was more than a little taken aback by his attitude and arguments which seemed to be fueled more

an official of this college? How many women who had already made one of the most important decisions of their lives had to listen to his ranting? How many young Catholics who are living with the decision they made had to listen to this guy rave about that which he had, by his own admission, no practical experience?

Whether his words may serve to dissuade some from abortion, we can never know, but somehow I doubt it. What his words invariably have done is hurt and alienate members of our college community who have had abortions, or have supported friends or relatives who have. How can we, who have never made such a difficult life decision, pass such a sentence on those who have? What good do we do the potential child by berating his mother who, for reasons we know nothing about, decides she cannot carry her pregnancy to term? What we are left with is a

woman who made the best decision she knew how to make at the time, and it is she who will privately live with that decision for the rest of her life. She is alive, human, and as much our responsibility as the potential child who was lost.

I do not pretend to have the morally correct answer to this difficult issue. I have examined my conscience at length and I am still not sure that the answer is the same for everyone. I do know that we are all going to meet our maker sometime - and I, for one, have a lot of confidence in His judgment. My role as a (albeit hesitant) Catholic woman has little to do with judgments that are better left in more capable hands. I believe that our role as Catholics is to bear witness to our faith through example, choose our words carefully, and temper our personal judgments with some mercy for the living.

## He talked about the special place in hell reserved for mothers who "slaughter their young."

Then one day he brought up abortion. I listened to him talk about "baby-killers" and the "choice" to murder your child in "cold blood" and the special place in Hell reserved for mothers who "slaughter their young." I listened, and he ranted; and the guy I

by a distortion of right-to-life propaganda than by any serious examination of conscience. I was, in a word, disappointed.

And then, as I thought about it more, I got angry. How many others had witnessed this outpouring of hatred and damnation from him,

## Do Not Belittle Moral Issues

To the Editor,

I am writing in response to Mike Sullivan's article, "The Pope is a Liberal," which appeared in the October 19 issue of *The Cowl*. Sullivan makes an excellent point when he writes, "Americans...have a moral responsibility to help the less fortunate." But later in the article he addresses another side of Catholicism in a different tone. He writes, "For [conservative Catholics] the real measure of morality is where you stand on sexual issues," such as "legalized abortion,

birth-control and gay rights."

First, let us not deny that the Pope is a source of spiritual guidance, and sexual issues are important moral issues. God has entrusted us with the ability to reproduce and have children - children formed in His image. When sex is misused, God's trust is betrayed.

Second, legalized abortion is not primarily a "sexual issue." Nor is it a feminist issue, as suggested by the Pro-Choice movement. It is not even an issue of Choice. The person most affected by abortion

is the unborn person in his mother's womb. And he has no choice. He is not given the option of living. Abortion is an issue of life and death.

Gay rights is more than a sexual issue, too. And it is an issue on which the Church is often misinterpreted. Sullivan appears to think the Church does not support the rights of homosexuals. The Church rejects homosexuality, true. But it does recognize the rights of homosexuals. We should not forget that the Church is Catholic, or universal.

The Church works to teach its members how to live morally. We do have the "moral responsibility" which Sullivan urges us to recognize. And that responsibility does include providing for the poor. But while we provide for the poor, let us not belittle the other moral issues. They require our attention as well.

Andrea Mazzacua '98

## The Vatican's Stance on Haiti

To the Editor:

Being an advocate of social justice, and since Haiti is a poor country, I was very interested in reading "The Pope is a Liberal" commentary by Editorial Writer Mike Sullivan '97 (*The Cowl* 10/19/95). I now find myself perplexed by a statement espoused by Pope John Paul II and quoted by Mr. Sullivan in his commentary. In his recent visit to the Big Apple and adjacent areas, the Pope said that "Americans have the responsibility to help the less fortunate." I agree with the Vicar of Christ that during his pontificate, he has staked out an unassailable position for the Roman Catholic Church in the fundamental area for social justice and human rights.

I believe that President Bill Clinton and the negotiating team of former Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, General Colin Powell, and Sen. Sam Nunn (D-GA) demonstrated moral responsibility last year by encouraging the Haitian military to step down so that democracy could be restored in that country.

It is a matter of record that the Vatican has taken a dim view of Jean-Bertrand Aristide when he was elected President of Haiti in 1991 - because he was an ordained priest - a violation of the New Canon Law's ban on priests running for elective office. It should also be noted that Aristide was an outspoken populist and advocate of the theology of Liberation. He also authored a book on the subject. I accept the Vatican's posi-

tion so far. However, what is so perplexing to me is that when Aristide was overthrown by the Haitian Army, the Holy Seat became the only state to formally recognize the new military Junta (I also find it interesting that following the Japanese military takeover of the province of Manchuria in China in 1931, and renamed "Manchuko," the Vatican gave it recognition), and "there were no Vatican protests against human rights violations, including numerous political killings, during the Junta's rule, and not a single public word of support for Aristide's Restoration to Office." [Tad Szukc, *Pope John Paul II: The Biography*. Scribner, NY, NY, 1995.]

It has not been my intent to deride the Holy Father or the Vatican, it is just that I find the Vatican's position in this situation very confusing. Perhaps some interested people in the Providence College community would choose to "get involved" by being willing to take a stand concerning the content of my letter to the Editor in the next issue of *The Cowl*. (I would hopefully like to read some feedback from the pundits who teach religious studies at Providence College and the Campus Ministry who journeyed to Central Park in New York City to personally hear the Pope's plea to Americans to help the less fortunate. I think a few words in *The Cowl* from President Philip Smith, O.P. would be appropriate on this subject.

Most Sincerely,  
Russel P. Demoe '93



## Inner City Teaching Corps

Dear Editor,

For me, it seems rather strange that the first time I write *The Cowl* is as an alum. This is no ordinary letter to the editor, but a special announcement about a program that I am currently involved in called the Inner-City Teaching Corps (ICTC).

The Inner-City Teaching Corps was something I found out about in August 1994, just before my senior year at PC. It was hidden in the middle of some small book which I had picked up at the Career Services for Seniors office sometime in the Spring of 1993. What is the point you ask? Well if you are like many seniors who don't know what awaits you and are considering volunteering, then read on!!

ICTC is a unique program that recruits recent college graduates (like me) to serve as full-time teachers in inner-city parochial school classrooms. The graduates need not to have studied education, but only need to be motivated, energetic and ready to take on the greatest challenge of their lives, one with constant surprises and new possibilities each day. Rewards are small but very gratifying.

The ICTC Corps members live in community with seven other teachers, who are immersed in the

same type of service in various parts of the city of Chicago. That's another detail, you are in Chicago, IL, the city of big shoulders. Currently I am teaching 5th-8th grade social studies in Good Shepherd School on Chicago's southwest side. My students are about 98% Mexican-American, and many are on scholarship because of my presence at the school. Instead of paying me, they can give scholarships to some of the kids. I don't get paid a salary, just a stipend of \$150 per month. ICTC takes care of everything I need including room, board, health insurance, transportation etc.

All in all, this program, with its faith-based, ecumenical community, simple lifestyle, service through teaching, and comprehensive ongoing professional training and support, is a must to check out if you feel called to serve. Find out more details by attending an information session on Monday, October 30 at 7:30 PM in Moore hall II, or contact Mr. John McGrath in Career Services for Seniors. If you're really interested, you can even visit and stay with me in the community.

Regardless of what you do, good luck and have fun at PC while it lasts!!

Sincerely,  
Alex Masciarelli '95

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# It's MOVIE TIME

## Season of Taking You the Witch to the Mall

by Megan Southard '97  
A&E Writer

Get ready for Gus Van Sant's newest- *To Die For* is unsurprisingly a twisted, demonic hit. Gus Van Sant made a name for himself directing *Drug Store Cowboy*, and raised some eyebrows with past films *My Private Idaho* and *Even Cowgirls Get the Blues*. Well he's back, with his usual innovative and original storylines and camera wizardry. Unlike his most recent films,

a media star. When her husband begins to try to stifle her ambitions, she uses her sexual prowess to persuade a high school student to put a bullet in her husband's head. Yes- she's a real charmer.

Nicole Kidman has her best role yet, and succeeds in making you hate her guts within the first five minutes of the film. Between her blond helmet, fuchsia lipstick and three inch sculpted nails, you pretty much want to shoot her yourself. I'm not even touching on her personality which could be described by any number of four letter words. Matt Dillon gets his

by Mike Sablone '98  
A&E Writer

The mall: haven of consumers, retailers, food and fools. Most movies today don't focus in on the pop culture icon that is the mall, but now with *Mallrats* the motif enters the spotlight.

*Mallrats* is writer/director/actor Kevin Smith's second movie in his trilogy of "guys hanging out" movies. It follows up last year's cult hit *Clerks*. Smith is back and this time he has a budget. He tells the tale of two Gen X'ers who, after being dumped by their girlfriends, decide to pound the proverbial pavement (or whatever mall floors are made of) to contemplate relationships and other non-related subjects. Along the way they encounter other "mallrats" and the adventures commence.

Smith first entered the scene in 1994 with *Clerks*, an extremely low budget movie about a day in the life of two convenience store workers. *Clerks* packed more laughs than almost every mediocre comedy (*Dumb and Dumber*, *Billy Madison*, *Top Dog*) that was released last year. However, with success comes some drawbacks; unfortunately *Mallrats* stumbles into a few of these.

The two protagonists of *Mallrats* are TS Quint (Jeremy London) and Brodie (Jason Lee). They are regular twenty somethings that are looking to keep their minds off of their recent breakups. TS's woman, Brandi (played by the alluring Claire Forlani), broke up with him on the morning that they were supposed to go to Florida. Brandi opens the movie with a touching monologue concerning why TS is indirectly responsible for one of her friends dying. So Brandi is forced to take her recently deceased friend's place on her Dad's game show.

When TS argues that she doesn't stand up for herself, she walks, leaving TS with a side-paneled station wagon full of clothes for a trip that he won't be going on.

Brodie's story is a bit different. He gets dumped by his girlfriend played by (yes, America's favorite ex-prime time bitch is back) Shannon Doherty because of his seeming lack of interest in her, too much interest in comic books and Sega, plus his inability to introduce her to his mother.

Lee's performance should be viewed as an archetype for playing a "slacker." Lee was drop dead on target; he had everything

type character who helps Brodie straighten out his life with a quick pep talk that revolves around Dr. Doom and the Hulk. Stan Lee's appearance also hints at the fact that no one really seems to be acting in this film, everyone seems to be playing his/her self.

In some ways a budget took some of the more original qualities out of *Mallrats*. The best parts in the movie are when Smith reverts back to doing it the old fashioned way. In fact, the funniest part of the movie is a scene in which our old pals Jay and Silent Bob (played by Jason Mewes and Kevin Smith) are trying to escape

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which were flops, this one has the potential to be a major hit.

The movie stars Nicole Kidman as a Barbie from hell, playing a psychotic Jane Pauly wanna-be, and Matt Dillon as her starry-eyed, gullible husband with a Mafia background. Nicole Kidman's character is obsessed with the idea of being a news media superstar, because as she so eloquently puts it, "In America you're not anybody unless you're on TV. Nothing is worth doing unless people are watching, and when people watch, it makes you a better person."

Rumor has it that the story is not complete fiction, but that the main character is based on a high-school teacher from New Hampshire who seduced one of her students in order to get him to kill her husband. In this film, Nicole Kidman plays a crazed, ambitious, stereotypical blond in heels and a miniskirt, who realizes it takes more than her intellect to become

first significant role in ages, but it's not too memorable. For once, the leading male is overshadowed by this bitch of a leading lady. Despite the interesting character portrayal, this movie doesn't do much for women in film. Although Kidman does an excellent job in the portrayal, it is another example of a manipulative, sex-driven female using her "assets" to get to the top.

The film is presented in bits and pieces, as clippings from news interviews and talk shows. The style of the whole film is unconventionally slick and typical Van Sant with a script that is more appealing to a wider audience than some of his more unusual films. The appeal lies behind the truth in the film - that Americans are disgustingly obsessed with the media, and that despite their guilt, these pearly-toothed superstars can get away with murder. Sound familiar?

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going for him: the sloppy look, the dialogue, the apathy. He has perfected the spacy, dead stare look. I'm actually not sure whether or not he is acting. He's almost too convincing. He goes about his life so listlessly that you start to feel bad for him because he's just not getting the point. When he spurt's such pearls of wisdom as "Hell hath no fury like a women's scorn for Sega" and "You two are retarded for each other" you can't help but laugh out loud at his screwy outlook on life.

The only big name actor in *Mallrats* is Shannon Doherty, but she really takes a back seat to the men. Her character is, what else, a bitch, but Smith uses her as motivation for Brodie. Her character is vital to the plot, but she is in no way the star.

Another big name star in his own right is Stan Lee, president of Marvel Comics, who makes a guest appearance as a "Dr. Love"

the evil, supreme rent-a-cop LaFours (Sven Thorsen) and his crew. Silent Bob, after pulling numerous illogical items out of his trench coat (i.e., a life size blow up doll) finally pulls a Bat-grappling hook gun out of his utility belt and he and Jay are pulled away to safety. Smith resorts back to no budget by quite obviously stopping the shot, and starting up again with dummies instead. The editing is so bad that it made me forget that this was a slightly big budget Hollywood picture. It reminded me of the do-it-yourself mentality that Smith captured so beautifully in *Clerks*.

It is Jay and Silent Bob that really make this movie. Jay's moronic talk about absolutely nothing is absolutely hilarious and Silent Bob is given a bit more characterization this time around. Their repeated attempts to sabotage Brandi's dad's game show are hilarious, as well as their run in with the Easter Bunny. They made me yearn for more of their freestyle acting and wit, for they are the only spirits that reminded me of *Clerks*. This thirst will be quenched, however, with Smith's next endeavor: *Chasing Amy*.

Besides the downfalls due to success, Smith still manages to direct a movie that is seemingly about nothing, but ends up being about everything; well at least everything concerning relationships and *Star Wars*.

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# Something to Get Happy About

## Smashing Pumpkins

### *Mellon Collie and the Infinite Sadness*

by Patrick C. Heap '96  
Asst. A&E Editor

With the flood of radio-friendly bands which last, thank god, about the same amount of time as the after taste of a good Hires burp, it is hard to find good music to listen to. Luckily, since the school year has started we have been blessed with new CDs from the Chili Peppers, Sonic Youth, and Bowie, just to mention a few. Well, if you didn't spend every last penny in your pretty pink piggy bank there may be a new surprise for you at your local record store, The Smashing Pumpkins' new double CD *Mellon Collie and the Infinite Sadness*.

That is right, the long awaited double CD is out and it only costs about six bucks more than a single CD. Not bad for an extra fourteen tracks of solid, wholesome, good for your smile, listen to it everyday until your roomies beat you over the head with your cat, Smashing Pumpkins. Hey, if you have got the cash, they make great Halloween treats for the kids and they won't rot their teeth like those horrible, make me bounce off of the walls screaming and seeing strips on my white shirt, chocolates.

When there was first talk of the



further on the track "love" with guitar effects backed up by amazing drums by Chamberlin, which also seem to be rigged up to some effects.

The Smashing Pumpkins also show on the double CD that they are not afraid to venture into new sounds. On the tracks "beautiful," "we only come out at night," and "porcelina of the vast oceans," the Pumpkins create an almost aqua-sixties feel with sounds which should belong on a lost Pink Floyd album. James Iha makes a lead

gressed experimentally and in the sense that they manage to become softer, yet harder than on any releases. But, what would the music be without Corgan's passionate and personal lyrics? All of the songs were written by Corgan, with the exceptions of "take me down" (Iha) and "farewell and goodnight" (Iha and Corgan). They offer a very personal and heart felt passion. With lyrics like "the useless drag of an other day, the endless drags of a death rock boy, mascara sure and lipstick lost,

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Pumpkins doing a double CD no one knew what to expect, but, to say the least, I feel that this CD will not let any one down. The double CDs, entitled "dawn to dusk" and "twilight to starlight," include a wide range of listening material. There are the nice and beautiful songs which made them big on MTV like "disarm," "tonight," "galapagos," "in the arms of sleep," and "farewell and goodnight". If you're more into the Pumpkins power chords and guitar licks, there are the songs "jelly belly," "zero," "bullet with butterfly wings", and "bodies."

On many of the harder tracks on the CD, Billy Corgan and James Iha create incredible guitar sounds which run up the same alley as works done by Thurston Moore and Lee Renaldo. On the track "zero" the main riff echoes of "Silverf@ck"(Siamese Dream) by the use of harmonics. Also, the solo on "zero" is amazing. I am not even sure how some of the sounds were made.

The Smashing Pumpkins go a step

vocal appearance on the strangely beautiful "take me down" and on the track "lily(my one and only)" the Pumpkins create an image of an old, old song which you just can not place. On the track "tales of a scorched Earth" the heavy guitar is accompanied by Corgan's hard vocals which sound like they were done by Al Jorgensen.

The music of The Smashing Pumpkins seems to have pro-

glitter burned by restless thoughts, of being forgotten," on "here is no why" and "we only come out at night, and once again you'll pretend to know me well, my friends, and once again I'll pretend to know the way, thru the empty space," on "we only come out at night", *Mellon Collie and the Infinite Sadness* appears to be the perfect title for The Smashing Pumpkins latest masterpiece.

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## Theatre News

### The Blackfriar's Theatre

The PC Theatre Arts Department announces the opening of the fall season with Thornton Wilder's American Classic *Our Town*. Performance dates are October 27 and 28, November 3 and 4 at 8 pm, and October 29 at 2 pm. Ticket prices are \$7 for regular admission, \$5 for senior citizen admission, and \$3 for student admission.

### PC Dance Company

The PC Dance Company will perform a program of new works on Saturday and Sunday November 4th and 5th at 2 pm. This informal concert will be held in the Dance Studio, directly behind Sullivan Hall. The program will include a variety of dances choreographed by students and faculty.

### Brown University Theatre

Brown Theatre presents *Pterodactyls* by Nicky Silver November 9-12, 16-19 in Leeds Theatre. All shows are at 8 pm, except November 19th which is a 3pm matinee only.

A contemporary comedy with serious undertones, *Pterodactyls* follows a dysfunctional family through wedding plans, incest and AIDS.

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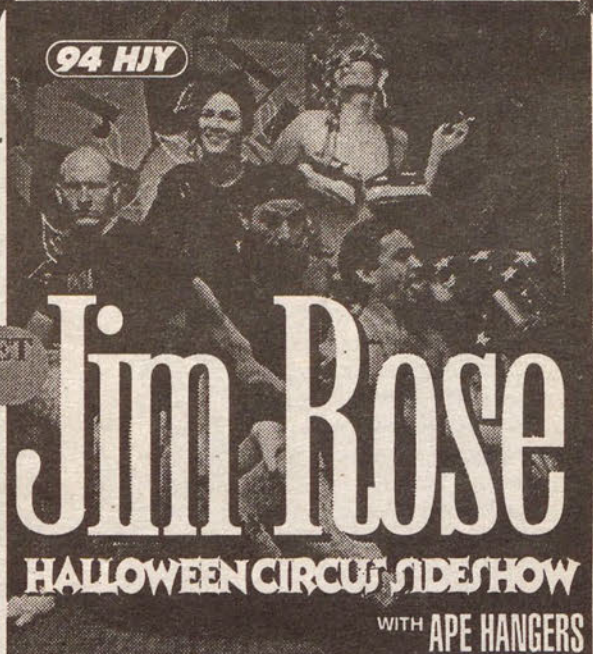
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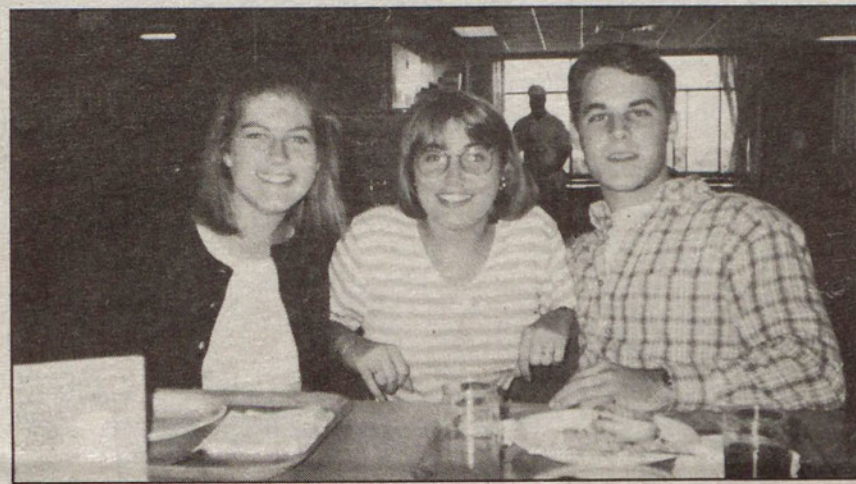
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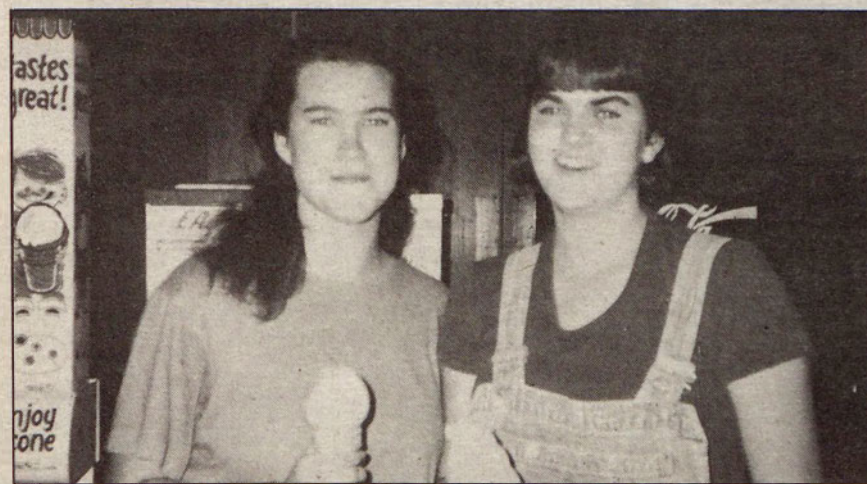
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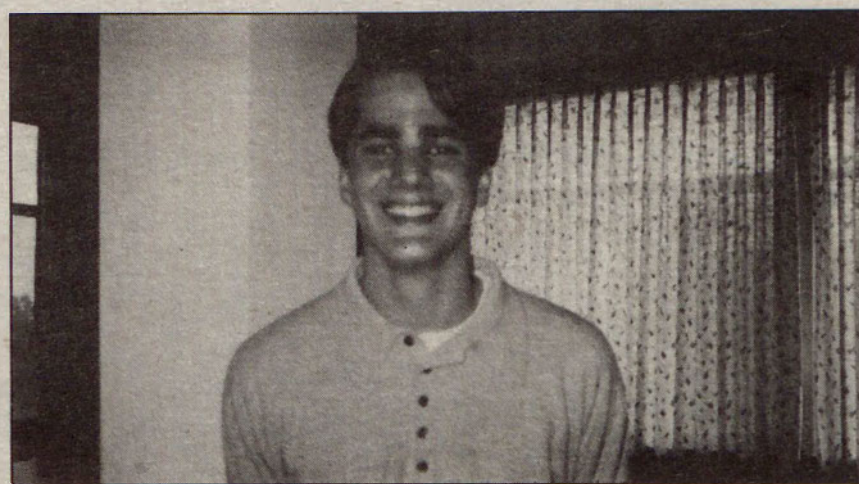
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# Students on Gender

The Committee for Planning the Women's Studies Symposium is seeking student papers to be read at the Symposium to be held on March 25th. The papers to be read will later be published in the Providence College publication Students on Gender. Papers may be from any academic discipline,

must be from 8 to 10 pages in length, and deal with women's studies or gender issues. The deadline for submitting papers to the committee is November 30th.

The committee consists of Wendy Oliver, Siena 207 (2206), Constance Rousseau, Library 320 (2713), and Roger Pearson, Library 120 (2246).

## FINAL EXAM SCHEDULE CORRECTIONS

Please be advised that the Fall 1995/Spring 1996 Final Examination Schedule is incorrectly printed in the Fall 1995 Course Registration List. Below is a corrected version:

### FIRST SEMESTER 1995/96

Wednesday Dec. 13th Teams B, E, G 8:30-10:30	Thursday Dec. 14th 9-11 a.m. Exam Per G	Friday Dec. 15th 9-11 a.m. Exam Per H	Saturday Dec. 16th 9-11 a.m. Exam Per J	Monday Dec. 18th 9-11 a.m. Exam Per K	Tuesday Dec. 19th 9-11 a.m. Exam Per L	Wednesday Dec. 20th 9-11 a.m. Exam Per M
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### SECOND SEMESTER 1995/96

Tuesday May 7th Teams B, E, G 8:30-10:30	Wednesday May 8th 9-11 a.m. Exam Per H	Thursday May 9th 9-11 a.m. Exam Per J	Friday May 10th 9-11 a.m. Exam Per K	Saturday May 11th 9-11 a.m. Exam Per L	Monday May 13th 9-11 a.m. Exam Per M	Tuesday May 14th 9-11 a.m. Exam Per G
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### MASS SCHEDULE

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Date: November 1st

Time: 3:30 p.m.

Place: Slavin 210

Facilitator: Dr. John Hogan  
Student Development Center



# Ed & Lorraine: Making Believers Out Of All of Us

by Tom Belason '98  
Features Writer

This past weekend, two self-proclaimed "ghost hunters" came to PC to lecture about their work, and answer any questions we unbelievers may have had about the supernatural. This whole venture was, from the beginning, a tad ridiculous. Now don't get me wrong, I am a believer in the supernatural and the unexplained, but these people were just a little bit too out there for my taste.

For one thing, literally 90% of their cases seem to have taken place in Connecticut. Not that I have anything against Connecticut, but come on, the fourth smallest state in the Union can't have more ghosts than the rest of the free world has, combined. If they were trying to scare people from Connecticut, they seemed to be doing a damn fine job of it. The three kids in front of us would

push each other, gasp and say, "Oh...my...God..." like it was going out of style.

Some of the points they brought up were semi-frightening. Have you ever woken up in the middle of the night, unable to move, feeling like a ton weight is pressing down on your chest? Ed and Lorraine (the ghost hunters) attributed this to earthbound spirits and demons trying to invade your body so they can have a physical existence and not just a supernatural one. I know this sounds crazy, but this often happens to PC students. Of course it only happens to them on Friday and Saturday nights after they've spent the evening on Pembroke. There's no spiritual activity here, just mass beverage consumption and the 300 lb. hookup lying next to them. You wonder why you can't move...

Some of the pictures Ed and Lorraine showed us were a little iffy as well. In one case they've

studied, they took pictures of ghosts in a graveyard in, you guessed it, Connecticut. They showed slides of "ghost globules" little balls of white light floating around the cemetery. I know what caused this, and it wasn't ghosts. This can be attributed to two simple words. Dirty Lens. Nuff said. A for effort though.

They wanted to show us a video of a ghost, but the equipment they had set up was not conducive to the spirit viewing process. Ed stated that the AV equipment in use was too dark, and we wouldn't be seeing the ghost that evening. That just seemed a little too convenient if you ask me. Next time guys, bring your own damn equipment!

On their next case, these "ghost hunters" will try to conjure up the spirit of Shannon Hoon, deceased lead singer of Blind Melon. Hoon was once heard to sing, "All I can say is that my life is pretty plain..." My roommate responds, "Not anymore ya dead bastard!"

## A Thought

If you were going to die soon and had only one phone call you could make, who would you call and what would you say? And why are you waiting?

-Stephen Levine

If you are interested in writing for the Features Section, please come by *The Cowl* office in Slavin 104, and leave a paragraph stating why you want to write for Features, and what ideas you can bring to the section.

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# Loneliness: There For A Reason

by Bridget Hughes '96  
Features Editor

I used to be afraid to be alone. I thought it was my fateful tragedy in life. I thought my curse was my lack of siblings, and I would therefore spend hours lamenting on my misfortune, complaining to my parents that I was "bored", and "why didn't I have any brothers or sisters?"

That was when I was five years old. Sixteen years later, I still have fears. But, they lie deeper than my phobia of being an only child, and surviving hours of boredom. My fears seem to surface when I am in a room full of so called "happy" people. I should be having fun, but for some odd reason, I experience something so intense that it makes me shudder. Call it depression, call it being crazy...I call it loneliness. I am sure it has happened to everyone.

Loneliness is a feeling that

Looking back at my 5 year old mind, I realize now that I had no fears. Being alone was something that I was used to. I could accept the fact that there would be no brothers or sisters to play with, or to fight with. That didn't matter; I had an imagination, and I could amuse myself for hours playing house, building forts or making mysterious designs with my Lincoln Logs. I was a happy child, never deprived of anything, and never, ever giving a thought to what it meant to be lonely.

Now, looking at my 21 year old mind, I don't mind being alone. I still can amuse myself for hours. And it is now that I can *choose* to be alone when I want to be alone, but I never would choose to be lonely.

I guess at this time in our lives, we all have our moments that we need to be alone. That is normal, healthy, and it helps us "find ourselves". However, in the moments

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makes the heart ache and the stomach fall. Goose bumps break out on my arms and I feel chills sweep in waves throughout me. I try to shake the feeling of coldness - but not even the sweltering temperature of the overcrowded room seems to give me any warmth. There is nothing more that I want than to be with only one person who cares, rather than be with 50 people who don't care at all.

that we don't want to be alone, we all are going to experience the feeling of being lonely. It is inevitable - especially at this time in our lives. We are our own persons now, with our own minds, own ideas, and our own goals. It is when we don't choose to be alone that we will be the most lonely. It will be when we want people, and *need* people, that suddenly, there won't be anyone. It is a terrible feeling, but I have come to accept it as a fact of life.

Perhaps loneliness has to do with the lack of trust we feel towards others. Many of us are more aware that there are very few people in life who we can really rely on, and *really* trust. It is an unhappy thought. Loneliness can also happen when we need to be able to rely on a specific someone, or just be with that one person. It doesn't matter who else is there at that specific moment, but rather it only matters that you need to be with that one person. It is possible to be lonely for *someone*. Sometimes yearning for somebody is the worst loneliness of all.

Today I don't think my fateful tragedy was my lack of siblings. I don't think I even have a fateful tragedy. Sixteen years ago, my five year old run away imagination made everything more melodramatic than it was. Today, I accept things for what they are. Loneliness is there for a reason...If I didn't know what it was to be lonely, then how could I feel fulfilled in my life?



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# Ahead at Halloween

by Jeffrey Komanetsky '98  
Features Writer

It seems a shame to think that most people think of Halloween as a holiday that's just for kids. It is true that if you dress up in funny costumes well into your forties, you get labeled with names like "crazy" or "transvestite" and they are likely to throw you into the psycho-ward. However, as young adults, we're still free to make complete fools of ourselves without consequences because our actions can be blamed on youth, peer pressure, and alcohol—and sometimes a nice mix of all three. Just in case you've forgotten any of the tricks to "trick or treating" from years ago, here are a few tips to keep you ahead at Halloween:

**COSTUME-** Before doing anything on Halloween, you have to pick out a costume. But remember; the simple and non-symbolic garb that you used ten years ago just doesn't cut it anymore. Why not be a bit sarcastic? If Mom and

Dad are big smokers, try to send them a message. Don't you think they'll get the hint (and maybe even be a bit embarrassed) when you go trick or treating to the neighbor's house as a tarred lung? They'd surely stop that nasty habit if you pranced around the house as a giant malignant tumor. Wouldn't they?

Also, remember, now that you're older, the old frights like ghosts and witches just aren't scary any more. Try to really shake people up with your costume. You're sure to get a few screams if you go house to house as an empty keg! Now, obviously you are certain to scare if you dress up as a giant Civ exam, but wouldn't you raise a few hairs if you dressed up as a really fat person wearing really short shorts? It just says, "BOO!!!", doesn't it?

Some of the best costumes don't have to cost anything. Try to disguise your personality instead of your body. This Halloween, walk up to one of your friends

that whines a lot and say, "Hey, pal, I really do care about each of your little problems and I want you to tell them all to me, no matter how trivial." Then wait for the compliments. Your friends won't even recognize you!

**TECHNIQUE-** If you want a lot of candy this year, try making the best costume you can make. Since we all know that laziness, procrastination, and general apathy will prevent this from occurring, there are a few methods which you should explore.

First, try the Repeat Offender method. This is the technique in which you reuse a lot of cheesy, inexpensive costumes at the same house, over and over again. "Trick or Treat, I'm Mickey Mouse...I'm Mickey with one big mouse ear ripped off...I'm Mickey without any ears..." and so on.

Next, explore the Offensive Offender method. With this technique, the trick or treater bares all, grabs the box with which the

stunned resident is distributing candy, and runs like hell.

If all else fails, try the Defendant Offender method. "All right, it may just look like a toy gun, but if I don't see Snickers flying into my bag you'll see what a Super Squirter and some boiling water can do to bare skin. Get your legal "Dream Team" ready.

**EFFORT-** Effort means a lot. Why not go the extra mile this Halloween? If you dress as a burn-out from the sixties, actually try to pee your pants and forget your name—all in the name of peace and love, of course. If you dress as someone from the Providence Police, try to arrest anyone that comes to the door with an open container.

Now that you're prepared for the upcoming Halloween season, remember, get out there before you get old and have consequences for your actions. Happy Halloween!

**Quote of the Week**  
People change and forget to tell each other.

- Lillian Hellman

## Free Advertising in the Library!

by Erin R. King '98  
Features Writer

Most students visiting Phillips Memorial Library on the average evening are weary of studying and may be a little nauseated by the glare of overhead fluorescent lighting. Probably at one time, they have pondered the amount of motivation behind statements left by those who came before them. An informal survey of most tables, walls, and carrels reveals that the top five subjects for library graffiti here at PC are:

- 1) music.
- 2) sports.
- 3) politics.
- 4) social commentary.
- 5) other people's personal lives (or lack thereof).

Maybe it's a conformity thing. Perhaps people think that by writing the words "Beastie Boys" or a few lines from an old Tom Petty song, they will be surrounded by others with the same interests as themselves. Maybe they're just lonely and think that if they write "NIN" (you know - that really ends with that annoying backwards "N" not found in the English language) on the wall next to them, their pal Trent will appear and help them out with their chemistry homework.

Speaking of chemistry, one of the most interesting snippets I found read, "Orgo blows HCl chunks." This proves, once and for all, that people who write things like "Civ Sucks" and "I hate France" in other rooms must be saving their creativity for more substantial topics.

I wonder if people who write "Hartford Whalers #1" on their table are searching for comfort from others who may feel the same way. That may also be the case with comments like "Bill Clinton #1 President Re-elect '96." Have the Republicans found out about this?

"O.J. is guilty! 10-3-95" Sure, they acquitted him, but why not try and influence the people anyway! You never know when an ex-Simpson juror will see something like that and regret their choice. "Newt Gingrich is a geek!" A compelling argument. Connie

Chung might agree, but I'm sure Newtie's mom won't.

This article would not be complete without mentioning the inevitable "Joanie Loves Chachie" or "I Love Tom." There were, of course, numerous tidbits about parts of other PC students' anatomies which could not be mentioned. I guess you're just going to have to see them for yourself.

Although I doubt "the Pope was here," other religious opinions have found their way into the library. Besides the numerous carrels marked with the word "God," I found one telling me to "Accept

Jesus as your personal savior-He's coming soon!" I didn't change my life after reading that message, but I found two comments that didn't seem to belong on a lowly table tucked in the far reaches of the first floor of the library. "Embrace Differences!" and "Demand Change!" were written in neat handwriting, surrounded by what appeared to be rays of sunshine. I think they belong on a billboard somewhere, or at the very least, as a bumper sticker on some yuppie's Volvo.

Some enterprising soul peeled the "USED" sticker off a used book, stuck it next to



a discarded piece of gum, and drew an arrow between the two. Wacky.

And I couldn't help but wonder if everything worked out okay for the person who wrote "I'm in deep, deep trouble." Maybe they should have had a talk with the person who wrote "No Fear." I would just love to stop someone wearing one of those tee shirts or driving a car with a "No Fear" window sticker and ask them exactly what it is they're not afraid of. But maybe both of them should talk to the person who wrote "PC= Partying Chewbaccas." It seems they have the right idea.



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# Ghosts

by Asher Schofield '96  
Features Writer

Halloween is a time of year when you dress really strangely and get candy for doing so. Weird stuff happens. Pubescent teenagers throw eggs everywhere, college students get drunk wearing masks, and for many small children, an entire month of costume preparation suddenly turns fantasy into reality.

Also, as many people know, Halloween and the week surrounding it mark the highest rate of supernatural activity during the course of the year. During these days, the presence of beings and phenomena that are "not of this world" are seen, heard and felt by millions across the globe. Most often, these events are described as "having seen a ghost."

If you look in a dictionary, it will define a ghost in several different ways. A disembodied spirit of a dead person. An apparition. A shadowy semblance. A haunting memory. An unwanted secondary image. Basically, a ghost is the leftovers of something in the past; a ghost is a piece of history reoccurring, only spoiled, undesirable and disconcerting. A ghost is the cluster of tailpipe fumes left on the road long after the car has gone around the corner, only much more evil.

It is widely maintained that in modern times we are on the brink of apocalypse. Most people attribute this to the abrupt movement of society toward technological control. Soon we will no longer use cash, but rather a credit system regulated by the same computer system that we use with bank machines. Fear and concern spread in reaction to the presence of the Internet and its implications, with the images of a *Terminator* style future seeming to be hauntingly real. Nowadays, there is a computer chip in just about everything. Are we hurtling out of control towards a future that we can't

control, investing faith in machines instead of ourselves? Could it be that human beings are bringing about their own demise?

This is of minor concern.

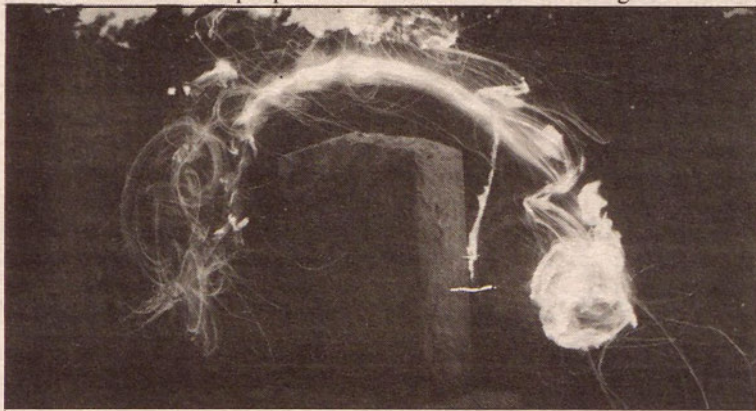
At the Museum of Science in Boston, there is a small digital screen mounted on the wall that counts the world population and measures its increase by the split-second. The numbers whirl by with dizzying speed so that you can't remember whether it's a million or 900 trillion, only that the people on the planet are being reproduced at an alarming rate. I once heard that within the next twenty years the world population will double. That is scarier than *The Terminator*.

A future consisting of such an enormous number of people means

quadruple England's.

Basically, a ghost is the leftovers of something in the past; a ghost is a piece of history reoccurring, only spoiled, undesirable and disconcerting.

Along with this absurdly huge increase of births is the absurdly huge increase of corresponding deaths. With the absurdly huge increase of deaths, wouldn't there most likely be an absurdly huge increase in supernatural activity? Just as the history that we study is the shadow of an event in the past, so is a ghost a shadow of an event in the past. The population boom would logically result in an amazing boom in the quantity of the earth's ghostly presences. Although ghosts don't die, they can sometimes be extinguished from



that there will be a greater magnitude of action on the planet. An immense amount of globe shaking developments would obviously have to correspond with the population explosion. Huge revolutions. New governments. More wars. More diplomatic papers to be signed.

For the most part, this is of minor concern as well.

The part that is of concern are the historical implications. In the future, our past history would be much greater. Twenty years from now, high school history books will have doubled in size right along with the population. The past will be huge. Powerful as Hell. With all that growth, there would be enough history made to

the earth... sometimes. Is it possible that as time proceeds and man's numbers explodes, that the ghosts, the demons, the wraiths, the vampires, and all the monsters that originate from the death of humans will explode in number as well, without death. The earth of the future could very well become bogged down, laden with the existence of the supernatural. Overrun and overcome by the ghoulish. A constant nightmare where you can't wake up because you are too afraid to go to sleep. A planet covered with ghostly activity, uncertainty and fear. No longer worried about technology, but demonic possession.

Apocalypse.

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# Off and Winning

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Weichselbaumer's slapper (11:24) gave Merrimack a 3-2 cushion, the black and white's Russ Guzior tied everything, capitalizing on another power play and a great feed from Brannare.

Pooley pointed to special teams (2 power play goals and one short-handed tally) and goaltending as the keys to Saturday's contest. However, as far as this weekend's success, Pooley stressed it was only two games. It is a long season and there is a lot of work to do.

"Winning is a lot better than losing; whether you think you played well or not, it's always nice to find a way to win," said Pooley. "For the whole scheme of things, how we play this year, I think it's good but I don't think it really matters. If we would have lost I wouldn't be sitting here thinking 'oh boy, we're in trouble'. Now that we win, I'm not sitting here thinking we're really playing well, because we didn't play well Saturday night."

Co-captain Justin Gould agreed.

"I think we need to play smarter," explained the senior defenseman. "It was huge to get those two wins. We showed our experience and poise to get a win Saturday under those conditions. But we have to play smart, stick to our systems, and wait for our chances."

The focal point of the weekend was Friar netminder Dan Dennis, who was awarded Hockey East's Player of the Week. On paper, Dennis gave an admirable 25 save performance Saturday night. But in reality, it was remarkable, as

Dennis fought the fog and an absolute onslaught by the Warriors for the seven minutes that followed Balboni's goal. Dennis and the Friar defense survived two power plays, heavy traffic in front of the net, and ten quality shots in those closing minutes.

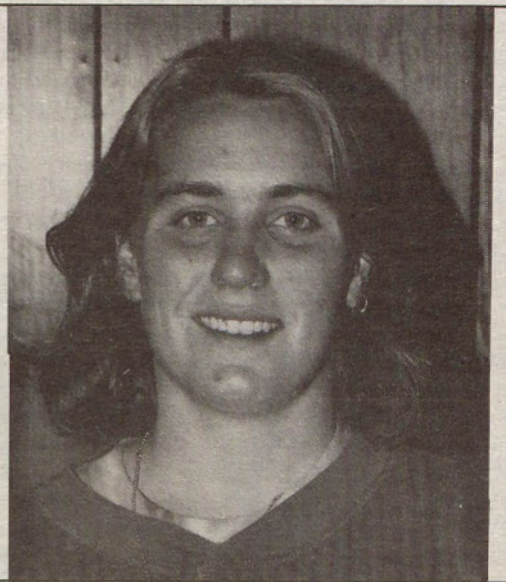
"Danny played very steady," lauded Pooley. "He faced some shots, they had a lot of power plays. (The Warriors) just kind of get it to the net, create a lot of traffic, and with the fog I thought he played very, very well. I thought he handled himself excellently in traffic. It was very promising to see Danny play that way back to back. I was just proud of his performance."

The story Friday night was Dennis. Providence owned the first period, which Gould called "their best hockey of the weekend," and grabbed a 2-0 lead behind tallies by Gould and Dillabough. But Merrimack stormed into the second, pelting Dennis with 16 shots. The Prince Albert, Sask. native remained steady in the third, and flirted with his first career shutout until the final two minutes, when Merrimack's Rejean Stringer deflected a slap shot five-hole at 18:53. Dennis finished the game with 31 saves.

As far as the making-the-best-out-of-a-bad-situation category, the Friars won both contests without co-captain and former Edmonton draft pick Joe Hulbig. Hulbig, who suffered the very strange and very rare injury of popping a rib from its cartilage, is week-to-week.

The Friars travel to Western Michigan for a pair against the extremely potent Broncos this

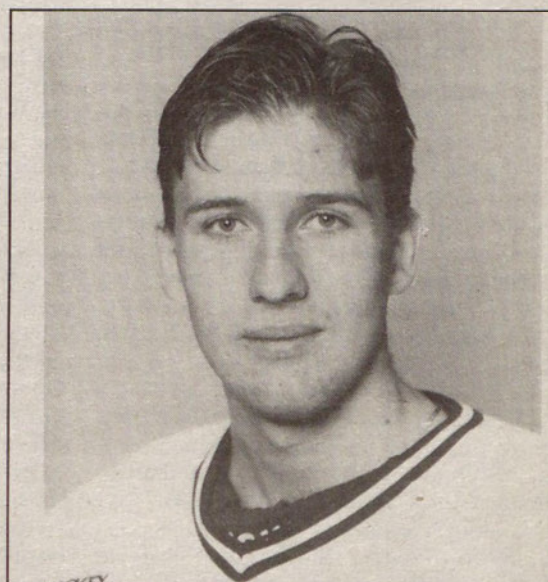
## PC ATHLETES OF THE WEEK



**Katie LaChapelle '99**  
(Lewiston, ME)  
Field Hockey

Katie helped the field hockey squad defeat Colgate, 3-0, on Saturday. Playing in only her second game of the season, LaChapelle scored the first goal of her college career at the 8:55 mark of the second half.

*Photo by Heather Deware '98*



**Dan Dennis '97**  
(Prince Albert, Saskatchewan)  
Men's Ice Hockey

Dan recorded 56 saves and led Providence College to two Hockey East wins against Merrimack on October 20-21. On Friday, he earned the game's No. 1 star for stopping 31 shots and shutting the Warriors out for nearly 59 minutes.

weekend. But Pooley hopes that the wide open style of the hosts will fit the Friars perfectly.

"They're very quick, play very well at home, it will be a new environment for us to go into. I think it's good for our kids to get into that environment because they're going to have 4,000 people. They're a very emotional team, but I think that will suit our style of hockey. They never really see any-

body that's played the way that we do, that's patient and control in terms of forecheck. But it will be a major challenge for us, a good test."

**Friar Notes.** . .PC swept conference honors this week, as junior goaltender Dan Dennis was named Player of the Week and freshman winger Mike Omicioli was named Rookie of the Week. Dennis stopped 56 shots in two games

against Merrimack last weekend, while Omicioli had an assist in both games. This marks the first time Friars have won both awards in the same week since the 1993-94 season, when Chad Quenneville won Player honors and Dan Dennis was the Rookie of the Week. . .PC will take on Western Michigan for the first time ever this weekend.

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# PRIME TIME PATSIES

**Todd McKeating '97**  
Sports Writer

Finally, the New England Patriots drought is over, in more than one sense of the word. After being shunned by Monday Night Football for the last 14 years, the Patriots made a prime-time appearance on Monday. For the Patriots and their well behaved fans, nothing could have went better than Monday's game against the Buffalo Bills.

When the Patriots used to appear on Monday Night Football, Howard Cosell was delivering his infamous remarks and comments about everything from football to Reaganomics, Keith Jackson (Wow Nelly) was alongside him, as was the Juice, O.J. Simpson. Foxboro Stadium had artificial turf and the Revolutionary War Figure loomed large on the Patriots' white helmets. Crazy drunk fans would get arrested by the hundreds and people could be seen passed out in the parking lot after the game.

Times have changed. Or have they? Was it the Patriots sub-par performances on MNF, or was it the fans' craziness at the games, which kept prime-time Monday Night football out of Foxboro?

The Patriots were 4-12 on MNF coming into the game against the Bills and 2-6 at Foxboro. It has been eight years in the making, since the Patriots appeared on Monday Night. This was the year the Patriots were going to dethrone the Buffalo Bills and challenge the Miami Dolphins for the AFC East title. However, things have not gone according to Bill Parcells' or the fans' plans. The Patriots' future, Drew Bledsoe, suffered a dislocated shoulder and was forced to sit out a game. Then, Bill Parcells came under fire

for keeping Bledsoe in the game after he was wincing in pain. Coming into the game vs. Buffalo, Drew had only thrown for two touchdown passes. The offense was sputtering, not scoring touchdowns; questions arose. In the off-season, the Patriots made some acquisitions to help them win the title. They added Dave Meggett, Mr. Everything with the New York Giants, and drafted Curtis Martin. Still, the Patriots had lost five in a row after an opening season win against the Browns. Bill Parcells has been questioned about his health and if he should continue coaching. The fans and media are wondering if last season was just a fluke, or if the Patties are going to turn it around. Last season, the New England Patriots were the first team in the playoffs. They became the only team in NFL history to be the first team to make the playoffs the previous year and then start the following season 1-5. This Monday Night game was do or die for the Patties. If they would have lost, the playoffs would have been a very, very distant light

at the end of the cave. They came out and controlled the NFL's number one defense. They kept Bruce Smith and Co. in check, allowing Curtis Martin and Bledsoe to do whatever they wanted to do. The Patties defense stifled Jim Kelly and the K-Gun offense.



They forced the Bills to turn the ball over in key situations and put pressure on the quarterback. This Patriots team on Monday was the team everyone expected.

Or was the reason for a 14 year absence on MNF in Foxboro due to the fans and their behavior? Last time the Patriots played on MNF in Foxboro Stadium was on September 21, 1981 vs. the Dallas Cow-

boys. Everyone remembers the scene, or have been told by their parents: drunk fans throwing things onto the field, fights in the stands that made soccer fans in Europe seem tame. Fans were run over by drunk drivers on Route 1, the police had their guns stolen, and people were stuck in the Foxboro parking lots until 2:30 am. More than 60

people were arrested on this night, a night on which Danny White and the Cowboys ripped the Patties, 35-21. This was the last time the whole nation watched the fans at Foxboro on a Monday night, a hellish nightmare.

Well, things have changed. Mr. Durable, Steve Grogan has been replaced by the Superstar Quarterback of the Future, Drew Bledsoe. A former Super Bowl champion coach, Bill Parcells, has taken over the Patriots. He is a proven winner and knows how to get the job done. The "artificial concrete" has been replaced by a more conducive playing sod. Gone is the Revolutionary War Figure on the white helmets. Gone also are the 2-14 seasons and being dubbed the "Patsies." This team is still young and too many expectations were put on them too early. Drew Bledsoe is still a young quarterback. Give him a few years and he will return the New England Patriots to the Promised Land. New England fans made the first Monday Night appearance in 14 years excellent. There were no drunken brawls, people did not steal police guns, and 60-70 people were not arrested. The fans did not give New England a black eye. What the fans did provide was a 12th man. They made it very hard for Jim Kelly to operate the K-Gun offense, throwing him out of cinch. The Patriots are making their way back. Prime-Time has arrived.

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# Brothers on the Court

Dylan and Jamie Williams are the future of the Friars

by Scott Palmieri '97  
Sports Writer

My brothers and I could barely manage a five minute ride in the family car without starting a fight or exchanging a slew of brainless insults. The biggest problems would follow a game in the backyard. We loved to play any sport, but unfortunately, someone lost and a fight consequently ensued. The only time we didn't fight was when the game ended because we lost the ball. What could be more competitive than brothers combined with sports? Well, two members of the PC men's tennis team have proven that the combination can exist peacefully. Dylan and Jamie Williams share a love for a sport that has taken them across the world.

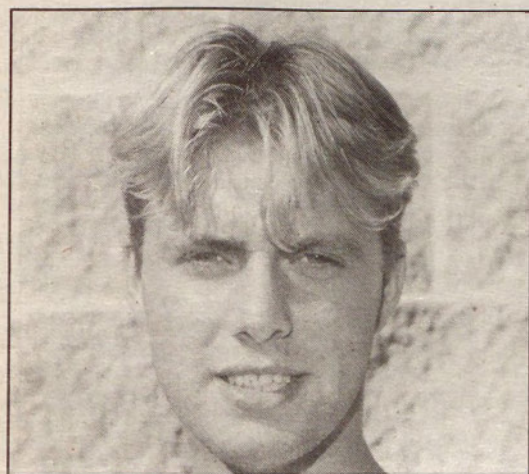
These two student players hail from Middlesex, England. Dylan, the elder, is a sophomore, and he describes his beginnings in tennis as occurring "by chance." The

when I was about ten and moved to the national level a few years later." In fact, Jamie was the under-14 indoor champion and later the under-18 outdoor national champ. He credits Dylan as being his biggest influence. "I followed in my brother's footsteps."

Dylan, without the advantage of an older brother, credits the support from his coaches in his early days. After his regional and national successes, Dylan looked at colleges where he could play. He heard about Providence through a friend who was a PC graduate. He then contacted Coach LaBranche and eventually Dylan agreed to attend PC last fall. Last year, Dylan, hampered by injuries found what his coach noticed as "a difficult transition to the American(style) game." He still posted a 11-9 singles record in the top position as well as a 16-6 doubles mark. This year, Coach LaBranche already sees improvement in his play now that he has a

tending PC throughout his brother's freshman year. "Last year I visited and liked what I saw." He was impressed by the people he met and Providence's academic program. Jamie is expected to play in the top positions as well this year. Coach LaBranche has noticed the expected inconsistency of Jamie's game as he tries to adapt his play and his life to a very new setting. "When he is on," says his coach, "he can play on a higher level than anyone we've had here." He, too, must learn that "American players don't go away." Regardless, Jamie is expected to be placed in Flight#1, like his brother, at the Cornell Invitational this weekend. Therefore, it's conceivable that the two could play each other in the finals. That accomplishment would mean that the two would have defeated some top players in the region.

The two don't find much rivalry in their co-existence, however.



Jamie Williams '99



Dylan Williams '98

family had moved into a small flat and the two boys needed something to keep them occupied. "Our mother kicked us out of the house and told us to 'go out and play tennis.'" That suggestion turned into a regular activity for the youngsters as they continued playing at local parks. Jamie, a freshman, remembers his early career. "I played on the regional teams

year of experience and is healthy. In fact, at the prestigious Yale Invitational this past September, Dylan advanced to the singles semifinals in the top "A" Flight. He and fellow standout, Felipe Vivar, also defeated some competition in doubles play and advanced to the semifinals in the "A" Flight.

Jamie became interested in at-

"We always helped each other a lot." The experience of playing on the same team away from home is not new: the two spent several summers together playing distant competition. "We look out for each other," said Jamie. Their mutual respect and care is apparent. Dylan is hopeful for the team's success this year but cited the difficulty of predicting this "sport of individuals." Regardless of the outcome of this "sport of individuals," Dylan and Jamie will always end each match with a brother and friend nearby.

# PC AT YALE

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Explained Head Coach Donna Hornish-Lisevick, "the goals, that's marking... The (goals) are crosses that are crossed into the box that basically we're looking to play goal side and defend that. That is a first time shot. Instead of stepping up and clearing that out of there, we're in a position where we're assuming the girl is going to bring it down, and then have a shot instead of finishing it first time. And we got burned three times, the same thing."

Immediately following that tally was a goal from Julie Fromm on an assist from the ever-present Woodruffe, who was causing problems with her speed all night. Relates Coach Hornish-Lisevick: "The fourth goal, we had nobody who could stay with her on that side. So as soon as they slot that ball through... she hit a great shot, that was a great goal."

Providence, now down 4-0 with no end in sight, refused to throw in the towel. Gibbons continued to make some spectacular saves, giving her a total of five on the night. At 76:75 and at 77:80 Sheila poked away two more breakaways by Yale. The former led to the goal by Stauffer. The Friars scoring leader took a lead pass down the right side by Riddle, cut back towards the middle of the field, then cut back to the right again to get off a clean shot. The ball found the back of the net giving Stauffer her seventh goal of the season, Riddle her fourth assist of the season, and Providence their

only goal of the night.

Coach Hornish-Lisevick assessed the game: "I thought we played well. For the first time I can honestly say that on the field and coming off the field and the subs going into the game were positive, had a good feeling about



Alesee Wysocki '96

themselves, and a good feeling about the game and it did not change when the score became 2-0, 3-0, 4-0. It stayed the whole time. We wouldn't have gotten the late second half goal without that. I was proud of them for that."

Gibbons, who was described by her coach as being "awesome" and "playing great" summed up her goalkeeping philosophy in eight simple words: "stop them from shooting, stop them from scoring."

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# PC Golf Ends on a Good Note

## Friars Take Fifth at Hyannis; Lavoie Shoots 152

Mike Friess '97  
Sports Writer

The Providence College Golf team traveled to Hyannis, MA, for the New England Intercollegiate Golf Tournament on Monday and Tuesday. The New England was the last golf tournament before the

winter break. College golfers take the winter off and return after the start of the spring sports season to complete their schedule and attempt to reach the

NCAA's. So naturally, going in to the final tournament, the Friars were looking to end on a good note, and they did just that.

As has happened all season long, a different golfer stepped up to have a great day on the links. This week it was junior Brian

Lavoie who led the Friars to a fifth place finish out of ten Division I schools and seventh out of the forty total schools. The Friars shot a 621 (312,309), only ten strokes off the tournament winning 611 (309,302) of Central Connecticut State. The Friars shaved 3 strokes off their score on Monday to fin-

"I was really happy to see Brian play so well. He's played great all year, but he'd have one or two bad holes that would throw off his whole score," commented Coach Joe Prisco. He went on, "We definitely played better than last week, but we had an opportunity to win this thing and we let it slip through

forward to next spring and years to come. He has two freshman, Rich Dichard and Rob Brennan, who have the makings of championship golfers, as well as junior Brian Lavoie, returning next year.

He also still has his senior co-captains Jeff Magee and T.J. McDonald for the upcoming run at the NCAA's.

**...we had an opportunity to win this thing and we let it slip through our fingers.**

our fingers." Rob Brennan assessed the course. "It was a short course with fast greens, and it was the perfect course for a golfer like me. Unfortunately, I

### Standings For New England Intercollegiate Golf Tournament

Central Connecticut State	611
University of Rhode Island	613
University of Connecticut	615
Hartford University	616
Providence College	621

ish the tournament and the first half of their season with a positive experience.

Lavoie, who going into this year had limited playing experience, shot a 152 (75,77) to finish in the top ten and was named to the All-Tournament Team. The rest of the Friars were not far behind. Freshman Rob Brennan was only one stroke behind Lavoie with a 153 (77,76) and co-captain senior Jeff Magee continued to play well with his 156 (79,77). Freshman Richard Dichard and senior co-captain T.J. McDonald rounded out the Friar squad with their scores of 160 (81,79) and 166 (83,83) respectively. The tourney was played on two par 71 golf courses.

just could not putt this week." The coach has reasons to look



Brian Lavoie '97 earned All-Tournament honors

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# Orange Crush

## Friars drop 1-0 verdict to Syracuse

by Pieter J. Ketelaar '97  
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Sometimes as a team grows, it must endure the pains associated with the process. The Friars are growing right now, and painfully. They are currently mired in an eight game losing streak and have managed just one goal in those eight games while allowing a disheartening eighteen.

Yesterday the Friars played host to Syracuse in a game which was originally scheduled to be played on September 17th but was postponed due to inclement weather—most noticeably a quarter-inch sheet of water on the field. So the Friars and the Orangemen met for take two in what turned out to be a very physical game. Two very frustrated teams scraped, pushed, and shoved one another for 90 minutes. Providence took the offensive early on. Chaka Daley got a hold of a cross kick in front of the goal and headed it ... right of the crossbar. That goes in line with everything else this season for the Friars, as they are sans luck. As the tempo of the game increased, so did the physicality. Daley received a yellow card early on and Juan Acevedo was awarded one in the second half for jawing at the refs. Head Coach Brian Ainscough's opinions of the officials' calls earned him an early dismissal from the game twenty-five minutes in as he picked up a red card. Despite all the fireworks, there was no score at the intermission.

The second half was just as rough as the first. The physical play of the game esca-

lated to the point where players were knocking each other off plays and sparring verbally. PC players were not the only ones receiving yellow cards, as Syracuse's Matt Leslie got one also. Acevedo was forced into the corner by two Orangemen and then slide-tackled, which pushed the ball out of play. The referee determined the ball was last touched by Acevedo and, as a result, became Syracuse's ball. The Orangemen made the most of the opportunity by sending the ball down field to a streaking Jeff

Knittel who found Jamie Shannon wide open. Shannon sent a ball hurtling past the reach of Friar goalie Chris Ivany. Coach Ainscough stood powerless on the other side of the gate looking on like a punished child who has been sent to his room. He

watched as Providence fell once again by a score of 1-0. The defeat dropped the Friars to 1-13-0 with a heartbreaking 0-9-0 record in their conference.

On Saturday, the Friars took on the Hoyas at Georgetown. Forward Greg Dillard scored the game-winning goal 4:31 in as the Friars were unable to hold off Georgetown's potent attack. Providence played them tight in the first half, allowing just the Dillard goal, but folded defensively in the second frame by letting three balls

cross the goal-line midway through the half. The Friars once again could not score, as they continued to struggle to tally goals, and dropped the 4-0 decision.

The Friars next game pits them at Dartmouth on Sunday at 2:30 PM and then they wrap up their mini-road trip at Boston College on



Chris Coulis '97 has the ball within his sights

Wednesday at 2 PM.

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game], but we found it in ourselves today."

After their 1-0 loss to Syracuse the previous day, this win was a boost for PC's confidence. The rain came in sheets during Saturday's game, and though PC controlled the ball, they could not convert. Syracuse managed a score in the second half of the game, and strengthened their number one place in the Big East. One PC fan responded, "PC controlled the ball, especially in the first half, but it's the breaks. You can't win if you don't score."

What did this loss mean for PC? "It makes things tougher for us, as far as tournament goes. Now we'll have to back our way in." Coach Barto then adds that the Lady Friars "were as prepared as they could be; they were confident, but Syracuse made plays, and we didn't. We had opportunities that we should've made."

The Syracuse disappointment and the two following wins direct PC's attention to the games on Saturday as they wait to see if they have a shot at tournament. Assistant Coach Robin Kirkwood-Auld began to explain the possibility of a three way tie between PC, Rutgers, and UConn, depending on the outcome of their respective games this weekend. While the Lady Friars await their fate, they prepare to play at home against Rhode Island at 1:00 Saturday.

**Play-off Picture:** If UConn and Rutgers lose to Syracuse and Boston College this week, PC, UConn, and Rutgers will finish in a three-way tie for the third and fourth spots in the Big East Tournament.

# Think Win

## Lady Friars Hit Road Looking to End Five-Game Skid

by Keith Christensen '96  
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After dropping two close conference matches to UConn and St. John's this weekend, the question for the Providence women's volleyball team is simple: Has their current five-game losing streak killed any hope for this season?

Don't count on it. True, the Lady Friars are now 1-4 in league play (14-11 overall), but the season is along way from done, and PC has not been completely overwhelmed in any of its last five matches. They merely have not managed to eke out a win.

"Any team can come off of five straight losses," commented an enthusiastic Coach Debbie Matejka, citing the Patriots' impressive Monday night win as an example. "We have the capabilities to turn it around."

Need a reason to believe PC is talented enough to turn its season around? Try the first game and a half Sunday against St. John's, when the Lady Friars showed all of their capabilities and then some. In the opener, Providence took a 5-2 lead and refused to let the Red Storm back in the game. Senior Jocelyn Cole had three kills and a solo block as PC steamrolled to a 15-7 win. Freshman Melissa Crotti also had two kills in limited action, and the black and white were off and running.

The second game started off with more of the same. Junior co-captain Becky Loftus had two solo blocks and a kill as PC rolled to an 8-3 lead. Then the wheels fell off.

With Jenna Panatier (21 kills in the match) and Lynn Klein (17 kills) leading the way, St. John's stormed to an 11-9 lead. Two Kristen Kam aces evened the game at twelve, but PC did not score again, falling, 15-12.

The Lady Friars found themselves at twelve all over again the third game. Cole came up with a huge block to deny St. John's the win the first time it served for the game,

but no one stopped the Red Storm's next try, and the 15-13 win put SJU up, 2-1.

Need a reason to believe PC can recover from Sunday's loss? Try game four. Senior co-captain Kelly Tooley showed her big swing, pounding four kills, as PC built a 13-6 lead. St. John's came back, though, pulling ahead, 14-13, but a service error at match point gave PC the service. Then the seniors took over. Tooley's solo block tied the match, and her ferocious kill on SJU's next service earned PC a side out. Becky Loftus took care of the serving, and Cole did the rest, killing one ball and blocking another for a 16-14 PC win.

The match was decided by a game of rally play, in which a team does not have to serve to score. The two teams were nip and tuck until SJU used a 5-0 run to fuel a 15-10 win.

Lost in the aftermath of the disappointing defeat were several stellar performances. Foremost among them was Jocelyn Cole's 11 kill, 20 dig out. The senior hitter did not have a single hitting error, and her outstanding blocking (2 solo, 7 assists) ranks her second in the conference.

"Jocelyn's just shining right now," praised Coach Matejka after the game.

Cole credited her splendid play to practice. "We've been working on blocking

better as a team, and it's starting to pay off."

The co-captains, Tooley and Loftus, also had monster matches. They combined for 31 kills, 41 digs, 3 solo blocks, and twelve block assists.

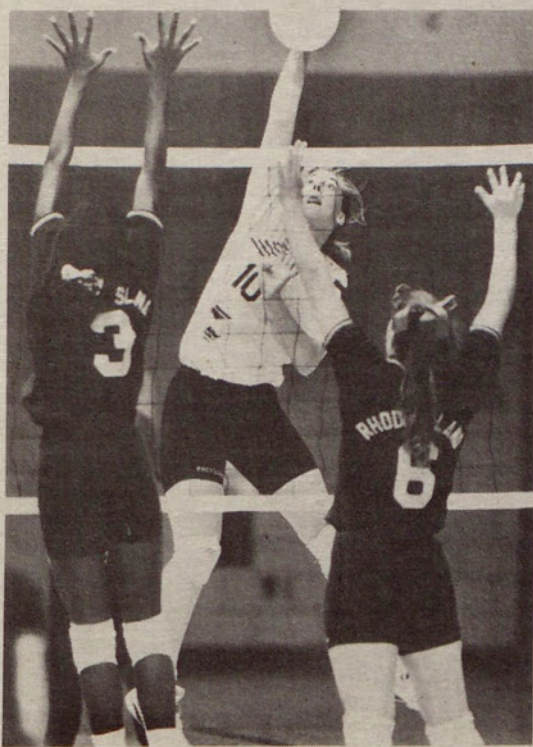
"Becky and Kelly are just great," lauded Cole. "The team can look to either one for a pick-up on key points or plays."

Sunday's heartbreaker followed

Saturday's loss to UConn, who, at 5-0, is tied for the conference lead with Notre Dame. The Lady Friars were close throughout the first frame, but led only twice (7-6 and 8-7). UConn used a 3-0 burst at 9-9 to power them to a 15-13 win.

The loss might have shaken PC's concentration, because the Huskies were up 7-0 before the Providence inched to within 7-5, but did not score again as UConn used two services to run off eight points and a 15-5 victory.

Say anything you want about this team, but don't ever, ever call them quitters. Down



Junior Kelly Tooley

10-3 in the third game, the Lady Friars showed their fire. Three blocks provided the impetus for an improbable 11-1 run. In the process, PC fended off four match points, and UConn folded in the crunch, losing on consecutive hitting errors, 16-14.

Unfortunately, the heroics did not continue in the fourth game. UConn established a 9-3 advantage, then watched as PC scrapped its way to within 10-8. After a time-out, however, the Huskies righted themselves and captured the 15-9 win to end the match.

The Lady Friars' difficult road to the Big East Tournament, which includes only the conference's top six squads, will be all the harder due to injuries. Sophomore Heidi Brady, who has missed three matches with an ankle injury, is due to start practicing Thursday, while Sherryl Jones and Sarah Parsons have gallantly played with nagging back injuries.

"The injuries have slowed us, but the people who have stepped in have done well," commented Cole. "They've given us a real lift."

So, what exactly do the Lady Friars have to do now? "We need to put it together," explained Coach Matejka. "We've put it together for a couple of games at a time, but we're looking for consistency." Specifically, PC needs to improve its offense to complement its awesome defense. Tooley is tops in the league in digs per game, and the Lady Friars lead the league in digs and blocks.

According to Coach Matejka, PC needs to win five of its last six conference games, beginning at Villanova and Georgetown this weekend. A win here, a win there, and, well, who knows. PC has dug itself a bit of a hole, but the season isn't over yet. Just ask Coach Matejka. "Have I given up? NO, not at all," she says emphatically. "If we were winning all the time, my job would be easy. This," she finishes, jaw set, eyes dancing, "is a challenge."



# Better Late Than Never

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PC needed to score. After watching their place in the tournament start to slip through their fingers with the 1-0 loss to Syracuse, they buckled down. The Lady Friars changed their image from a team that couldn't score to a team that could both master the field and convert. With Sunday's 3-0 victory over Colgate and Wednesday's 2-0 win against Brown, the Lady Friars made a breakthrough to an 8-9 overall.

Yesterday was a big game for freshman Mirandi Balg and sophomore Alissa Wickles, as they both chalked up their first career goals for the Lady Friars. Though PC dominated the ball in the first half, their scoring abilities left little to be spoken about until the second half.

Returning to the field for the second stretch of playing time, Brown came on strong, but PC wasn't about to give up. Meredith Zenowich and Tara Kaminski made the necessary passes to Wickles who caught the goalie out of cage to score PC's first goal.

The Lady Friars still weren't satisfied.

PC followed the ball through a series of strong backup plays that eventually converged in a shot fired at goal by Paula Wagoner. The goalie's pads could only stall the ball, and Balg jumped in behind the goalie to clinch a 2-0 win for PC with 10:58 left to go.

If the Brown match gave PC's younger players a chance to shine in net, Sunday's game against Colgate gave all but one freshmen and all sophomores an opportunity to use their abilities on the field. The game got off to a sluggish start, but both teams picked up intensity after Kiki Fortier finagled a goal with 21:58 left in the half.



Junior Kiki Fortier kept her eye on the ball and scored the game-winning goal against Colgate.

Colgate rebelled against this goal, but three consecutive saves by Jamie Soteriades (including a 2 on 1), kept PC in the lead.

PC's increased pressure on Colgate's goalie gave them two corners in two minutes, and even though Tara Kaminski's attempt at goal was kicked far and high, she returned to snag the back cage net to give PC a 2-0 spread. This team wanted to score, and their adrena-

line went up a notch. After a time out, Colgate repositioned themselves to send the ball toward PC's goal, only to be stopped by clears from sophomores Heather Koopman and Mollie Costello.

Tension was great when the second half began, and the referees were carding players and the Colgate coach as if they were handing out candy. Though this stopped the clock periodically, the desire to win was swelling in both teams. They fought it out until 8:55 when Katie Lachapelle (Athlete of the Week) scored the finishing touch for PC's win.

Soteriades was replaced in the last 8 minutes by goalie Denise O'Sullivan, who made a great save for PC. Colgate

was a team that would not give up, and resorted to roughing up PC in the final frustrating minutes of the game.

Balg rushed the ball towards goal with scoring on her mind, but Colgate, conscious of the clock, held Balg's stick so that PC couldn't score. With 3:43 left to go, the crowd got rough, and a fight broke out on the sidelines. The angry fans were eventually quelled with the help of PC security. Family, friends, and fans, calmed down to cheer the winning team as they ran their final cool down lap after a 3-0 victory.

Amidst the smiles, Coach Barto said, "I asked the kids to play for themselves, to play with pride. I told them to try to find a way to win, and somehow they did." Though stressing the solid game played by every player, Coach Barto added, "Tara really stepped her game up. Paula did too."

The break-through game was a day late in coming for the Lady Friars. Christine Cameron adds, "We did what we needed to do; we put the ball in the net. We played really well yesterday [Syracuse

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## Stepping Up

Friars Drop Tough One to Heavily Favored Yale

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The women's soccer team travelled to New Haven yesterday to battle Ivy League member Yale University. The Friars, who played a solid game, found themselves on the short end of a 4-1 contest. Providence's lone goal came from senior co-captain Karen Stauffer, who put the black and white on the board late in the game. Yale was led by junior forward Molly Woodroffe, who netted the Bulldog's first goal and assisted on the second and fourth tallies.

Along with Stauffer's usual steadiness, Providence was led by freshman goalkeeper Sheila Gibbons. The former midfielder has come on hard late in the season and has shown that she could be the Friars full time goalie for the next three years. Gibbons made some tough, hard nosed saves that kept it close for the Friars and added some intangibles as well.

Yale came into the contest with a seemingly average 6-7 record overall and 3-2 in Ivy League play. However, in games that the Bulldogs and the Friars shared, Yale outscored their opponents 14-6 while Providence let up 20 goals to their 7. Yale also was coming off a small winning streak, having beaten Columbia 3-2, while Providence was nursing wounds of a heartbreaking loss to Monmouth University. More on that later.

Providence started the attack early, but was unable to get decent shots out of it. Junior Amanda Lynch was unable to get a full foot on the ball and ended up with a floater. Senior Elizabeth Holmes hit a strong shot from the right side, but was nowhere near the crease when she shot it. It was Yale however that attacked and made it count. Midfielder Julie Fromm fed

a sprinting Robyn Harris down the right side, who promptly crossed it to Woodroffe cutting down the middle. A header later, the Bulldogs were up one.

Providence, who has been plagued by severe cases of "let down disease" in the past, didn't let the quick goal affect them this time. They continued their attack, trying to get the ball to second leading scorer Amy Heseltine. The senior co-captain, who has seven goals on the season, had three decent opportunities to put it in the net before the next Yale goal. The first was too high; the third was too far right; the second, which was the best opportunity, was corralled by Yale keeper Catherine Haist.

Yale took advantage of great defense with even better offense. At 42:32 Jill Rubenstein took a cross from Woodroffe to put the Bulldogs up 2-0. Even that didn't stop the Providence pressure. At 51:70 PC lined up an indirect kick, itching to put themselves back into the game. Senior forward Sharon Riddle flashed to the top of the crease, only to have the ball bound over her head and to the waiting keeper.

It was at 52:71 that Yale decided to break the game open. They would have done it, too, if not for the spectacular play of Gibbons. Woodroffe had a clear breakaway with only Gibbons to beat between herself and glory. Heseltine gave chase, but Woodroffe had a step on her. Sheila came out and made two spectacular slide tackles to poke the ball away from the Bulldog forward. Unfortunately, PC was unable to clear the ball out of their zone. Rubenstein capitalized, booting in an Annie Kwon cross at 53:08.

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## Who Needs Visability?

Friars Sweep Opening Series With Help From Blind Luck

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What do you do when you're playing in a hockey game, at Division I speed, and you can't see anything? That's right, pray.

No matter what their denomination, the Providence College hockey team was blessed with some blind luck in Saturday's 4-3 victory over host Merrimack on the extremely foggy surface of the Volpe Center. The win completed a two-game sweep over their conference rivals, as the Friars upended the Warriors 4-1 in Friday's season opener.

At 12:53 into the third period and the contest knotted at 3-3, PC senior defenseman Scott Balboni intercepted a clearing pass in between the red line and the Warrior blue line and fired the puck back in the zone for a line change. That's where the divine intervention stepped in, as the puck slipped under unsuspecting goalie Martin Legault for the game winner.

"I was very surprised," admitted Balboni. "I just dumped it in. I shot it at the net and went off for a change. We were playing in the fog, and I didn't realize it went in until I got to the bench. I guess it just bounced over his stick."

"I don't know if the goalie ever

**...whether you think you played well or not, it's always nice to find a way to win.**

saw it," said Friar Head Coach Paul Pooley. "It came off our forecheck, and that's kind of what we want to do. We don't plan on scoring between the red line and the blue line, but it was a turnover and we were in the right spot. We were changing and Scotty just teed

it up.

"It was unfortunate and I feel bad for Legault because he played very well that game," continued the second-year mentor. "But we'll take it any way we can, no question."

The good guys struck first, carrying over Friday's momentum. Just 3:55 into the first period and playing short handed, PC winger Travis Dillabough intercepted a clearing pass, passed to junior center David Green at the right circle, who buried it in the top left corner.

Merrimack fought back with a pair midway at 8:42 and 10:35 to take their first lead of the weekend.

Friar defensemen Erik Sundquist blasted a slap shot past Legault at 5:59 of the second, capitalizing on a power play with assists from Mike Omicioli (Hockey East Rookie of the Week) and Stefan Brannare. After Warrior defensemen

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Dan Dennis '97 and Scott Balboni '96