Sun will turn to rain or snow, with winds. Hills will only be in the mid 30s.

American Studies Update
What Does the Administration Know, and What Did They Know It?

by David M. Canal '98
News Writer

"This program will not be offered in the class of 1999 and future classes." This statement refers to the American Studies program and appears in the Faculty Advising Handbook, dated March 6, 1995, which was distributed last month.

According to this statement, it is not clear that the American Studies program at Providence College has been dropped and will no longer be an option for incoming students at Providence College. The question that many people are asking is: Why did this happen? It is not clear if the program was dropped because of financial reasons or for other reasons.

We are not sure if the administration would comment on the issue since "No decision to keep or drop the American Studies Program has been made yet." The reason why no faculty or administration knew that the American Studies program has been dropped even though it appeared in the Faculty Advising Handbook is because it actually has not been dropped yet. It is

"Dragging their feet for so long and not debuting the issue with anyone is foolish and is certainly not in the best interest of the students."

-Dr. Richard Testa

JRW Under Construction
Questions Surrounding Executive Board Improprieties and High Costs Elicit Review

by Mary M. Shaffer '97
News Editor

Last month's JW was surrounded by controversy even before the event took place. Talk varied from mismanagement of funds to improprieties by Student Congress. The controversy continues.

In past years it has been tradition for the Executive Board of Student Congress to go "for free" to JW, since in effect it is an event sponsored by Congress, and they are technically going as chapter reps. However, the members of the freshmen class were gone alone, that is without a date outside of other Exec. Board members. This year that policy changed, and the four members of the board, along with their dates, went to JW "for free."

Many were concerned about this and wondered where the money for the Exec. bids came from. There was talk of the funds coming directly out of the JW fund, the Commencement fund and even from the Class of '96 fund. Anonymous conversations and a late night phone call to Theresa Edro, Editor-in-Chief of The Crow, from an unidentified Congress member perpetuated the rumors. According to Bill Meehan '96, Student Congress Executive Board President, he would not do for the eight total people involved in the General Student Congress Comp fund, and that all eight people were not at all the events. Rev. J. Stuart McPhail, O.P., Vice President of Student Affairs, confirmed what Meehan stated, by claiming, "I am not aware of class funds being cut, and as I can tell there were no improprieties."

"I was the only one who went to both the Semi-Formal and the Formal. Leslee (Donpet '96, Student Congress Treasurer) wound up not going to anything at all because she was sick," Meehan stated.

The way the "free" JW bids operate is confusing. The school administration is not sure what they went free when I could not even afford to go, and then what I did pay for, the $15 brunch on Sunday, I didn't even eat because there wasn't enough!

According to Meehan, the Exec. Board went to the JW Core and Fr. McPhail and asked if they could bring dates. "We went through all the proper channels and made all the arrangements. We did everything clean cut and above board. It was not until later that Core came to us and said they did not want us bringing dates. By this time it was too late since dresses had been purchased and plans had been made."

Nora O'Brien '97, J. 96 Core Committee Chair countered this by saying there was a lot of misunderstanding between Core and Exec. Board. "He (Meehan) asked singular members of Core for free bids and they said 'yes.' When we met as a whole to discuss it, we decided that Exec. Board was there for a purpose, and therefore they should go alone. When this new group decision was brought to Exec. Board as a whole, there was a lot of confusion and confusion, and the end result was they went," she explained.

Because of the controversy, new regulations have been set up regarding who can come to JW for free. In legislation recommended this week during the weekly Congress meeting, it was established that in the future Exec. Board will attend without dates, and this will be kept in effect, regardless of their year, they (the date) must pay. This policy will also hold true for the commencement. They will not, however, be able to bring dates if it prevents students of the particular class from attending their own events. Other big changes were proposed regarding JW that affect continued on page 2

Students Celebrate Advent Season

by Robin L. Erickson
News Writer

The Christmas season officially kicked off Monday night as the tree in front of Slavin was lit up for the holidays. The ceremony began at 7 p.m. in Aquinas Chapel with the annual Advent Lessons and Carols Service. The choir led the congregation in song, and in between, readings pertaining to the Advent season were read by student lectors. From the Service, a processional to the front of Slavin was led by Sr. Annette Desmarais, O.P., Assistant Chaplain of the College, Fr. Joseph Barranger, O.P., Chaplin of the College, and the PC Choir. Christmas carols were sung during what was supposed to be a candlelight procession, but the high winds prevented the candles from staying lit. Nevertheless, a large crowd of students braved the cold and bitter winds to participate in the tree-lighting ceremony. The procession ended in front of Slavin Center where Father Barranger led the group in prayer and then flipped the switch to illuminate the Christmas tree.

Afterwards, the group headed into Slavin and '64 Hall for some cookies and hot chocolate. There, they were treated to a reading of "The Night Before Christmas" by Providence College President Fr. Philip Smith. He sat in his rocking chair and invited all the members that sat around him, in lieu of children. "It was nice—a little cold—but a good way to start off the Advent season. It certainly got me into the mood for Christmas," explained Suzanne Hargraves '98.

If you missed the ceremony, the tree will be in front of Slavin for the remainder of the two sessions. It is a little bit of Christmas spirit to the PC campus.
**Christmas Greetings from the Chaplain**

by Joseph Barranger, O.P.

Chaplain

Now that Thanksgiving is over we are rapidly approaching the Christmas break. There is only one major hurdle left: EXAMS!!! We all know how stressful exam time is, and it never seems to get any easier. During the coming weeks, study will be important for all of us to balance out time. We'll need to make sure that we take time for study, time for rest, and time for prayer. It will be easy to forget that we are in the midst of Advent, which is the season of preparation for the Joyous Feast of Christmas.

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During these weeks of preparation, we should remember that Christmas is a season when we celebrate the presence of Emmanuel, the “God with us.” the feeling of warmth and peace that Christmas brings is not meant to be temporary. Instead, our faith calls us to carry the peace of Christ to others throughout the year! We shouldn’t allow Christmas to become a mere sentimental holiday, full of Christmas glitter. We should allow ourselves to be filled with awe and wonder at the tremendous gift that God has given us by becoming flesh and dwelling among us! During this season of peace and goodwill, let’s remember those who are not at peace. Those throughout the world who are suffering the effects of poverty and war, prejudice and persecution. Pray for peace in Bosnia, and for healing for the grieving peoples of Israel.

As a more practical note, if you would like to take a break from your studies, remember the chapels are open late at night. Stop by for a few quiet moments, or try attending the 9:00 p.m. weekday Mass. You might want to set aside some time to celebrate the “Pre-Exam Mass” at 9:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 12th in Aquinas.

This won’t be a substitute for study, but it certainly can’t hurt! If you need a quick place to study, try the Campus Ministry Conference room in Slavin 213. During the exam period we’ll keep a light burning for you until late at night! Remember that if there is any way I can be of service to you, all you have to do is ask. All of the chaplains are available to you in Slavin 211, or by calling x2216.

Let’s pray for another as we approach Christmas, and as our Jewish brother and sisters celebrate Hanukkah. I will be remembering you every day in my prayers and Masses as we approach exam time. Don’t forget: THERE IS LIFE AFTER EXAMS!

Merry Christmas season fill you with the peace of Christ.

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**The Phillips Memorial Library is sponsering its first banquet for fines program this month. This is a good opportunity to clear your overdue fines and to provide food for the needy. The library will clear $100 dollar in fines for each can of food brought in between December 1 and December 20, 1995. The Providence College chaplain office will distribute the food to needy families. Please keep in mind that cans must be in good condition and not out-dated. Call the library circulation department, ext. 1422, for further information.**

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**JRW Under Construction**

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The actual weekend itself. The JRW Review was not caught by the recommendations to Congress this week, and after review by both Fr. McCall and Student Congress, they will either be passed or voted down. The goals of the JRW review committee were to lower the personal cost of the weekend, to keep JRW from overpowering Commencement, and to address who will receive free bids, in other words, who has already been dismissed.

Perhaps the biggest immediate change in the committee proposed was the creation of a moving of the formal on Saturday night to Providence. This way the cost would be reduced. In addition, students would also be able to rent a hotel. Also any damage which might occur during the weekend could be fixed there in the city and not in another state. The committee explained that this would also help to create Commencement as the pinnacle event in a PC student’s life because it would be the sole event to be held in Boston.

The rest of JRW would remain the same as it had been in the past for the Class of 1998. JRW, but new changes will have an impact to the Class of 1999 and succeeding classes. The semi-formal dance will be canceled, and the JRW Mass will be held followed by some other on campus class event instead. According to the review committee, this re-think is in need for two dances to be held in successive nights. They feel that once these changes are made the overall personal cost of JRW will decrease and JRW would not positively overshadow Commencement.

A more minor change was suggested, and that was to change the way the video is distributed. In past years the video has sold well, and only online from that point. Those who do decide buying do pay the cost of JRW. In other words, many enjoy it on the day it is displayed, but do not want to cherish it forever. Talk of switching production companies to lower the cost was discussed, and may be implemented for the Class of 1999.
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Only the Good Die Young?

by Mike Sullivan '97
Editorial Writer

Do you know what is the lead- ing cause of death for children under the age of four in the United States? It is not sickness, nor are there any other single cause. The most common cause of death, according to statistics available, is that of child abuse. That's right, more children three years old and younger die from physical abuse and neglect than from any other single cause. The most detailed statistics available show that in 1993 there were 2.9 million cases of child abuse and neglect reported. This number refers to the four times what it was in 1976 when the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services started collecting such figures.

The Department also reports that in 90% of cases, the children were being abused and neglected by a parent or some other caregiver. What's more alarming is that there are probably many more cases that go unreported, unchecked and unnoticed.

Everyone can agree that child abuse is a problem, but no one can agree how to solve it. Some claim that it is a result of an unstable family system that destroys its family. They feel that the best way of solving this problem is to get rid of welfare. Other people think that the problem stems from not enough help in social programs, and that if we spent more, the problem would solve itself. Both theories are wrong.

Child abuse does not happen because of how welfare programs are or are not funded. It happens because there are far too many people having too many children, and the parents are not mature enough to take care of them properly.

It is easy to become a parent. People of any maturity level and any character can decide that they want to have a child. All they have to do is go out and have sex with someone. That is why we are hav- ing all this trouble. The obvious response is to drive a car and license to go fishing, but when it comes to getting involved in society's most important and demanding job of all, there is absolutely no compo- sition necessary. The child abuse statistics show that we have people who do not even take the time to finish high school, but they are not entrusted with raising children. As a result we have a group of immature, irresponsible, ill-prepared people becoming moms and dads who have no intention of investing the effort, love and con- cern that every child, love and deserves. Hence, we get families, where children are at the mercy of their incompetent parents.

For too long the government is doing very little to pro- tect children when we need it the most. Even with the safety of children's top priority, federal law does not require states to make protection agencies to keep families together. It is a number one. One caregiver worker once explained, "We're not able to do as much as we'd like to protect the child. Even though there is where we would never want to re- unite the family, that has to be our first goal because of the legal mandate. Just isn't that appropri- ate when you have severe physical or sexual abuse, when the family has no chance of living together.

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In addition, all the shows that are most popular today are making sex out to be a commonplace, daily occurrence. Some people, even some of the people who know, have gotten more daring in recent years while the ratings people, who are the only ones who count, many TV movies are laden with "Adult Language," otherwise known as sexually explicit language. Many child in- clude many allusions to sex. Rated R movies are now dependent on being sexier, more explicit and mak- ing a great, immature, irresponsible, and ill-prepared people becoming moms and dads who have no intention of investing the effort, love and concern that every child, love and deserves. Hence, we get families, where children are at the mercy of their incompetent parents.

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A course in Restructuring

by Jay Spinola '96
Editorial Writer

The Curriculum at Providence College has not undergone any major overhaul for many years. Consider the Fine Arts and math requirements. When the students came to the accreditation review that the college is subject to in 1997, Fr. Scarpone and the faculty and administration reviewed the present curriculum and possibly executed drastic alterations.

Possible modifications that the faculty are presently considering are quite diverse. The potential courses include: a language requirement, a community service component, and studies in cultural diversity. In addition, possible freshmen seminars and senior capstone classes may become part of the core curriculum. Altering the development of Western Civilization program has also been discussed at length; ideas range from drastically reducing the program, to spacing it out over four years.

I believe most of these ideas are needed, but necessary. To begin, I think our college ought to teach French, rather than Italian, as our language. English, a foreign language as well. PC is one of the few major institutions in New England which holds no such requisite. With diverse countries of the world becoming more and more important, foreign language should be part of the national relations, the knowledge of different languages is extremely important. Such knowledge can benefit a student with any career plans, from history to international relations.

A service component would also make an excellent addition to our core curriculum. Many students often today tend to pursue their own work and do not bother their neighbor's expense. Students should take the time to give some meaning back to the community and not recklessly pursue their own ambitions without thinking of one another.

Another course that seems warranted is a class in technology. With the omnipresent network of computers in today's society, a core requirement in computer operations and technology is a necessity. Such courses are already an obligation in many of our nation's high schools, just as they should be on the college level. Today's computer technology seems to grow at an exponential rate, thus no educated student should be without a fundamental understanding of these devices. Perhaps this requirement could replace a semester of band or foreign language.

No review of our curriculum would be complete without mentioning an in-depth evaluation of the DWC program. As it stands now, this course is required in the first year. Presently there is not uniformly any recognition among students in grading procedure. Some teams have pre-test and post-test exams, while others rely solely on objective testing. As each student is unique in their testing abilities, professors should plan accordingly.

In addition, should a student be asked which type of testing they prefer, with majority ruling on the issue, should they have a standard policy of two essay exams, two objective tests, and at least one research paper per semester.

Additionally, professors should rotate in grading student exams. As one professor may grade easier than another, to adjust to college level courses, and should not have to worry about a degrading grade, worth 5 credits, on their transcripts. The Western Civ program should at least award a third credit for the first and second semesters, then possibly increase to a 5 credit course. However, if the faculty insists on continuing along the same route, students should be given an automatic minor in Civ. At least their students will have something tangible to show for their hard work.

Of course the scope of the Civ program should be reduced. 20 credit hours, or 1/6th one's total credits, seems unreasonable. Professor is division to place on one course. 5 credits per semester weights high in a college and it is especially unjust to Freshmen students. These students are just beginning to adjust to college level courses, and should not have to worry about a degrading grade, worth 5 credits, on their transcripts. The Western Civ program should at least award a third credit for the first and second semesters, then possibly increase to a 5 credit course. However, if the faculty insists on continuing along the same route, students should be given an automatic minor in Civ. At least their students will have something tangible to show for their hard work.

Students must be given adequate representation in promulgating the proposed curriculum changes.

by Amy Rodrigues '97
Editorial Writer

The Providence Basketball season is officially underway. And as always, the team is full of new hopes and prospects who are ready and willing to lead the Friars to victory. Of course, certain changes are forced upon the Friars in order to stay competitive and continue winning.

I remember sitting on Peterson floor at a Sixth-Man Society meeting last year listening to the new basketball coach, an interesting guy who seemingly had a flair for family and basketball alike. I remember him urging us students to go to every game, including non-Big East games, to show support for the team. He stressed the importance of student students have in a successful basketball program. He also had great hopes to make "basketball" fans out of the students. While this does seem more efficient and easily accessible, since our prime audience (for men's basketball) is downtown Providence. He essentially did make the bussing problem possible. But also made us all up to realize that we are going to have to work a bit more in the future to make a difference in the outcome of games and the entire season. So this season, when you hear the call to come to the Civic Center, I wait to see if I can make my ticket be present as such a necessary, integral part of the team. However, in my quest for tickets to these games I faced some major obstacles in buying them, and in buying the number of tickets I wished to buy. It lead me to question it was really even worth going.

Supposedly the lack of advertising of ticket sales around campus is due to the Athletic Ticket Office not advertising ticket sales. Gone are the days when you can pick up your tickets in Slavin Center. Another supposed fact that I was confronted with was the long and barren maze to the ticket office in the back of Alumni, was that it is not fair for those students who wish to participate in the game with their friends. This would also eliminate many empty rows at the Civic Center due to the fact that PC has made us climb mountains upon mountains to see our own basketball team. What a shame.

PC should also take up a deal with the Civic Center, blocking off the floor seats and a regular section of seats for students. This will eliminate students sitting by themselves, and students should be encouraged to fill these seats. Hopefully one of the ladies up in the front might realize these seats are actually at a first-rate collegiate sporting event.

In addition, floor seating should be redesigned to ensure that students sitting in middle and back row can see. Otherwise, seeing will choose to take cheaper seats in front of their TVs where they can actually watch the game.

There is no one person to blame for the inaccessibility that students at PC have encountered when it comes to their men's basketball team. However, the PC team and newly appointed Gillen, would greatly if steps were taken to encourage a greater participation by the student body. They should access the great support group they have sitting at their fingertips. In order to do this, tickets should be made more easily accessible and seating should be improved for students. We are rowdy, 4,000 proud, willing, energized fans who are, as the players are in every sea-

Student Basketball Fans Shortchanged

The Providence College basketball team has been struggling in recent years, but the fans continue to show their support. In this article, the author, Amy Rodrigues '97, discusses the challenges of attending a basketball game at the Civic Center. She highlights the difficulties of obtaining tickets and the need for better seating arrangements for students.

The author also discusses the importance of student support for the basketball team. She encourages students to attend the games and shows their support. She mentions the efforts of the new basketball coach to engage students and make them part of the team. However, she notes the challenges of obtaining tickets and the need for better coordination between the ticket office and the students.

The article concludes by calling for improvements in the seating arrangement and ticket distribution. It also highlights the role that students can play in supporting the team and creating a positive atmosphere at the games. The author emphasizes the importance of student support for the success of the team and the fans' passion for the sport.

This article is an example of how a student newspaper can provide valuable coverage of campus events and encourage student participation. It highlights the importance of student voice and engagement in promoting positive change and support for the university community.
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COMMENTS

December 7, 1995

Bring Back Latin

by Christopher Roche ’96

Asst. Editorials Editor

The Christmas season is the time to promote the spirit of giving to the world to come together and celebrate the birth of the savior Jesus Christ. There are those, however, that argue that capitalism has forged against the spirit of Christmas, the spirit of community and humility is still cherished and celebrated on a grand scale. However, as I begin to look at Christmas with adult vision, I realize that the Catholic Church’s language and the communal spirit of Christmas will never be as strong as it was before.

When the Catholic Church decided to extend Latin masses in favor of modern languages, it made a grave error; and I believe this error is contrary to the mission of the Church. As I understand it, the Church is made up of the people of the world and its mission is to be a community of one before God. The Bible says that the Church is the body of Christ, and that is divided into parts. However, because of the language change, the Church has become divided, and there are many more parts. The Babel-like languages in the Church serve as a dividing block for the members, and it has caused ethnic separation and division.

In many American cities, for example, there are parishes that have masses in continental languages, for example, English, Polish, Portuguese or Spanish. I believe that this is not beneficial because having the mass in the vernacular caters to a specific group of people, and as that sounds, however, that is not the mission of the Church as I understand it. The mission of the Church is to minister to everyone regardless of language. Therefore, when you cater to one specific group by celebrating the mass in a language that is not exclusive to the Church, you are excluding another group entirely. This will cause the speakers of a specific language to feel different from the rest. This is dividing the Church and will provide a different parish for mass, and thus the Church becomes separated.

If Latin was the world language of the Church, then the Church would not be broken into factions. If I wanted to celebrate the mass with Polish, Portuguese or Spanish speaking people, the Church would be able to teach me the same mass, as a community. After attending enough masses, the most important of which are Mass, the Consecration, would be easily understood in any language. Many of these worldwide languages of the Church, then I could walk into a Church in Bogota, Colombia, Italy and celebrate and participate in the mass as if it were in English.

Since I was not alive during Vatican II, and my CV class spent a majority of the class time on the subject, I am not exactly sure why the Church ever dropped Latin as its first place. However, it is my personal opinion that laziness had something to do with it. Maybe the leaders felt it was too difficult to teach Latin, and besides, Church officials were not the least bit interested in popularizing this mass in many countries to switch to the vernacular. The fact that Latin is the universal language and is associated with the Church makes it a more reasonable means of communication; it is a compromise on its principles on the Latin issue, and now, a whole generation of Catholics who do not know a word of Latin, including me. Further, you can not even understand my own writings.

This unexorably makes me want to go back to Latin. Even though there are some who believe Latin is dead, I do believe we should sacrifice ourselves and do what we can to bring back Latin. But the reason I have one chance of proving that they are clear in order to regain custody. Any parent who is found guilty of molestation and is a child molester should lose all parental rights for good. We also need to love our neighbors as ourselves. We must do what we can to help the poor and remove children and all of them, the Church should work hard but the current system is much harsher.

Only the Good Die Young?

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To the Editor:
I was disturbed at the insensate headline, “Airing Dirty Laundry” is an organization of parents and a group that causes it to imply speaking publicly about something that should remain private. Its purpose is unspoken as well. Nothing less than forcing the belief that the survivor is to blame for the abuse received, thus implying many survivors in doubt their experiences and even questions about their abuse. Sexual Violence has existed for many, many years, and has been a day and a night for many who survive the abuse, so the footline inevitably supports this belief. They try to make the “safe space” that survivors have recently begun to claim, and they have a right to do so. On the other hand, doesn’t it require the survivors to possess in order to heal. Although I do not believe that the parents have a right to know, I believe that they should be able to speak up for their own children as well. Sara Signorini

“Airing Dirty Laundry” We were insensitive

To the Editor:

Last week Ms. Vera Schermer wrote in an editorial in The Cowl in support of the decision of the Church in divorce in arguing, it seems that separation of church and state.

She says that divorce is a personal problem, and if it is to be ruled by conscience, not by the state. It is exactly the kind of “ parent’s choice” to justify abortion. Divorce is a moral issue, not a religious issue, and it is also morally irresponsible to applaud the slightest majority of the Irish who voted to end the ban on divorce by calling it “the Irish people’s right to choose.”

All government bodies have the duty and the responsibility to make laws that enforce moral behavior. Laws and regulations cannot be imposed upon the individual. All of us are the sovereign who are the beneficiaries of great substance, such as whether it is moral to have a divorce. The question is how you can avoid one that you don’t want, don’t get one’ is a codification of moral cowardice and the belief that marriage is a sacred institution.

Divorce is either okay or it is not. It is an act that by itself, one should legalizing laws that allow it; on the other hand, if one is Christian or of any other religious or ethical persuasion that condemns divorce, one must unflinchingly take a stand against divorce. "Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery, and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery.”

After divorce is considered to be a moral issue, and one does not have to be Christian to practice the intrinsic sacredness of the marriage bond. But, if one is Christian, one has all the more obligation to condemn the practice of divorce. In the forthcoming legal legislation, regardless of the convictions of others. One cannot legalize divorce should be condemned, much the way one is not just to our corner of it, not just to people of our nationality or race.

... During this season of giving, we have the opportunity to be generous to those who personally, and we can be generous to the homeless, the poor, the old and the sick. We can be not only generous to them, but also kind to these people. We can, in the Christmas spirit, recall how many of the great American musicians are a little too much like Elzenezer Scrooge, murmuring to ourselves “A Scrooge! A mean old man! A fellow who would scarce have cold enough in his house to die in!”

We can take a step back from our hatreds of today, and remember the hard line Scrooges pal Marley learned: “MANKIND was my business.” As we recall the year’s events, we can look at the cause of so much havoc: intolerance. Whether it was Catholic against Protestant, Palestinian against Israeli, or Muslim against Sorno or even the Great Wall, the ability of different people to get along is driven by our own intolerance. Knowing this, we should take the idea of tolerance and apply it to our own lives. We should learn to tolerate others when we act or speak. We should understand how many times we fail to see that there is a difference between people who are different from us. Our New Year’s resolution should be that we tolerate each other. We are a part of our own nation, and our planet more equitably and livable for everyone.

If we look hard enough, we can see the concepts of “apportioning diversity” and “tolerance” are not just politically correct catch-phrases; they are actually moral concepts. When we see the old message of Christmas. They are at the heart of today’s most important social and political resolutions. During the rest of the 1995, let’s celebrate the Year For Toleration, and bring its ideas into the next year, keeping open minds and open hearts. The idea of tolerance is the first step towards peace on earth and goodwill towards all.

Diving in Ireland: Laws Should Enforce Morality

Nicholas Lombardo ’97

Spiritual needs. It prevents there from being mixed messages about the morality of divorce. Further, while the divorce rate is not low, it does not mean that people suddenly stop experiencing human weakness. The most important reason for divorce removes a tremendous source of temptation. The three steps of moral free-for-all, Christians and particularly Catholics are called to take control of their marriage life. Divorce, abortion, birth control, and sexual liberation are moral issues.

Those who wish to follow Christ cannot compromise their beliefs. It is time for the Church to pay attention to such a vague and potentially dangerous concept as the permissiveness. This issue is not to be stomped on because to deny the truth in this matters is to deny Christ. Forbidden to live with others because forcing them to be Catholic, nor is it a violation of people’s right to choose. People should have the right to choose. People should have the right to choose. People should have the right to choose. People should have the right to choose. People should have the right to choose.

Vatican II and the Church above all are not the in charge of the Church. But, if one is Catholic, one has all the more obligation to condemn the practice of divorce. In the forthcoming legal legislation, regardless of the convictions of others. One cannot legalize divorce should be condemned, much the way one of discrimination. The concept that one is not just to our corner of it, not just to people of our nationality or race.

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GSW - LTC
An Awkward Transition

by Mike Sablone ’98
A&E Writer

De La Soul, Gin Blossoms, Brad the Wet Sprocket, Blue's Traveller, not exactly rock bands, much of what I like to call "feel good rock," as opposed to "bust your balls out rock." This year BOP decided to make a change: they booked two different style headlining bands and an opener.

The opener was Velocity Girl, a pop fueled band led by female lead singer Sarah Shannon. The first headlining band was from New York, who go by the name of God Street Wine. So far, so good, not much change; but then change did happen—it was Letters to Cleo, the first rock band that we have seen at PC in a long time.

At first glance, this seems like an extremely odd bill. When I approached lead guitarist Michael Eisenstein and asked him about the bill, he responded, "A lot of people just like the music and are not that concerned about the bill." He proved almost right as, some, but not a substantial number, of pseudo-happiness left after God Street Wine’s set. They made a big mistake.

Velocity Girl got the gig starting with their pop-fueled set. They did their job of warming up the crowd very well, but it still seemed odd to follow a punk pop set with a grungy rock set.

When God Street Wine wandered on stage, their loyal fans went bananas, and so did the wannabe frat boys, as for no apparent reason they beat themselves into a frenzy. Usually people do not moosh to this type of music, but tonight God Street Wine’s version of God Street Wine’s sound which is on the mellow side. My friend screamed at me but I was the only one who described them as "not knowing whether or not they wanted to be the Grateful Dead or Chevy Chase." They did rock a bit more than I thought they would and put me in a good mood, although I was still anticipating the awkward transition between God Street and Letter to Cleo. Letters to Cleo opened with the explosive opener off their latest release, Wholesale Meats and Fish, "Demon Rock." The crowd immediately jumped in tune to the first chord ripped off by Eisenstein who looked like he was having the time of his life bouncing around and kicking out his solos.

The band focused on their newer material, but did play a healthy amount of their old material from 1994’s Aurora Glory Alice. They presented their old material in a new soup up format that breathed new life into old songs like "Big Star" and the already rocking "Get It While You Can". Their set consisted of a lot of new material and a few hits from their debut album. Their set was fantastic, and the crowd seemed to be very pleased with the performance. They ended their set with their hit single "Avalanche," and the crowd erupted into a wild dance party. The encore was a cover of "I'm Your Man," by The Posies, and was received very well by the audience.

Dino Deo, the lead singer of Letters to Cleo, had a great set and was very engaging with the audience. His energy was contagious and he managed to keep the crowd engaged throughout the entire performance. The band played some of their older material as well as their newer songs, and the audience responded very well.

Overall, it was a successful night of music with two very different bands. The transition between the two bands was seamless, and the audience was able to enjoy both sets without any problems. The energy was high, and everyone seemed to be having a great time.

Shaggy Keenan: I'm Shaggy
Mike Sablone: I'm Mike
Kay Hanley: I'm Kay
Michael Eisenstein: I'm Mike

S.K.: Most of the tickets that were off campus went to God Street Wine fans, because I think that most students bought them to see you.
K.H.: Cool.
M.S.: I think most people here like you guys more, which is sort of odd, because most students here really like Philip and Dave Manheim.
M.E.: The H.O.R.D.E. is extremely popular — Phil is in huge can’t believe.
K.H.: Yeah they sold out the Centrum — the Worcester Centrum — do you know how big that place is? I saw Prince there.

S.K.: As for the whole Meltzer Place thing, you guys still trying to show that off...
M.E.: Yeah. Actually didn’t show it as much, to try dealing with the..."
Rhino is on a Stampede

by Pete "Shaggy" Keenan '99

The Prime Time Cafe is a discreet sports bar located between Lepor Rama and the Foxy Lady on Douglass St. There's a big screen TV, pool table, pizza and juke box. The music was well varied. The menu is well varied. It had a friendly atmosphere, even if the bar was not a busy one. It's not really crowded anymore.

The Prime Time Cafe seeks to have more local bands

on future Thursday nights.

Rhino has been playing together for

about eight months. Staging influences which range from the Beatles and Rolling Stones to Sonic Youth, the Pixies and Teenage Fan Club, Rhino was given over two hours to strut their stuff, which amounted to a twenty-plus song set.

The very roots of Rhino's name lends me to question the band's mental well being. Picture this if you will, oh ye gentle reader: a concert headlining a bill including the Beatles, Stones, Sonic Youth — all the band's favorite acts. The four band members are at this show and then, in the middle of the program, the evil mass of bulky muscle who is the arch-nemesis of Spiderman in the nefarious comic book entity Rhino, begins to trompe the show-goers. This odd scenario comes straight from the dream of an undisclosed band member, and thus the name Rhino is born. This band is anything but normal.

Also setting them aside from the masses of two-bit bands touring the small club circuit is Rhino's obvious skill. Attempting to describe them to someone who has never heard them is a labor of effort. They possess a unique sound which lacks categorization in conventional methods of description. If I was forced to draw a parallel between Rhino and another band, I would have to say their sound is comparable with Sunny Day Real Estate. Modulating in episodes of mellow chillness to frantic razor edged guitar riffs, Rhino's sound is almost manic-depressive in nature. Janovitz's singing is eerie melodic. The properties of the sound are bizarre, yet entrancing. In fact, while listening to him, the harmonic yearning that I detect in his voice is a powerful music conjures an emotional mood which is despair, raw and pleasing in some songs, demanding in others, but always powerful.

The long list set composed of many of Rhin's originals, but also included several Beatles' covers, such as "I Want You" and "For One." Rhino even threw in a Black Sabbath tune. A high point in the show was during the Beatles' "Dear Prudence" when the band started into P.S.H.'s "Sample In A Jar," a spontaneous decision which was well received by the crowd.

Rhino's music was strong enough to stand on its own feet without the help of cover songs. Opening with "Sketchy (at best)," the energy intensity level reached a lofty plateau on the second song, "Climbing," which remained constant through the entire show, even bridging over several short intermissions. A high point for me was when the band performed "False Foot," the last song in the first set, which exemplified the driving raw emotion of the band, which they have continued in their most recent months. In addition to playing several parties, Rhino has appeared at Club Babyhead and the Living Room. Rhino has also been playing the college circuit, performing at Fairfield University and Assumption College, in addition to PC's own Stuart's Coffeehouse. On Friday, December 8, Rhino will be playing Club Babyhead with the Bogmen, who have spent their recent time opening for the Dave Matthews Band.

Many years ago, I asked my mom to buy me a pet hippopotamus for Christmas. I was young and foolish, and did not realize that hippos did not make the best, or most conventional tokens of Christmas giving. Now I am older and wiser, and have learned to accept limitations on Christmas presents. As the Yale Tide season closes, this year I will be asking my mom for a rhino, at least a Rhino t-shirt, for a Christmas present.

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"Woman Talk!"

The concept of community building in the residence halls has been taken a step further this semester in Aquinas Hall. "Woman Talk!" is a women’s mentoring group that has been established to foster relationships between first year and upperclass students who live in Aquinas Hall. Over 175 residents are participating, which equals approximately one “big sister” for every two “little sisters”. Many big sisters have spent the first portion of this semester getting to know their little sisters. During a "Woman Talk!" open house in the Aquinas Hall Director’s apartment, Stephanie Firman ’98 recalled her freshman year and says that her transition to school would have been much smoother had she had another class woman to have a special bond with. Sue Clark ’99 shared that she turns to her big sister classmates that are now her close friends. "Woman Talk!" meets on the first Wednesday of each month in Aquinas Lounge. Meetings have thus far been socials but topics that will be covered range from current women’s issues to academic concerns. Kara Kolomitz, Aquinas Hall Director, credited the programs’ success to the RA staff in the building and the numerous upper-class women that have become mentors for the freshman. "RAs were instrumental in encouraging involvement from students and started this program out on a very positive note. Watching these residents develop indicates how influential it is to have young women helping other young women to lead bold and productive lives. Hopefully, this kind of interaction between women will address some of the unique needs for this age group of women. As our Providence College community enters the 21st century it is exciting and encouraging to see our students attempt to answer the many gender issues that exist."

Upcoming BOP Events...

Friday, Dec. 8th at Stuart’s

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What do you really want for Christmas?

Leonore Lesho '98, Jen Hastings '98, Tara Hurley '98, Heather Geoffrey '98:
"We want a J Crew model."

Danny Herceg '99, Kevin Furtado '99:
"We want everyone to stay the hell out of our rooms!"

Shaggy Keenan '99, Slug Sablone '98, Kay Hanley, Mike Eisenstien:
"For God Street Wine to fall off the face of the planet."

(F) Jaci Conry '99, Lindsay Levesque '99
(B) Alyson Lorenz '99, Danielle Lombardi '99:
"Sleep - lots of it!"

King's Org Theory Class '96:
"Senge in our stockings!"

Santa:
"My elves!"

Robin Erikson '98, Chip, Heather Deware '98, Dale:
"We already got what we wanted for Christmas!"

Miguel Sheridan '97, Mary Ellen Hart '96, Joey Sustar '98:
"Continued good health for our friends and family, a bar of soap, a loaf of bread...oh yeah, and a coloring book...make that two."

K & K: "We want some of those nifty bracelets so we can drink for free at Congress events. Talk about fringe benefits!!"
Flick Those Channels

by Jeffrey Komanecky '98 Features Writer

Some of the best things on TV aren’t the prime time shows that you may pop-up to watch every week. They are the special gems found in those precious moments when commercials give you the time to become the adventurous trailblazer that you’ve always wanted to be when you get a chance to flick. Although it helps to have an attention span so short that you can decipher entire plots from only one-tenth of a second of viewing, there is more to the art of flicking. When given only a minute or two of commercial time to visit fifty or so channels, quick un heavened decision making is essential. It takes a steady hand and nerves of steel to wield that remote with both speed and accuracy. It takes a champion to master the art of the flick. Here’s a test of your abilities.

1) Let’s assume that you are watching something of vital importance that could change the course of your life. For this test, we will choose Sportscenter. Knowing that you have two minutes to flick and you don’t want to miss any of the show you decide to A) only flick between channels and ESPN so you can quickly flick back or B) go for broke and try to make the most of the time you have. You answered? Well, it was a trick question you fool! Even if you stayed for thirty seconds or two, you could have missed a new Sportscenter commercial. So the answer is obviously C) Don’t flick. Try to be more careful next time.

2) You are watching something relatively unimportant and you don’t really care if you miss a few seconds while flicking. Obviously, you are watching the President speak. When Big Bill steps his feet on the stage, 2.9 million Americans in the Southwestern United States will try to answer the White House door for the pizza man and you have the opportunity to flick, you have to make one of the following decisions: A) Watch Bill eat his pizza. B) Watch an episode of “Quantum Leap” and try to pick up the plot, or C) Give up on your theories and read a book. If you answered with A or C or you answered incorrectly because you later find out that you missed Sam playing one-on-one hoops with Albert Einstein. Einstein was and gives up on his theories because of opportunities for sneaker endorsements. Both Sam and you lose. 3) You are in the middle of a flick and you must decide between an interesting show and an infomercial on studying. If you chose the ads-commercial—Good Choice! Because of your rippling stomach muscles, you are able to quit school and make million dollar slogans on your washboard-like stomach.

Don’t feel bad if you didn’t do too well on the test. Remember that I am just a man on my mother’s lap.

Flick Those Channels

by Erin R. King '98 Features Writer

I’ve got the blues...the end-of-semester blues. You probably know them well—lips to papers to do this week (seven of them are due tomorrow), an early exam on Friday, and you still have to get a million Christmas cards out to family and friends. What do you do? Why, go out of course! It doesn’t matter that it’s Monday night and you’re sitting in Mural Lounge. Joy to the day, what’s with that-Sing-For-Your-Supper thing they’re doing down there? Please. My advice? Make sure whatever you order has six syllables and sing it to the tune of “Jingle Bells.” Or tell them to stick their noses where the sun...well, I think you know where.

Procrastination Method Number Two: Attend a concert of your choice. I choose Letters to Cleo last Saturday night. I walked away from the bleachers five feet away from where I was sitting, I found it very disgusting. Apparently most people tolerate these articles for no one else seemed as disturbed as I was. Considering it my good deed for the day, I found a not so BOP guy who had someone clean it up. This event led me to spend the next few days trying to figure out exactly what was so alluring about puking in public. I know getting drunk can be fun, but isn’t it embarrassing to make a mess like that in public? Just time I re-member doing that, I was an in-fant on my mother’s lap.

But digress. The computer lab is an obvious place to waste time. One minute you can be knee-deep in footnotes, the next checking your e-mail or “surfing the net.” Should always an option in your life. Why, even the library is a great place to do not do work. You can make cop-ies of your butts and distribute them all over campus (although this writer will not be responsible for the outcome of such an action.) Venturing off campus is also an option. There’s the mall, where all your cars will be forgotten as you try and brave the crowds. This past weekend I went to Boston for a day. Had an hour and fifteen minutes to wait for my train home, so I went a bookstore and spent ten dollars on a paperback book that was relevant to my English paper (well, sort of—it was written in English). Thus, work was done.

Then, if you’re like me, you can spend time playing Solitaire on the computer instead of writing this article. Yes! I just won another game! Or you can go back to your room to escape the last pace of these last few weeks of the semester. Eat a tasty snack! Re-acquaint yourself with your stuffed animals! Do something constructive! I know some people on campus—a girl who really creative punk phone the other night. Some thirsty kid gave me a ring to let me know that there is “a party in his pants.” So I put on my dancing shoes and went out.

Whatever Shall I Do?!

by Doris Lessing

That is what learning is. You suddenly understand something you’ve understood all your life, but in a new way.

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The Features Staff wishes everyone the best of luck on finals, and a safe and Happy Holiday!
Sorry Seems to be the Hardest Word

by Lori McCreryn '99  

Features Writer

As I approached, the blue lights flashing from the police cars startled me. My baby was not somewhere, and I had to get her out. As I drove closer, the ambulance announced its departure and took off. I could hear the siren speed off into the distance. It was then that I knew I was too late. Nevertheless, I got out of the car to see what had happened.

I found the scene there, but I pushed my way through the crowd to see what everyone was gawking at. The sight of the car almost made my heart stop. It was pushed into a street sign surrounded by a puddle of glass. Both the passenger side and back windshield had shattered. The door was dented and deformed. The once shiny exterior was now black and crushed. I could only imagine how she had gotten out. 

"Mr. Andrews...there you are," a voice called to me. It was my son’s friend, Kevin. "They took her to the hospital. Marc is with her, but she asked for you."

"Thanks Kevin. I’m on my way."
The look on his face told me that he was really worried. I could only smile at him to ease the pain. All I wanted to know was that my little girl was going to be okay.

I turned on my windshield wipers as the drizzle turned into a steady rain. She always told me that the wipers in her car never worked. Then again, it was funny that she always referred to it as "her" car. She barely got to use it any more. Marc was using it to commute to school, and she only was able to use it when she was home on break or various weekends. But in her mind it was still hers. Marc said that she called it her baby. He never understood why she liked the car so much, but I learned not to question it.

As the rain came down harder I started to think that this whole accident was my fault. If I hadn’t been so busy, then I could have driven Marc to the Christmas party at his friend’s house. My vision got steadily worse as I drove into the fog. I knew that it was stupid to let her drive. No one should be driving in this weather, certainly not my baby. "Darn," I swore to myself as I pulled into the hospital.

"Dad! dad! Over here," Marc called to me as I strode nervously into the emergency room. "They’re examining her now, and they told me to stay here and wait for you," he paused for a moment to survey me. "So, I guess we have to wait," he finished feebly.

All of a sudden I was left wishing that she had not turned eighteen so soon. The day she left for college was one of the worst days of my life, but I had to let her go. It was her dream. I just wanted her to still need me. I wanted to still feel as though I had a place in her life even though I did not even know where she was or what she was doing most of the time. She called me a couple times a week, but it could not take the place of her. She was out of my reach.

My son and I sat in the green, uncomfortable chairs in silence. We could have tried to assure each other that she was going to be okay, but for some reason we felt that there was no longer a need for words. About a half hour later and three cups of bad coffee, the doc- tor came.

"Mr. Andrews, I am Dr. Peterson. Well...am, it looks like Shannon is going to be okay. She fractured her right wrist and there are a couple of scratches and bruises, but she should be feeling better in a couple of days."

"Can we see her?" I asked impatiently.

"One at a time," the doctor promised.

Marc motioned for me to go, and followed the doctor down the hall.

She looked so small lying in the big bed. She constantly complained about her height, but there was nothing that I could do to fix that. Some spots on her face were starting to turn purple and she looked worn out. Nevertheless, she tried to smile.

"Daddy," she whispered.

"Hi honey," I spoke softly. "How are you feeling?"

She laughed a little, but she didn’t respond. She sort of looked at her casted wrist and then back to me. I guess it was a stupid question. I didn’t really know what to say to her. I had never been blessed with the ability to say what was right. I usually just say whatever comes to my mind. She lay there without speaking. I knew that she just needed some rest.

"I’m sorry daddy," she whispered.

"Sorry? For what?"

"My baby is gone, and Marc needs it...it’s all my fault," she paused for a moment, "I didn’t mean for it to happen, I swear. I’m sorry."

"Sweeeties there is no reason to be sorry," I tried to tell her.

"But the stop sign...headlights...my fault," she babbled incoherently.

"It’s okay honey. It’s okay," I reasured her as I stroked her hair. Soon she began to close her eyes. I just watched her. I didn’t really care if it was her fault. I almost lost my little girl. I don’t know what I would have done if he had taken her. I looked at her lying there and I knew that she would always be my little girl no matter if she was eight or eighteen.

"I love you Shannon," I con-fessed as I kissed her forehead gen- tly. I got up to leave so that she could rest.

"Daddy, please stay," she said groggily. Her eyes fluttered half open, and she smiled as she saw me approaching her bedcide. I sat down and grasped her cold hands.

"Thank you daddy," I didn’t think that I will ever get tired of her call- ing me daddy.

The Lord Will Provide...
FEATURES

A Two Foot Tree? I Think Not!
by Bridget Hughes '96
Features Editor

Christmas spirit is something that everyone ends up having—whether they like it or not. It's something that one can easily acquire—even for those who are the grumpiest of grumps. My parents are the perfect example of what I am talking about. Two weeks ago when I was home for Thanksgiving, my mother handed me a catalog, turned to a page she had marked, and told me that there would be no 5-foot Christmas tree this year. Instead, she was going to order a 2-foot tree that came already decorated, from this "fabulous" catalog that came in the mail. She informed me that she was sick and tired of taking charge of the tree every single year, and since no one else would pitch in to help—this 2-foot tree was the simple solution. I rolled my eyes, telling her that she was being ridiculous, and she had no Christmas spirit in her. But, since I wouldn't be home to help decorate the house (tree included), I told her to do what was easiest.

I came back to PC after Thanksgiving forgetting about all the "tree dilemma," until last Sunday when I hung up the phone, I couldn't help but wonder what would greet me when I finally go home on December 20. Knowing my parents, I am not too concerned. The season of the holiday is catching. If I knew my mother, she will have a plate of Christmas cookies on the table, the mantels decorated and the fire roaring, as the Christmas CD's are all stacked next to the stereo waiting their turn to be played. As I said before, the spirit of Christmas spreads very easily.

Some Book BuyBack Tips

- Remember, books can have great value—Don't leave them unattended, especially in the Library, the cafe or the bookstore bookdrop, during finals week.

- Many of the classes offered at PC are for the whole year. To get 50% back for your books you must sell them back during the buyback that preceeds the start of that class. Always sell your full year class books back in May. If the book is still current and we have an order, you will get 50%.

- Publishers issue new editions frequently. Most textbooks are updated every three years. When a book is updated, or declared "out of print" it is usually of no value, both at PC and at other colleges.

- We will be buying books back for both PC's second semester courses and the National Used Textbook Market. If your book is being used next term, and we need it, we will give you 50% of the list price. If your book is not being used next semester we will offer you the National Wholesale Price. These books are bought back at PC, trucked to our wholesaler, sorted, stocked and resold all around the U.S.

- All books must be complete and have bindings intact. Foreign language books and all study guides must be in "Brand New" condition.

101 Things to Be Happy About at Christmas
by Pam Marchant '96
Features Writer

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ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

Kierstin Newell '98 (Branford, CT)
Women's Swimming

Kierstin won the 100 Free and 200 Free at the New England Championships. She was also part of two PC relays (200 free and 400 free) that took first place honors. Kierstin helped the Lady Friars to a fourth place finish.

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Head Coach John O'Neill, who quietly coached his team to their best New England Championship finish in school history, was rewarded for his efforts at the close of the tournament in Storks. O'Neill, who is in his twelfth season at Providence and has led PC to a 114-110-2 record since the 1984-85 season, was awarded the 1995 New England Coach of the Year award.

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**Women's Hockey**

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The third period gave Northeastern another eastern goal, while PC fin- ished with only a few notable, yet stunted, shots. The 4-2 loss was a disappointment for Barto, who hopes his team will use this game "as a positive experience."

The Lady Friars had a better game against Brown last Wednesday, but were hurt on power plays. Goals by Allison Whelan and Malcolm "should be enough to solidify our play," said Coach Wheeler."

What could be said about this disappointing loss? Wheeler re- responded, "It was a very physical game. It's hard not to retaliate, but we shouldn't have to take cheap shots to win."

Barto thought it was a good game, though she noticed a few weak points for PC. "At this point, we're making some mistakes and not making smooth adjustments. Hopefully we'll improve in the next couple of weeks."

Providence will have had a week of pure practice to rebuild their fighting strength before their next contest, at Yale on January 6. The 2 o'clock ECAC game will begin their 1996-97 season towards the goal, 12-7, led by the Friars clawing back the efforts of Malcolm. With the game tied at 14, PC launched a 4-0 run. Ohio State liked their wounds, and came back tough hitting a vital try at 7:35 to lead 1-3. 24, OSU would finish the half strong as they left the Friar boards, 45-37. The second half was more of the same. The confident Ohio State team worked 4 to a 15 point advantage before Wheeler stopped the bleeding with a long three-ball. Malcolm then hit a try on her own and Chutien joined in the fun with another three at 12:33 bringing the Friars within four of the lead.

But that, as they say, was that. Ohio State regained their composure to make it a ten point differ- ent and never looked back, deal- ing the hapless Friars their third consecutive loss to start the sea- son. Malcolm was the high scorer with 22, while Pered, playing in front of her hometown crow- ned all eight points and four boards. The Lady Friars next contest is on the road Saturday as they kick off their Big East season against the Panthers of Pitt. Their next home game is after finals on De- cember 20th against Hofstra.

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**Carroll Hangs Up Uniform**

by John Carcich '98
Sportswriter

The NCAA cross country championships on October 23rd at Iowa State University saw Mark Carroll's final race in a Providence College uniform. Carroll, who placed second in Iowa behind Ar- kansas' Godfrey Stumwern, quali- fied for the Olympic Games this summer, and is giving up his re- maining eligibility to concentrate on Atlanta.

"I'm going to give up my eligi- bility now, I'm not going to run indoors or outdoors," said Carroll.

The Cork, Ireland na- tive decided to continue with graduate studies and return to the Friar cross country squad, taking one last shot at the national title while leading the Friars to a tie for eighth at the NCAA's.

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"I'm going to probably go to Florida, train down there, get ready for Atlanta. If it wasn't an Olymp- ic year I would stay in school and run track. But I've won outdoors, and this year I think the Olympics have to take priority."

Carroll, who has consistently garned All American and All New England accolades, and with his National title in in- doors, graduated last spring, but was still eligible this year after missing a handful of seasons due to injury. The Cork, Ireland na- tive decided to continue with graduate studies and return to the Friar cross country squad, taking one last shot at the national title while leading the Friars to a tie for eighth at the NCAA's.

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That Carroll qualified for the games with a 13:13 5000-meter time, good enough to place him in the finals of last summer's World Championships.

He had a very solid cross country season, now he can con- centrate on the Olympic games," explained Providence cross country coach Ray Tracy, who has been Carroll's mentor for the past five years. "He's got seven or eight months to get ready for those."

**DID YOU KNOW?**

That Men's Basketball senior guard MICHAEL BROWN is father in career three-point field goals (114), ninth in career steals (127) and 45th in career scoring (809) in the Providence record books. Barring the unforeseen, he will become a 1,000 point scorer.
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Providence Taught A Lesson By Seton Hall

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squads entered intermission with Hall leading 46-35. Gillon’s club stormed out of the locker room with an 11-2 min, cutting the deficit to 48-46. A simple time out taken by the Pirates cooled the Friars and allowed Seton Hall to rebuild their lead back to seven.

Providence charged back, cutting the deficit to 60-58 behind a Michael Brown three and an Austin lay-in. However, they were unable to obtain the lead as Sanders buried a three to bury the Friars. This marked the last time that Providence was within striking distance of the lead.

Gillon was clearly not happy with the overall team performance. “Rubens,” notes Gillon “was the only guy on the team that competed tonight.”

The Friar head man also commented on co-captain Austin Croshere’s recent struggles. “Austin has to adjust to being the focus of other teams’ attention.” Such was the case against Providence University on Saturday.

The greatest Providence College basketball games in the past year have been against Big East rival Syracuse. Last year’s battle at the Octagon saw Providence with a two point lead with seconds left before ‘Cube guard Michael Lloyd went the length of the court and buried a three pointer, barely beating the buzzer. The Friars then met the Orange in the Big East Tournament in the Quarterfinals. Jason Murdock, early knocking down two free throws with no time left on the clock to secure a Providence win. So when Syracuse came to town, this wasn’t just for the Friars’ first Big East win, it was for revenge.

Unfortunately the Orangeemen got by defeating a very green Friar team. Syracuse led huge games out of center Ous Hall and their superstar, John Wallace, who scored 22 and 26 points, respectively. Hill scored 16 of his 22 in the first half, as he took advantage of weak interior defense and early Garces foul trouble. Syracuse built to a 14 point lead with twelve minutes left in the game when Providence began its comeback. Murdock came in for Shammgod and immediately made his presence felt by converting a lay-up at 10:52. Michael Brown cut the lead to single digits by draining a three over the weak Syracuse zone defense. Then Garces cut the lead to seven by showing off a pretty boot shot from the center of the circle. The lead went down to six after a couple of freebies by Austin Croshere.

Then, their was a battle for position as Syracuse and Providence traded baskets. Urged on by the deafening crowd, the Friars came back with key baskets by Shammgod, including two heart pumping treys. Shammgod brought the Friars as close as they were to get by tossin in two pressure free throws, cutting the deficit to 75-74 with 1:25 left. In the end, however, it was not to be as Syracuse was carried to the finish line on the shoulders of Hill, who dropped his shoulder and muscled his way to the basket for the back-breaker.

The story of the day, besides Hill and Wallace, was clearly Michael Brown. Brown buried three pointers en route to a 15 point performance. The six foot guard decimated the Syracuse 2-3 zone in the second half, which led the Friars back into contention.

“I don’t know why they stayed in a zone,” wondered Brown. Michael capitalized not only from the weak ‘Cube zone, but also great penetration of that defense by Shammgod, who would kick it out to a wide open Brown. Make no mistake, however, Brown’s job was not easy as some of those shots were clearly NBA range. As a co-captain, Brown was asked periodically why the new guys had such a hard time against Syracuse. Derrick ‘Flight’ Brown went 1-9, Garces ventured out four shots, Shammgod had a rough first half, and Thomas did almost nothing throughout his fifteen minutes. What gives?

“I don’t think they were prepared...I...”

Yet it was Brown who urged the new guys on, because they are so instrumental to this year’s squad. The North Syracuse native wanted very badly to beat his hometown team, and really believed they would.

“I kept telling the guys, ‘we’re gonna win this game.’” related Brown. Unfortunately, the rest weren’t with him.

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by Mike Fries '97

Sports Writer

For the first time in their history, the Minnesota Golden Gophers football team will be playing in the Super Bowl. The Gophers, who have been waiting for this opportunity for years, are excited and determined to make the most of their chance.

The team has worked hard throughout the season, and their efforts have paid off. They have won seven out of eight games, including a historic upset over the University of Iowa. The Gophers' defense has been particularly strong, allowing only 21 points per game.

The game against the defending champions, the Arizona State Sun Devils, will be held on February 8th at the Louisiana Superdome. The Gophers are confident in their abilities and are ready to take on the challenge.

While the team is excited about the opportunity to play in the Super Bowl, they are also aware of the pressure that comes with such a big game. The Gophers have been working hard to stay focused and prepared for the challenges ahead.

This will be a historic moment for the Minnesota Golden Gophers. They have worked hard throughout the season to make this opportunity a reality. They are determined to take advantage of this chance and bring home a championship.

The team's players, coaches, and fans are all looking forward to this exciting game. They are ready to give their all and leave it all on the field.

The Minnesota Golden Gophers will be playing for more than just bragging rights. They are playing for the chance to be remembered as the team that finally brought a Super Bowl title to the University of Minnesota.
Fourth Time Is A Charm
Providence Lady Friars Lose to Ohio State, But Drop Harvard, 91-87

by Pieter J. Ketelaar '97
Syracuse Writer

The Lady Friars staved off a late comeback by a feisty Harvard squad by hitting eight consecutive free throws in the last minute of play, giving Providence their first win of the season, 91-87, yesterday. Kerri Chatten rebounded from an uncharacteristic 13 point performance in Sunday's game against Ohio State to score a team leading 24 points. Nadine Malcolm, in her first start of the season, notched 23, including an amazing 11 points in the first few minutes of the second half.

"We came out hard tonight with a lot of determination," said Chatten. "Harvard played us really tough. We really needed this win to take us into Saturday's Big East opener against Pittsburgh."

Coach Bob Foley found reason enough to shake up his lineup electing to start the hot hand of Nadine Malcolm. Malcolm also earned her first start as the Lady Friars went to the three guard offense while seniors Lori Periodo and Sarah Miller took the backseat.

Both teams came out rearing to go as PC fought hard to build an early 16-10 advantage over Harvard. PC's press was in full effect as Harvard could not get through. But just when it looked like a cake walk, the Crimson turned it up a notch, edging closer.

Both teams were scoring at a fevered pace as Harvard brought it within one, 20-19. The Lady Friars pressed on, eventually building a 33-29 lead. However, PC put the offense on cruise control and Harvard again responded, overtaking the Lady Friars, 49-39, with 2:36 left in the half. The Crimson were hot, and solved PC's press to build a nine point cushion, 48-39, with 1:36 remaining. PC edged closer making it a three point game, as the half came to a close.

Mandy Saunders '97 blows past a hapless Buckeye defender.

by Cory McGann '98
Asst. Sports Editor

You can be the best offensive basketball team in the world, but without the ball, you won't be able to score anything. That is what happened to Providence College Friars; they showed the Seton Hall Pirates that they were scoring machines.

When they weren't handing them the ball, that is.

The Friars had 26 turnovers as they turned the game over to Seton Hall, 79-72 Wednesday night at the Meadowlands. Head Coach Pete Gillen summed it up best: "Twenty-five turnovers tell everything. 25 times we didn't shoot the ball in a seven point ball game." After scoring huge amounts of points throughout the exhibition season and during the first two games of the regular season, the Friars have been struggling to score because of their tendency to turn the ball over. Thrown in the fact that their defense, especially their interior defense, is suspect at best and you have the Friars at 0-2 in the Big East (2-2 overall).

Gillen, in assessing his team, reminds that the squad is inexperienced and they are being taught lessons from teams such as the Pirates. "Frankly, right now we're a young team that doesn't know how to win." The game followed the same pattern as the Friars entanglement with the Syracuse Orange, an 82-78 loss last Sunday. They start the game tight and nervous, falling behind by six or seven, and then never coming back. When they get within striking distance, silly mistakes such as turnovers would rear their ugly heads.

Freshman forward Samuel Thomas had the first big East basket and a Rubin Garces free throw cut a quick Pirate start to 15-13. Then the turnovers kicked in, heightened by point guard God Shammond's errant pass, the fifth Pirate miscue of the game.

Later, with the black and white trailing 29-10, he Friars went on a 8-0 run before a Rubin Garces foul put Jacky Kabas on the line for two freebies. After a Levell Sanders lay-up, a Jason Mardock dunk, and a Sanders reverse made it 35-30 Pirates. Freshman Llewelyn Cole traveled, for the teams eleventh giveaway.

Kabas continued to penetrate to close out the half, and the Friars went into the locker room at 49-35.

The first few minutes of the second half could only be described as hectic. It was back and forth. Mandy Saunders made it a four point Providence advantage with a lay-up in traffic, and that keyed the Lady Friars run. Malcolm was amazing, scoring at will as the almost single-handedly ran the offense. Harvard was on the offensive and spotting, but found the handle and made one last, serious run at the Friars. Harvard pulled to 70-68 after PC had, at one point, an eleven point lead. Turnovers brought Harvard closer as time ran down in the final frame, 74-73.

Harvard got the upper hand and made it 82-80 with less than 2:00 left. Julie Wheeler hit a critical three from the corner making it a one point lead, 83-82, but Harvard tied it again. The officials finally made a call in the Friars favor, sending Walden to the line. She hit both shots, making it 85-83 PC with forty-two seconds left in the game. Chatten was fouled seconds later and hit both ends of the one and one giving PC an 87-83 advantage. Harvard trucked down court and scored quickly to bring them within two, 87-85 with nine seconds left. Saunders was then fouled with two ticks left and hit both of her shots. Finally, Malcolm was fouled and hit all of her shots to seal the 91-87 win. The victory raised their record to 1-3.

"I'm very proud of the team," mused an enthused Coach Foley, "We were able to make the big play down the stretch and made several defensive stops. We played well and hopefully this will carry into the game at Pittsburgh on Saturday."

The Lady Friars had a tough obstacle in front of them in a nasty 5-1 Ohio State team Sunday. PC was in this one most of the way, but as the trend has been this season, fell continued on page 17

School Is In Session

by Rebecca Joyce '96
Syracuse Writer

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"We played below expectations," summarized senior Emilie Turcotte after the Lady Friars lost their second game this week.