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# New chapel opens in Davis

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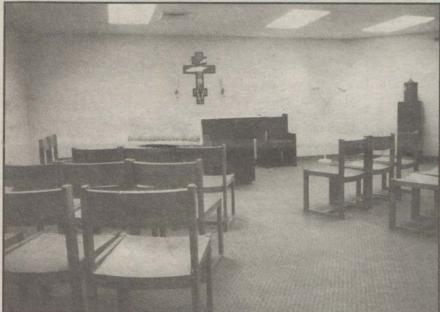
Asst. News Editor

The new apartments opened back in September, but the finishing touches are just now being completed. One improvement is the addition of the new St. Martin de Porres chapel in the basement of Davis Hall. St. Martin de Porres is the patron saint of social justice.

"We wanted to have a chapel on east campus so that the students livAquinas, Guzman, or the Priory.

While no weekly Masses will be held here, the chapel is ideal for small group Masses of hall Masses. "This chapel is for the entire PC community, not just those living in Davis, or even the east side," commented Fr. Barranger.

The chapel is open and functioning, however it is not quite completed. There are still a few finishing touches that are being worked on. The chapel will have a formal



Davis now houses a new place for prayer.

by Mike Carierre

ing there would have a place close to home to come and pray, relax and reflect. We also felt that it was important to have a religious presence there, "explained Fr. Joseph Barranger, Chaplain of the College.

The new chapel comfortably holds about 30, however, there is room in the comfortable corners to sit and pray. The chapel is very informal, a place where students can go to and kick off their shoes, in comparison to the formality of

opening and dedication ceremony on Sunday, April 23 at 1:00 p.m.

The ceremony will begin with a dramatic presentation put on by students about the life of St. Martin de Porres. After the Mass, which will be celebrated in the courtyard of the apartments, the new chapel will be blessed and dedicated. The celebration will end with a big cookout and a DI

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# PC TV?

David Canal '98

News Writer

An average Providence College student comes home and watches TV. Sounds simple enough, right? Actually, the whole cable TV system at PC is one thats complexity is taken for granted quite often. Lately, however, there have been many questions from students regarding the rationale behind what channels we receive, why we receive them, and what changes are in store for the future. In response to this recent increase in student interest, The Cowl discussed the whole process with Mr. Roger Desautels, Director of Academic Media Services, to try and get some answers.

Desautels explained that Providence College decided to install cable in January 1991. At this time, cable was installed in the apartment complex only (Cunningham, DiTraglia, Mal Brown). In order to determine exactly what stations to receive, Fr. Tortorici, former Director of Residence Life, and the students of the apartments formed a Campus Cabling Committee. It was then the students chose the programming we receive today, with one exception. After a student poll, it was decided that the Weather Channel and the Learning Channel would be replaced by the Disney Channel and Nickelodeon.

The programming consists of 65 cable channels of which the College uses 55. Students are able to choose the programming for 18 channels out of the 30 in the "Entertainment Mix". The other

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# Kennedy Returns PC grad announces student aid plan

Mary M. Shaffrey '97

Asst. News Editor

Last Thursday morning in '64 Hall Democratic U.S. Congressman Patrick Kennedy, Providence College Class of 1991, announced he was introducing legislation to help make college more affordable for students and their families.

Kennedy's Student Loan Affordability Act of 1995 would amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow a deduction for the payment of interest on student loans, similar to those provided for home

"Paying for college now ranks second only to buying a home as the most expensive investment for the average family. Last year PC students alone borrowed over \$6.6 million from the Stafford loan program. Thousands of parents across the nation are struggling to realize what has been the dream for their children since the day they were born," Rep. Kennedy stated.

PC students Garth Trask '95 and

Kate Griffiths '95 also spoke at the press conference about the difficulties of financing their education.

"I wholeheartedly support the Student Loan Affordability Act of 1995. Under Congressman Kennedy's plan I would save about \$7,000. As it is now, I will graduate exactly two months from today and already be in debt \$35,000," commented Trask.

Griffiths agreed by stating, "This plan is great for us when we graduate. Congressman Kennedy's plan is a step in the right direction for our future, as well as future generations of college students."

Kennedy also announced he is an original co-sponsor of legislation introduced by Congresswoman Anna Eshoo (D-CA) to establish an IRA-like account solely for the purpose of educational savings. The Higher Education Accumulation Program (HEAP) would allow each family to contribute \$5,000 per year with a maximum contribution of up to \$15,000 in any year for the purpose of saving for all post secondary education costs.

# Graduation honors policy changed

Theresa Edo '96

News Editor

Recently, a school policy regarding graduation honors has been called into question. There is confusion among members of the senior class as to what time period the distinctions of cum laude, magna cum laude, and summa cum laude are based.

A PC student would assume that the awards, respectively equivalent to the grade point averages of 3.250, 3.550, and 3.850, are granted by taking a senior's eight semesters' averages into account. Actually, this final distinction is correctly recorded on one's transcript. Any awards recognized during the actual commencement ceremonies and the senior awards banquet are calculated using only one's first seven semester.

One member of the Class of '95, Tricia O'Hare, met with the Academics Appeals Board on Wednesday to appeal the policy for the entire senior class. O'Hare argued that the graduation honors policy is not clearly written in the Bulletin of Providence College and that the decision to implement the seven semester policy was made without advance notice to seniors. The committee, comprised of two students, two faculty members, and two presidential appointees, unanimously voted to recommend that President Philip A. Smith, O.P., approve the appeal.

"I am certainly not the only graduating senior who is affected by this change, even though I am the only one to come forward with a formal complaint," said

O'Hare. "A student could be just shy of receiving an award and not have the final semester available to raise his or her average, or, oppositely, do well for three and a half years and slack in their studies the final semester."

The confusion arose at the beginning of the semester when mailbox stuffer was put in senior's mailboxes. The memo was issued under Fr. McGonigle and Fr. Bond and stated that any awards at this year's graduation ceremony will be issued "solely on computation of seven semesters." O'Hare took this to mean that regardless of any past practices, this was a change which called for notification to the present seniors.

The 1994 - 1995 edition of the Bulletin of Providence College, a text which records the college's policies and course descriptions, states, "Graduation honors are computed on the students eight (8) semesters. The final appropriate honors awarded will be added to the student's transcript after commencement." It does not specifically spell out differences between ceremonial and recorded honors, therefore leaving misunderstanding as a possibility.

"This is recognition in front of your peers, your faculty, your educators, and your friends and family," continued O'Hare. "To me the 'final justice' is in front of these people and in front of the administrators to whom I have paid eight semesters of tuition. If students do not check these policies there will be no way to determine if they are truly just and fair for all"

## Seniors willing to give

Providence College has provided our class with various opportunities to enhance our spirits, expand our minds, and strengthen our bodies. These opportunities have helped shape our college experiences. From Western Civ to JRW and Commencement, Providence College has developed programs which have enriched our lives.

We will all leave PC with unique and memorable experiences. However, they all have one thing in common: they be-

Senior Giving Program gives each of us an opportunity to experience PC from a different perspective: as Alumni.

We have all shown that we have the ability and willingness to give. From our participation in Big Brothers/Big Sisters, Pastoral Council, and Urban Action, to helping a friend with a problem, we have all contributed a piece of ourselves to oth-

The Senior Giving Program will enable us to continue this tradition of helping others. By contributing to the Senior Class Giving Program, we will be invited to special events, offering an opportunity to get together with old friends and to network with new ones. Your contribution of \$20 a year starting in 1996 will be used to fund financial aid programs that will enable others to experience Provi-



The new Davis chapel is dedicated to St. Martin de Porres, patron saint of social justice.

courtesy of Fr. Barranger

## Princeton Review: An end of an era?

Robin L. Erickson '98

News Writer

America's leading test preparation company, Kaplan Educational Centers has ordered that The Princeton Review no longer claim that they can improve SAT scores. Over the past decade, The Princeton Review has nationally advertised their claim by means of books, videotapes, and preparation courses. In addition to the claims of higher SAT scores, they have also claimed to improve scores for the LSAT, MCAT, GRE, and GMAT ex-

Kaplan President and CEO Jonathan Grayer emphasizes that this supports what students have known for a long time—the fact that The Princeton Review has been giving students false information for many years. Grayer believes in a strict code of honesty in the industry of test preparation, and this honesty will now allow students to make their own decisions based on truthful information. The Review Panel, consisting of three members, ruled that The Princeton Review cannot make anymore claims that they can boost individual SAT scores by an average of 110-160 points. This is because these claims were based on studies that were unreliable and inac-

While they cannot claim that they raise SAT scores by upwards of one hundred

points, they can still claim that they do raise LSAT, GMAT, MCAT, and GRE scores by a certain amount. The panel ruled that lower numbers must be used for claiming improvement on graduate study exams. However, after March 1, 1996, even the reduced claims will not be able to be used because of low response rates in graduate school studies.

The panel also conducted a thorough review of the national SAT study, which they found to be accurate. The study, designed, executed, and tabulated by Price Waterhouse, showed that SAT scores to indeed rise by an average of 92 points per student. An improvement of 115 points is estimated for those who attend 90% of the classes and take practice tests. Three hours of weekly homework improved a student's average by 128 points. Kaplan Educational Centers will continue to make these claims, only with the appropriate explanations and conditions next to

Kaplan is one of the largest educational centers in the world and offers courses, books, videos, on-line services, and digital products for test preparation. Throughout the US and beyond, Kaplan prepares 150,000 students annually within 160 centers and classroom sites for college and graduate school exams, as well as professional licensing and language exams.

#### Fond farewell to Russell

**Judith Colonna '95** 

News Writer For the past three and a half years, Providence College has been fortunate enough to have a wonderful woman working for them, and with them, to help organize its multicultural center. Unfortunately, however, the time has come to say good-bye to the valuable employee. Angela Russell, the former secretary for Balfour, PC's Multicultural Center, has moved on with her career.

As of Monday, March 27, Russell has been working as the secretary for Bryant College's Academic Affairs office. Though she wasn't anxious to leave, and will miss the students of the Balfour Center, Russell comments that she has "done the best she could do at PC, and it's now time to move on. I want the students to know it's alright to move on and that everyone needs to."

As a token of their appreciation, members of the center, faculty, and students held a goingaway party for Russell on March 24, her last day at PC. The turn-out, to no one's surprise, was large, and much appreciated by the non-expecting Russell. As a final remark, she stated it has been a "pleasure working with the PC family" and she "thanks [them] for the wonderful opportunity and experience." And even though Russell has moved on to another college, she will continue to support Balfour in any way she can and encourages everyone else to do so as well. - Good Luck, Angela Russell! Everyone at PC will miss you!

#### Disciplinary Measures

A judicial hearing was held on March 3 to consider the following charges: \*underage drinking (Handbook, p.38, para 34); \*pulling a false alarm (Handbook, p.37, para 13); \*violation of standards of conduct of the college (Handbook, p.37, para8). The following penalties were determined: \*disciplinary probation until December 22 1995; \*participation in alcohol education classes; \*\$500.00 fine.

The following charges were considered during an administrative review conducted on March 6: \*serious violation of the college's visitation policy; \*violation of the standards of conduct of Providence College. The following penalties were determined: \*probation until May 16, 1995; \*twenty hours of community service.

On March 3 a judicial hearing was held to consider a disturbance which took place on the shuttle van. After the matter was evaluated the student was found guilty of the charge of failure to comply with the directives of the college official (Handbook, p.37. para 15). The following sanctions were dertermined: \*letter of apology to the college official involved; \*probation until May 16, 1995.

On March 3 a judicial hearing was held to consider the charges of violating the standards of conduct established by Providence College and the use of an illegal substance. i.e., marijuana. Found guilty, the student received the following sanctions: \*disciplinary probation until December 31, 1995; \*\$300 fine; \*substance abuse education.

On March 3 a judicial was held to consider a serious violation of the visitation hours including unauthorized entry into a college facility. The student received the following penalties: \*\$100 fine; \*probation until May 16,1995

Don't forget to set your clocks one hour ahead on Sunday, April

# Cable

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12 channels are free local channels. Providence College has a total of three satellites worth of channels. The three satellites are GE SATCOM C4, GE SATCOM C3, and Hughes Galaxy 5. From Hughes Galaxy 5 and GE SATCOM C4, the school receives 16 out of the 18 channels. From GE SATCOM C3, however the school receives just two channels, NESN and CSPAN/HOUSE.

Throughout the campus there are a total of 1,476 cable outlets or drops. Not all of these drops are for students, however. There are 1,058 drops for Residence Life, 239 for academic classrooms, 91 for student services, 59 for administrative use, and another 29 for Dominican use. Since the students only make up 73% of the total number of drops on campus, it is not completely up to the discretion of the students as to which channels the campus receives. According to Mr. Desautels, "The students should have a say in the matter, (the problem is that) there is no organization that puts any order into it." The question naturally then is "What can students do about voicing their opinions on the whole cable process?" Some possible suggestions Mr. Desautels offered for the students were to go directly to Student Government or to form surveys through Residence Life.

With 55 channels out of the possible 65 channels in use, there are 10 channels available. Some possible suggestions for coming years include another Student Services Information Channel, two Religious channels, some Boston based stations of NBC,CBS, or ABC or a student run station.



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## **Cultural Equinox**

**Judith Colonna '95** 

News Writer
On Tuesday, March 21, approximately 40 PC community
members gathered together in
'64 Hall to celebrate a cultural
equinox. The group, ranging
from students to the President
of the College, met with the intent of announcing together that
"RACISM - in ALL its form is EVIL."

Though attendance wasn't as large as they had expected - due to the fact that it was the sec-

noon. Eleven students and the Dean of Multicultural Affairs, Dean Comissiong, participated in a "round-robin" event of approximately 20 questions each, about various subjects relating to various cultures, races, and religions. When the three rounds were completed, the winner of each round competed in the final round of questions for the "grand prize." And after a close match, Jeremy Harkin, class of '97, won the event.

# "We want to celebrate equality."

ond day back from break - the day of the event was significant in itself. Last Tuesday, every area of our planet had an equal amount of daylight and darkness, signifying the sun shining equally on people of all races for the same amount of time.

After the opening song, the group was greeted by Fr. Smith, the President of Providence College. Smith began by acknowledging the day as a "natural paradigm to treat others equally," and that by practicing racial equality, the goals and ideas of the foundation for PC are expressed. Smith continued to state that one should be "judged by the content of character, not the color of skin."

When the opening speech was over, Aberre Broome, class of '95 and a member of the multi-racial, multicultural committee, proceeded to address the crowd. "We need to celebrate equality," stated Broome, "among all races, creeds, and sexes. We are all created equally through the eyes of God."

The equinox event, or the "quiz show," "Do You Know.," was the next event of the after-

His prize, presented by Charles Grossman, an artist from The Children's Aterlier in Providence, was a picture of a traveling art exhibit made up of millions of tiny 2" square portraits drawn by school children throughout the world. The project has been going since 1989, and it's to encourage global harmony, cultural diversity, and individual self-discovery.

When it came time for the final blessing and reflection, Fr. Barranger approached the podium. He began by stating the cultural equinox "celebrates something we hope for and envision, and can one day come to pass." Referring to racial equality, Barranger continued to state that "racism is still too much with us," and we need to fight this "dangerous" state of mind.

After the blessing, participants remained for pizza, soda, and socializing. Thus ended the first annual cultural equinox. It was an excellent idea and will definitely be expanded in the future. Congratulations to the six members of PC's multi-racial, multicultural committee for an innovative idea.

## **Christmas in April**

On Saturday, April 29, 1995, the Second Annual Christmas in April\*Providence event will galvanize the efforts of over 500 volunteers from 35 businesses and four colleges and universities in an intensive one-day blitz to rehabilitate 18 Providence residences and beautify 4 neighborhoods.

Volunteers will be doing a variety of work including installing new floors, painting, wallpapering, upgrading electrical systems, building new stairs and desks, roof repairing, landscaping, planting flowers, and cleaning open spaces.

Christmas in April\*Providence will be more than twice the size of the first year's effort, increasing the number of volunteers from 300 to 500, expanding from 3 sites to 25 sites, raising \$200,00 in cash donations, in-kind materials and labor compared to \$100,000, and forming campus chapters.

"This year, Christmas in

April\*Providence will be able to provide increased safety and comfort for more people living in Providence," said Joyce Kilmartin, Board Chair for Christmas in April\*Providence. Home repairs, very often, are daunting both physically and fiscally to elderly and low-income home owners, explained Kilmartin. "Our objective is to make noticeable improvements in their homes in one day to help keep warm and safe while maintaining their independence, dignity, and decency."

Potential sites for home repairs are selected through a community referral system of neighborhood churches and service organizations and inquiries/applications generated from news stories and promotions through the sponsorship of the Providence Journal and WJAR-TV Channel 10. Finalists are chosen by Christmas in April\*Providence Board Members and skilled tradesmen.

## History Honor Society inductions

Brian Hylander '95

News Writer

Comparing it to the medieval guild system of masters and apprentices, Dr. Richard Grace, the chair of the History Department, welcomed the new inductees of Phi Alpha Theta by stressing the newly established contract they were entering into to continue the, "shared responsibility to preserve the past."

Phi Alpha Theta is the international honor society of History and on Friday, March 24, 1995, the Rhode Island Al-

quirements. In addition to being in the top 35% of their respective classes and possessing at least 12 credit hours in history classes, each inductee must also have a minimum of a 3.1 GPA in all history courses and a minimum of a 3.0 GPA in all other non-history classes.

The actual initiation of the candidates then began with the explanation of the Six Ages of History ( Prehistoric, Ancient, Medieval, Modern, Contemporary, Future) and their characteristics followed by the expression of the ideals which define Phi Alpha Theta: re-

A. Brynga, Sara M. Calabria, Catherine C. Coughlin, Jonathan P. Diggin, Thomas W. Forcier, John M. Greeley, Megan R. Green, Kara E. Gosart, Jason J. King, Natalie G. Leduc, George J. Lough III, Mary E. Malone, Erin Maloney, Edward T. Mazilauskas III, James M. McGovern, Brian E. Morrissey, Thomas P. O'Connor III, Robyn L. Patton. Kristin N Rees, Matthew M. Sconziano, Christopher W. Stanley, Dana L. Strofflino, Daniel E. Thiery, Tara A. Treanor, Jennifer N. Walsh.

Capping off the



New members of the National History Honor Society promise to share "the responsibility to the past."

by Carey Capone

pha-Epsilon-Xi Chapter held its fifth annual induction ceremony at the Feinstein Academic Center.

Initiating the event was a welcoming to Providence College address delivered by President Smith O.P. followed by the greetings and words of Prof. Grace.

Dr. Constance M. Rousseau, Assistant Professor of History and faculty advisor for the Alpha-Epislon-Xi Chapter, continued the introduction to the ceremonies by explaining a little about the honor society: Established in 1921 at the University of Arkansas, Phi Beta Alpha currently consists of 650 chapters throughout the United States and other territories. As the largest accredited honor society, it is estimated to have 150,000 members, all of whom must meet certain academic re-

spect, truth, and community. Proceeding with the taking of the oath and the signing of the register, the following people were honored: Faculty - Margaret M. Manchester; Alumni (Graduate) - Amy E. Carreiro, David H. Mulligan, John Ranieri ; Graduate Students -Brian J. Anselmo, Craig P. Cerwonka, Michael N. Crotty, Thomas M. DiNunzio, Barabara E. Holmes, Andrew Kaplan, Jeffrey M. Kos, Giuseppe Lancellotta, Charles J. Lloyd, Jr., Patricia L. Michel, Michael W. Nolan, Cletus C. Nwabuzo, O.P., Joseph O'Neill, Lawrence R. Paulhus, Suzanne M. Piezzo, Alred J. Rezendes, Danica J. Rigoli, Ross W. Wickett, Damien P. Ziruk; Alumni (Undergraduate) -David E. Kern; Undergraduate Students - Christopher E. Bartels, Jennifer A. Brega, Beth

cermoney was a speech by newly inducted Margaret M. Manchester entitled: "History and the Historian: One Hungarian-American's Experience." Sharing this personal account of her experiences in Communist Hungary during the Cold War and as a woman immigrant in the United States during the 1960s, Dr. Manchester emphasized the fact that, "All of us are historians with history" who must continue to "build a palace where truth may live."

It was this final stage in the proceedings which reflected the theme and essence of the induction of preserving the past while fulfilling the ideals of the honor society. Ultimately, as inductee Robyn L. Patton expressed during her explanation of the Future Age of History, hopefuly "peace will

prevail."

#### Wulf addresses women's issues

Judith Colonna '95

News Writer

For the first time in Providence College history, a set nu, mber of days have been designated for specific events honoring women. On Friday, March 24, one particular PC alum, Sharon A. Wulf, Ph.D., class of '75, helped the community acknowledge 20 years of women at Providence.

The evening, co-sponsored by Alumni and Student Developments, began at 6 pm in Slavin's "pit" with an informal networking among the students, faculty, and alumni. During this time, all the women were enthusiastica in discussing possible futures for students, fulfilling careers of the working, and the promising future of the Women's Studies Program.

The group then adjourned into '64 Hall at 7 pm for a sit-down dinner. Each person was

assigned a table, according to career interest, and the networking continued. While dinner was being served, Dean Wanda Ingram, a Dean of Undergraduate Studies and an alumnus of the class of '75, assumed position of the "M-C," and started the evening by thanking the many women involved in preparing the event: Kathy Clarkin, Diane Comerford, Linda Ernst, Donna Maxwell, Jackie McKay, Jane Perel, and Dr. Wulf.

After a few anecdotes of what PC life was like for women in the early '70's, Sr. Leslie, one of PC's first, resident females, said the opening prayer, and there was a brief "intermission" for dinner. Once dinner was over, the group, containing eight women from the class of '75, approximately 50 women from the classes of '95 and '96, and roughly 60 women faculty and alumni, and one

man gave a warm welcome to the speaker of the hour, Dr. Wulf

As a management consultant, educator, and president of Enterprise Systems, Wulf delivered her speech on "Women and Leadership: Talents Needed to Produce Results in Today's World," with energy and enthusiasm. She began her talk by stating how "education and values at PC were the 'springboard' for her success." Wulf continued to say that "women need to create the world in which they're in, not just live in it."

"One thing we must remember is that leadership requires us to work through people, not over them," states Wulf. "And unless we can use other people as resources and examples, we won't be working off one another" and receiving the full benefits of the experience.

## The Outside World

Jamie Roy '95

News Writer

#### Bank Merger to Create World's Largest Bank

The planned merger of the Mitsubishi Bank and the Bank of Tokyo will create a huge fiscal entity. With total assets of more than \$819 billion, this bank will dwarf any bank in the world. For comparison, the largest bank outside Japan has only \$345 billion in assets. If the proposed merger takes place, the new bank would be called the Tokyo Mitsubishi Bank. Analysts suggest that the merger will not effect banking or markets outside Japan. The world is no stranger to Japanese dominance in world banking. However, their influence as compared to large European and American banks is relatively small, despite their size. The merger may spark other bank unions to remain competitive. The strategic alliance of such mergers will eventually help the growing global economy.

#### New Measure to Give Congress Veto Power

Wednesday, members of the Senate will vote on a new proposed measure. This measure will allow Congress to have the power of the veto over major regulations made by agencies. This new rule will expand the role of Congress, into monitoring and regulating Federal agen-

cies regulations. This added role of Congress will create new problems. The debate over the details of regulations can tie them up for weeks. However, this new measure is a reasonable alternative to the yearlong freeze on new regulations, passed by Congress even with Clinton's threat of a veto. The Senate, divided about this issue,

conducive to democracy. Other political factions are seeking to disturb the democratic process and promote their view on brand of authoritarianism. The call for the UN to take an active role in dealing with the remaining paramilitary factions of the last regime will plunge the UN into a new role, apart from peace keeper.



has reached a bipartisan agreement on the proposal and expanded role of Congress. As debate continues, the new role of Congress hangs in the balance, as well as agencies autonomy.

#### President Aristide of Haiti Requests UN Help

Aristide called for the UN to step up efforts to disarm so called "opponents of democracy." This plea follows the planned U.S. withdrawal from Haiti. The withdrawal places security responsibility which are the UN. Aristide feels confident of the progress and stability of his country, with are

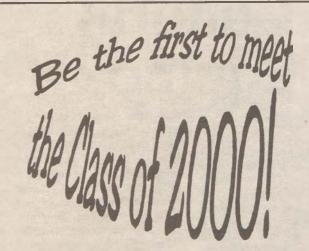
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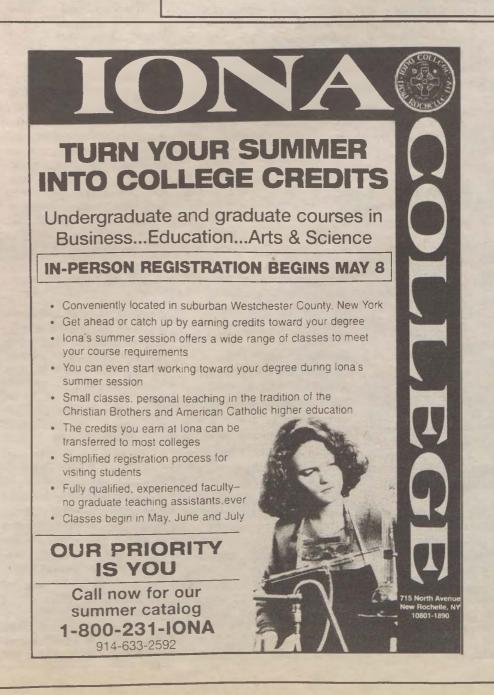


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# With Honors? \* ON HOLD \* WILLD

Many seniors are disgusted over the recent announcement that graduation honors at the Awards Ceremony and Commencement Exercises will be based on seven rather than eight semesters. They are justifiably miffed. This year's Bulletin of Providence College states, "Graduation honors are computed on the student's eight (8) semesters. The final appropriate honors awarded will be added to the student's transcript after commencement" (p. 14).

This statement is too ambiguous, and therefore unjust. The administration has a duty to present clear and concise policies to the student body, particularly in the official academic sourcebook. Since this statement is confusing, it is cruel for the college to suddenly take the easy road after years of making the extra effort to award appropriate honors at academic graduation ceremonies. This new policy to award honors based on only seven semesters affects seniors who are working hard to attain cum laude or higher honors during the spring semester.

Justifications for this year's policy are logistical and insensitive. Since final exams end Tuesday and professors have up to 72 hours to submit grades, it is argued that there is not enough time to compute GPAs, alter rosters, and issue honor cords in time for Friday and Sunday ceremonies. The administration believes that final

justice is achieved by printing the honor on later transcripts.

However, the feelings of many students are ignored. Many have worked hard to achieve honors and they look forward to being recognized by family, peers, and faculty. Wearing a cord and having an honor attached to their name distinguishes them from hun-

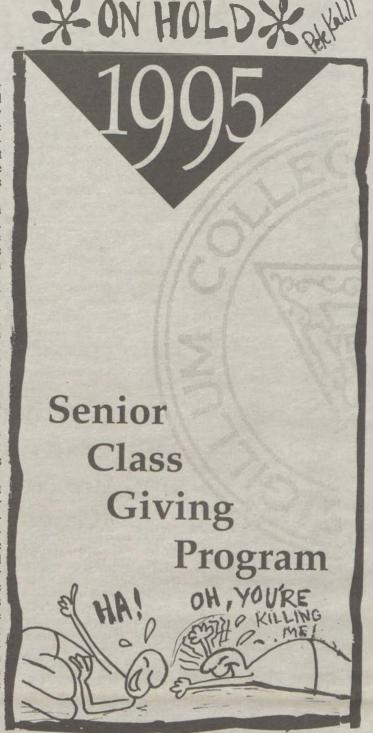
Accomplished students deserve public recognition, not just a title on their transcript.

dreds of other students. It is a deserved and fitting conclusion to four years of academic accomplishment, to four years of family support and pride, and to eight, not seven, semesters of paid bills.

Excluding the spring semester in computations may cause students on the borderline to stop trying for an unusually high GPA this semester. Students achieving honors after seven semesters may slack-off, knowing that they will be recognized regardless of what eventually shows on their transcript. While these titles may seem insignificant to many, they are a potent motivator to students who strive for them and whose families value them.

Time constraints are not a valid excuse for this new policy. Perhaps if this were a large school with a graduating class of thousands, the situation would be different. Yet PC will be graduating approximately 850 students, of which a small minority receives these honors. To make people happy, perhaps students with overall (7 semester) GPAs of 3.2 or better should be identified by the Dean's office so that professors can compute and submit those grades earlier than the 72 hour deadline. This will not create a formidable task for professors, since most will be administering exams before Tuesday anyway.

Since the Commencement program is sent to the printer early, an insert could be produced quickly at the copy center that would recognize those students whose status changed with their spring semester grades. Expediting the grades of students affected by this policy seems to be a reasonable request. If students are willing to work hard for their entire last semester, surely the school can work a few extra hours. We hope that this situation will be remedied soon.



## There goes the neighborhood

**Christopher Roche '96** 

Editorial Writer

Earlier this year, in a Chicago housing project, two members of the Gangster Disciples were charged with throwing another person from a fourteen story window and killing him. This type of scenario has become commonplace in inner cities. However, what makes this case unique is the person that was thrown out of the window was a five-year-old boy named Eric Morse. The two people who ejected him from the window were ten and eleven years old, respectively, and their names were not released due to their ages. What makes the crime even more heinous is the way the killers carried out the crime. First they lured the fiveyear-old Morse and his eightvear-old brother Derrick Lemon to the apartment. They then dangled Morse outside of the window while his brother tried to fight the larger, older boys. Lemon, of course, lost the fight for his brother's life. Eric Morse was killed because he refused to steal candy for the older boys.

Inner city violence is always on people's minds, but when a case as brutal and diabolical as this one makes the news it puts it in a different light. Everyone

knows the root causes of the problem, the boys have no fathers. They are victims of poverty, drugs and racism. The gangs corrupt them in their formative years when they do not know any better etc. However, spewing forth rhetoric about those root causes is not doing any good. Eric Morse, and thousands like him are dead. The people who killed him are known "problem children" who respond, they are either evaded,

sives and even grenade launchers. How soon will it be until a gang rolls a tank down Compton Ave.? Will people then get the message? Our police need more money for weapons and training in order to combat the gangs. If a gang has one grenade launcher then the police should have ten. Furthermore, when the police are called, they often do not respond. Even if they do

## Our most brutal inner cities have more fire power than our police.

had been arrested on several charges, several times, but the charges were always dropped due to their ages. This is where the root causes should be put aside, and a huge band-aid be applied. The wound must be sewn up before it can begin to heal. This is where massive, effective law enforcement comes in.

Our most brutal inner cities have more fire power than our police. The gangs are equipped with automatic weapons, exploor their arrests do not do any good. For example, if they arrest ten drug dealers there are ten more waiting to take their place. The legal system is also too lenient on the core membership of the gangs, namely the children. If a child is "mature" enough to steal, deal drugs or kill then he is mature enough to feel the full brunt of the law. In short, the book should be thrown at him every time. Once enough children are locked up, they will realize that their actions have consequences. They will realize that they cannot defeat the system. The system must rise up and defeat them every time. If the police are not ready to win this war, then they should work in conjunction with the State Police, the FBI, the National Guard and whatever else it takes to win our cities back. In terms of our politicians

solving the problem, the outlook is bleak. With the exception of a few, our major cities are getting worse instead of better. Washington D.C. for example, is so bankrupt that it cannot afford to make license plates much less combat gangs, plus its mayor is a convicted felon himself. Los Angeles still conveys the image that gang violence is somehow glorious, and those gangs have spread to cities like Phoenix, AZ and throughout the midwest including Des Moines, Iowa. The ineptitude of the LAPD was brought to national attention during the Rodney King fiasco, and its poor reputation is reinforced every day with the O.J. Simpson trial, so do not count on them for stopping the violence. The fact is that politicians do not need the inner city vote to win elections any more. In addition to poor voter turnout in those areas, the suburbs have become populated enough to carry a politician over the top. For example in New Jersey Governor Whitman lost all three of the states major cities, Trenton, Camden and Newark, but she still won the election. So why should a politician get involved in sensitive inner city issues such as gang violence when he or she could just concentrate on winning the suburbs? For a governor or senator it could be political suicide to advocate locking up children or dispatching the National Guard into the Ida B. Wells housing project of Chicago. Even if the plan works, and it benefits the people greatly, the politician has still gained nothing politically. This is why politicians will continue to take the low road on gang violence.

Every day a child is lost to a gang. Every day an innocent person is killed by a gang. Every day a teenager drops out of school for fear of gangs. Gangs are corrupting America's children, poisoning America's schools and neighborhoods, and gangs are creating another generation of lost youths. They are not in some far off place like the Bronx or South Central; they are right here. Mount Pleasant High School is less than a mile from the lush verdure of Slavin Lawn, and it is infested with gangs. Ice-T says, "We're movin' right next door." And our police and politicians are going to do nothing about it.

## No more favors for Reggie

**Robert Mendes '95** 

Editorial Writer

Once again, Boston has become the center of attention in the sports world. Unfortunately, it is not because of another Celtics' championship or even a heartbreaking Red Sox defeat. It is because of the new revelations and allegations surrounding the death of Reggie

Over the last few weeks, it was reported that the original explanation of Lewis' death is almost medically impossible. Furthermore, the most credible explanation of Reggie's heart condition is that it was caused by cocaine use. These are the opinions of all the doctors who examined Reggie both before and after his death.

Shortly after the story broke, there was considerable independent confirmation that Reggie used drugs. Northeastern University revealed that Reggie failed a drug test while he was a student athlete there in the mid-'80's. A friend of Reggie's also disclosed that he used cocaine with Reggie several times, including one night just days before Reggie collapsed on the court during a playoff

When the allegations first surfaced, the Celtics threatened a \$100 million lawsuit. They could not express enough indignation that the media would ruin the good name of a beloved star. Their reaction has been muted in light of the more recent allegations.

The Celtics, and the media for that matter, have missed the point of this story. This is not an attempt to destroy the good name of Reggie Lewis. No one is on a mission to assassinate his character. Reggie Lewis was a good man who should be remembered for all the good he did, but he had a drug problem, the degree of which is still unknown to the public. The story is not even that his widow may not get millions of dollars from an insurance policy. There is no point in bringing more hurt into her life, especially after she

lost her husband.

The real story is that Northeastern University, the Celtics and the NBA all failed Reggie Lewis. Northeastern kept quiet about the failed drug test because it would have gotten him into trouble with the NCAA. He probably would have been prohibited from playing basketball, at least for a while. His chances of being drafted would have been jeopardized. After all, that is the goal of college basketball players. So they were doing him a favor by looking the other way. Right?

The people at Northeastern were vindicated when the Celtics drafted Reggie. He made it to the good life, the promised land of the NBA. Surely, he can't have any problems now.

charges; he would have lost playing time and been fined. Besides, casual drug use doesn't really hurt anybody. So the Celtics were doing Reggie a favor by looking the other way. Right?

Sadly, Reggie's wife failed him when she refused to confront the drug explanation at the first hospital he was checked into. It would have been too painful to deal with drug abuse in the family. Besides, his public image may have been hurt by a stay in drug rehab. Instead, she wanted to keep everything quiet and shop around for a doctor who could come up with a different explanation that did not involve cocaine, no matter how implausible it may be. So Donna Harris-Lewis was doing Reggie a favor by looking the

#### Northeastern University, the Celtics, and the NBA all failed Reggie Lewis

At this point, the NBA failed Reggie. The league's drug policy is very tough on rookies, but it is laughable for veterans. In fact, it is almost impossible for a veteran player to be caught using drugs, unless of course you're Roy Tarpley. The drug policy is structured this way because the league does not want to crack down on its marquee players, the ones people pay big bucks to see. The league may lose money and players' reputations and careers may be hurt. So the league was doing Reggie a favor by looking the other way.

I'm sure the Celtics could have spotted a drug problem if they really wanted to look for one and help the abuser. They have had experience losing a talented young player to drug abuse. But that would have meant that Reggie would have been caught by the NBA's drug policy. His career may have been tarnished with silly drug

other way. Right? Wrong!

None of them were doing Reggie any favors by looking the other way. Instead, they made it easier for him to continue his dangerous use of cocaine which inevitably led to his death. Confronting this reality does not mean that his number will somehow fall from the rafters of the Boston Garden where it belongs. It just means that people should have stepped in and helped their friend, team-

mate, student and husband. In the wake of this tragedy, Northeastern has to confront its own guilt, a move which stains the reputation of the institution. The NBA and the Celtics both have to answer serious questions about their drug policies. Worst of all, Reggie's wife no longer has a husband and his children no longer have a father.

But, it's ok to look the other way when someone is using drugs. Right?

## Projection: A great word

John J. Olohan '95

Editorial Writer

It is quite amusing to hear a person say, "I am openminded." That same individual will also get furious over a person's conservative mindset. Why? Because the term "open-minded" is heralded and espoused by social and fiscal liberals. These selfproclaimed "open-minded" folks show their true dogmatism when they use the term 'closed-minded" in reference to social and fiscal conservatives. If they are so "openminded", why are they so closed to conservative viewpoints?

"Projection"— what a great word. When I found it in one of my texts, it was hard to control my excitement. The word says very clearly what I wanted to explain many a time before. People project their own character flaws or attributes onto others. Take for example, a person who has an eating disorder. That person may attempt to hide her disorder by claiming that her roommate has the eating problem. In so doing, she projects her own character flaw onto her friend; thereby making it her friend's problem, not her own.

Projection runs handin-hand with the self-proclaimed "open-minded" folk. They claim to be so openminded when they are actually very closed-minded. The only views they will listen to are their own. When it comes time to debate, emotion takes over their stage instead of reason.

People have butchered the English language to such an extent that the term "open-minded" has lost its true meaning. One can be a fiscal and social conservative and still be open-minded. In order to seek the truth, one has to learn about all sides of the subject at hand. That is being open-minded. Open-minded individuals learn what everyone has to say, knows the arguments, treats others with respect while they speak, takes all information, digests it, and forms an opinion. One is closed-minded, in the true sense of the term, if he refuses to listen to another viewpoint.

If a person has an opinion on a subject, it does not mean that he is closed-minded. It is amazing how some will drag others through the mud because they disagree with someone, without giving any consideration at all as to what the individual is saying. I have bumped into many self-proclaimed "open-minded" individuals who only hear; they refuse to listen. Listening means taking in what is said and honestly thinking about it. Hearing is merely noticing sounds.

It is funny to see how things work out. People who are attacked so vehemently for having a sound conservative position on issues, usually are very happy, content, and successful in all aspects of life. In fact, that is why people attack them: sour grapes. Those who spend their time wallowing in slander, gossip, and half-truths, are not happy; nor will they ever be happy until they take the plank out of their own eyes.

When it comes down to it, those who "hate" others do their darndest to bring their "antagonist" down. They do so through projection; projecting their own disgust and disappointment with the life that they have created for themselves, onto another. The other is usually the happy one.

We all come from different backgrounds and different upbringings. We all start at different points in the search for truth. Some find the truth early in life; others find it later in life; some never. A person can only be happy if they know and pos-sess the truth. Those who do not know the truth, attack those who do. It goes against reason and it is very counter-productive. Projection—what a great

## Here come the lambs to the slaughter

Mike Sullivan '97

Editorial Writer

As if they were little kids set loose in a candy store, prominent Republicans from across the country are scrambling to announce their plans to seek their party's 1996 presidential nomination. Encouraged by their party's enormous gains in the 1994 elections and a sitting Democratic president who appears vulnerable, Republicans are now fixing their sights on the White House that they lost two years ago. It is a whole 20 months before the next presidential election and the dramatic battle for the Republican nomination has already begun. With each new candidate that enters the field, the race looks more and more like a soap op-

The leading candidate is Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole of Kansas, who has been in Congress since Kennedy was President. According to all the polls he is the favored man but by no means a sure thing. Although a moderate-conservative, Dole has recently hardened his positions on issues like gun-control and affirmative action to please the hardline conservatives of the GOP. At the same time he has not ruled out choosing a pro-choice candidate even though the radical Christian Coalition has sworn not endorse any ticket that includes a pro-choice can-

To the right of Dole you find the ultra-conservative Phil Gramm who has made a name for himself by condemning any

government run institution or fact that he, a war supporter, stance on social issues give him program as a waste of taxpay- was contacted five times by his ers' money. This is rather ironic draft board between 1965-1969 when you consider the fact that and deferred each time will hurt Gramm was born in a government run hospital, financed his

#### Unseating Clinton may be tough for Republicans

college education through a government program, and made his way through grad school with grants from the Defense Department. If anything, Gramm is the perfect example of wasted tax money. Also the his credibility. In other words, he doesn't stand a chance.

Perhaps the most intriguing candidate so far is Governor Pete Wilson of California. Although he has yet to make the formal announcement, he is expected to within the next month. Wilson is sort of a political chameleon because he brings up divisive issues such as affirmative action and illegal immigration, and takes the popular position on them. He also has defied the religious right wing of his party by being pro-choice, pro-gay rights, and supportive of some gun control in order to attract more moderate voters. His conservative stance on economic issues and his moderate

a good chance of getting the nomination.

may not have as easy a time unseating Clinton as they think they do. If a pro-choice candidate, such as Wilson, gets on the GOP ticket, we could see the emergence of an ultra-conservative third party candidate. The Christian Coalition has warned the Republicans that they would not support a pro-choice nominee. If the Christian Coalition does not get what they want from the Republicans, then its leaders Pat Robertson and Ralph Reed are crazy enough to support a third option. Enter Pat Buchanan or Alan Keyes. Such a move would split the conservative vote and enable a united Democratic party to win in

## Letters to the Editor

#### Political campaigning is necessary

CBS News co-anchor Connie Chung has the distinction of being a Providence College Commencement speaker. Since U.S. House Speaker Newt Gingrich said that Ms. Chung (wife of talk show host Maury Povitch) "lied" to his mother, my interest and thirst for politics keeps intensifying.

I disagree with Editorial Writer Robert Mendes' commentary, "Here we go again" (The Cowl, 3/9/95). He wrote, "The 1996 presidential election is still 20 months away. Do the politicians think we can stand listening to them that long?" I think we can, as we have been listening to President Bill Clinton for 26 months. Immediately following the taking of the Presidential Oath of Office, most presidents in United States history proceed to campaign for a second term. If Mr. Clinton seeks re-election and wins his party's nomination, then I think it is only fair to all presidential hopefuls that they be given the same opportunity to express themselves to the American electorate for the next 20 months as will President

We should bear in mind that politics is essentially the art of dealing with people, of swinging them, whether as voters or legislators, around to one's way of thinking. So what that it is a twenty month process!

In regard to the presidential primary, Mr. Mendes wrote, The fact is that the people of New Hampshire routinely make or break candidates before anybody else gets a chance to vote... the office of the President of the United States is the most powerful political position in the world. Yet the people of New Hampshire get the first say about who holds office." Since Mr. Mendes is an excellent writer, it was probably an oversight on his part that he did not mention the "Iowa caucuses" in his commentary. Since the

Kennedy name is familiar to all readers of The Cowl, I wish to remind Mr. Mendes of the Iowa Caucases, held on Jan. 21, 1980, five weeks before the New Hampshire primary. Sen. Edward Kennedy (D-MA) was hoping to come within ten points of President Jimmy Carter, whose victory hes supporters had sensed coming for weeks. Over 200,000 Iowans voted at their caucuses, each party drawing about 10,000, and Iowa democrats chose the President over Kennedy by 59%

In conclusion, I think we are fortunate to live in a democracy where we can monitor the 1996 Presidential Election. I have no intention of taking Mr. Mendes' advice on "surviving the upcoming campaign: Ignore it at least for the rest of 1995!", he wrote. I think his advice is an insult to the American political

Russell P. Demoe '73

To the Editor:

This is to voice my parental support for connection of all students to the Internet system. The accessability of worldwide information sources is of paramount importance to being productive in the Information Age. Your recent article, "The On Ramp is Closed" failed to focus on advances in usability of software interfaces and the accelerated learning capacity of computer literate students. It is time to get on board! Sincerely,

**Roger Norian** 

#### TOP TEN MOST CLUELESS PEOPLE ON EARTH

10. Rainforest chainsaw operator.

9. Millionaires in prison.

8. Drivers with turn signal perpetually on.

7. Las Vegas lounge acts.

6. Unregistered voters.

5. Frozen dinner enthusiasts. 4. Javelin catcher.

3. Someone in express checkout line with eleven items.

2. Chain-smoking gas station attendant. 1. Drug users.

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IV. The staff respectfully requests that all articles contain no personal attacks. V. All submissions should be

delivered to the Cowl office no later than Tuesday at noon prior to the publication on Wednesday.

## Reworking our judicial system

Jamie Lantinen '97

Editorial Writer

There may be a glimmer of hope for our judicial system after all. The vile and inhuman Collen Fergueson was sentenced to nearly 200 years in prison last week - 25 years for each of the lives he ended. (Is a human life only worth 25 years?) We all like to see justice being done and in this case, justice ensures that the epitome of society's vermin will never again see the light of day. As it is, however, his ridiculous trial lasted far too long, and wasted far too much of the court's time.

The courts have done very little to make society better. It is a system where million-dollar lawyers hiding behind million-dollar words in milliondollar opening remarks ensure the "innocence" of America's evil-doers. I dare not mention that ubiquitous trial in Los Angeles, lest I give it undue

be the limit. The witnesses will be put on center stage, not the

With the lawyers' role greatly diminished, the jury must play a larger role in the case. They should be allowed to ask as many questions as they deem necessary. Lawyers may also ask questions, but priority should be given to the members of the jury. Just think of a case where straight-forward questions from average citizens are answered by the witness. No more obscure reasoning and antagonizing questions from the culturally elite lawyers. There would be no more obstruction of justice; everyone would have their say.

The role of the judge would essentially remain the same under my system of justice. However, she would no longer be a mediator between a couple of winning lawyers. She would instead ensure that the jury's questions take priority over those of the lawyers, and that

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credit. However, if we look at how any trial is examined by the media, we will see that very little emphasis is given to the facts or the truth of the matter. Instead, it is the presentation of certain ideas and circumstantial evidence that get played up. The focus is given to which lawyer made the best impression, not the reliability of evidence. The focus is given to which witnesses crumbled under the barrage of irrelevant. ridiculous and confusing questions given by the cross-examiner. This is not justice, and this is not truth. It shouldn't matter which lawyer wears the nicer suit, or how much the defendant is worth. But it does.

What we need is to remove the unnecessary legalities within the courtroom, starting with the lawyers. Lawyers have turned a system of equity and justice into a capitalistic venture whereby exploitation of laws benefit the perpetrators of laws. We need to concentrate on the facts of the case. Lawyers should be responsible merely for filing documents and calling witnesses. They should not be allowed to dominate the proceedings of the courtroom with long-winded remarks, and personal comments hidden under the veil of words. Instead, they should be allowed to present their reason for calling a witness and allow the jury to verify the story with the witness's testimony - not the lawyer's questions. Lawyers may still object to certain material and evidence as being irrelevant, but that should both sides are presented fairly and accurately. Instead of waiting for the lawyers to object to a line of questioning, the judge should be able to use her power to quicken the pace of the trial.

Witnesses would be subject to questioning of lawyers and the jury alike. The only difference should be that the witness be allowed to make any relevant comments to the case.

Some may argue that getting the jury involved in the questioning of witnesses would take more time. I say that the average jury would be able to strike the heart of the matter more readily and swiftly than any Harvard Law grad. Once they do so, a lawyer would not be able to hide the truth with carefully worded questions.

The Constitution is conspicuously vague in its description of the Judicial Branch. This may be the reason why it is the most complex and difficult branch of our government. If the details of a case were emphasized over the details of courtroom rules, then we may have a true system of justice. If facts were valued over law then truth would result. If the real judges in the case - the jury members were valued over lawyers, then the complexity of the system would be greatly diminished. If all of the above were implemented, then we might have more success stories like the trial of Collen Fergueson. Until then, people will continue to take the law into their own hands. Who will take their adversaries to court when you can't get a trial date for a year and a half?

# A Traveling Success

Rand Refrigeri '97

A&E Writer

3500 (300 over Alumni Hall's capacity) tickets were sold for last Saturday's rampage, crowd wrestling match, or chaotic assemblage of drunk and baked human beingswhatever you prefer to call it. Whatever its title be, Saturday's Blues Traveler concert turned out to be one of the most intense events of the year. Not only did it feature the mind-boggling sound of one of this decade's most popular live acts, but it put virtually every spectator in a wonderfull state of danger, in which struggling, mauling, fighting, shoving, and vicious combating were all necessary for mere survival.

It was a pungently disturbing cold that swept effortlessly into our area last Saturday night. Its essence, along with the steam from thousands of riledup fans, created an evening not to be forgotten. A very violent, quite puzzling flavor was instilled into the capacity crowd even before Blues Traveler took the stage. After an exciting opening from the Sons of Papaya, a sudden wave of hatred carressed with mayhem rolled

forth into the hall, and ever since then, the bumping, bruising, and outright flailing did not cease until the concert's highly unwanted end.

dummies and beach balls.
Blues Traveler sounded fresh
and lively— frontman John
Popper jamming away like a
horny hummingbird on the

sics was indeed a privlege, and the crowd showed their appreciation with barrels of applause, screams, and respect.

Meanwhile, among this



Blues Traveler perfomed at PC last Saturday night.

The controversial gang (I use the term "controversial" due to their dedication of a song to Mike Tyson, in which the prelude of the tune ran, "He's free, he's Muslim, and he's pissed off!") then took the stage to a roar of ferocious anxiety from the fans, as bodies were immediately mistakened for punch-

harp, while guitarist Chan Kinchla stood amid the musical dreamland encased in his mind, ripping rift after catchy rift. Overall, the band played like the finely tuned gears of a new Rolex: enjoyable, precise, and unmistakenly genuine. Hearing such unforgettable hits like "Run-around" and other clas-

powerful yet soothing eruption of music, erected the vast jungle around the stage, featuring hundreds of psyched-up, liquored-up, and somewhat violent pit dwellers. Caught in the middle of all this madness, I stood (actually, I rarely stood. Rather, I was thrown) in a chasm of true energy, an arena of fierce body-

Blues Traveler played to the mosh pit (as well as to the rest of the crowd) in a truly perfect fashion, resulting in fans escalating into a full-fledged manner of pure excitement and satisfaction. The band strummed away in their usual heart-pumping domain of class, spewing forth many attractive cover tunes as well as their own. Among the covers was Beck's "Loser," a song which owned the Billboard charts for a good chunk of last year. In addition, Blues Traveler played a new and honest version of the Kenny Rogers classic, "The Gambler."

Though it is a country tune, the

band molded it beautifully into

their charismatic style, granting

it the utmost justice, and at the

same time, showing their wide

range of musical respect.

After hours of pure exhilaration, the show moved fluently to the encore, which I was unfortunately unable to witness, due to my being forcably removed from the show by an angry group of about six PC security guards. However, Mike Carriere '96, a fellow Cowl staff member, informed me that the encore was attractively long and crowd-pleasing, enclosing the show and overall experience in a proud veneer of

success.

# Slip Slidin' Away

Patrick Heap '96

A&E Writer

Sliders, Wednesday nights 9:00 pm on Fox

Some people may have noticed that last Wednesday, instead of seeing a 90210 repeat, there was a pilot for a new show called Sliders. If you changed the channel and suffered Walsh withdrawal, well you missed out on one hell of a sci-fi thriller. Fox filled there 8-10 slot last Wednesday with the first episode of Sliders and from what they showed, it looks like a hit. What makes the show look like a hit is its combination of elements which all long running shows contain, mainly: good characters, excitement, comedy, drama, and twisting, complicated plots.

Sliders' plot runs parallel to that of NBC's hit Quantum Leap. A young genius named Quinn, one of the four main characters, has invented a device which allows dimensional travel. What this means is that he can travel through dimensional port holes to alternate Earths. Each Earth, though, is the same age, but something in history occurred differently creating an alternate Earth. For instance, in the first episode Quinn and his companions traveled to one Earth where there was a nuclear freeze, one where communism was the ruling power (including in America), and a reality where Quinn's father lived instead of dying when he was a child. The show creates an atmosphere of endless possibilities and what ifs that it keeps the watcher in a state of wonder. Not only does the show's sci-fi basis bring back memories of *Quantum Leap*, but also the characters' purpose - to find the Earth reality which they call home.

Throughout the show the character's main purpose is to find their way back to the Earth reality from which they originated, but of course something always seems to happen. For instance some of the characters get separated from the group, either by being arrested or confused (no one ever truly knows if their home or not) or even end up in a communist version of The People's Court. So not only are the characters trying to get back to their Earth, but trying to save one anothers' tale be cause "no one gets left behind".

If the plot enough isn't enough to keep one interested Fox has added some great characters to make the situations seem realistic and interesting. There is the genius college student who made dimension travel possible, the professor who tagged along for the sake of science (played by John Rhys Davies of Indiana Jones fame, "Indie!!"), the beautiful adventuress friend of Quinn's who tagged along for the thrill of it, and the Cryin' Man, who was accidentally sucked into the initial port way while driving by Quinn's house on the way to sing the national anthem for a baseball game. This group of characters create a smorgasbord of elements which can only be

rivaled by *Cheers*. There is philosophy, moral discussions, comedy, romance, action, scientific facts, and tons of history.

If that is not enough to impress the typical or untypical t.v. viewer, Sliders also offers effects which rival those of X-Files and maybe even surpass them. The first episode contained great sound and visual effects during the actual dimension travel sequences. It seems a bit like a combination of the Dr. Who introduction meets Time Cop or Terminator 2 with the weird liquid effect. Also there are many action scenes which call for many explosions, gun fights, and even tornadoes which definitely should not be taken for granted. Even the sets on the show are incredible. During one of the adventures they had to enter a communist version of San Francisco which made the LA. riots look like a walk in the park.

To sum it up, if you liked Quantum Leap you'll love Sliders. Even if you didn't like Quantum Leap you may like Sliders. Or if your just sick of Fox's crappy Melrose, Models Inc., blah, blah, blah etc. weekly line up, this may make the wait for X-Files or Thursday's comedy line-up a bit easier to handle. Hopefully Sliders will have a growing cult following which will keep it on and with a good budget. I haven't been excited to or even wanted to watch t.v. before Friday nights in a long time, but at least now I have something to make my hump day just a bit more fun and relaxing.



# at its finest

Mark Cybulski '95

A&E Editor

**Matthew Sweet** 100% Fun Zoo Entertainment Grade: B

The album is aptly named as it is Sweet's loosest and most accessible album to date. There is no album-long concept here (as there was on Girlfriend and Altered Beast), rather, it's just a straightforward collection of

100% Fun is probably Sweet's least produced album. It has a raw and un-polished feel

To Love", and "Get Older." Alchances and it shows in the predictability of his music. There are some exceptions,

most of which come from different instrumentation. "Lost My Mind" is a nice change from Sweet's routine song structure. It is the darkest track on the album and features a mellotron which adds a haunting gloomy effect. Sweet uses a harpsichord on "Walk Out" and makes it sound like something Strawberry Alarm Clock would have recorded.

Sweet fans and probably win over a few new ones. If you're looking for classic, straightforward pop, 100% Fun is for you. If you're looking for something a little more innovative, you may

spinART records

ate harmonies that are among the best in rock music. He follows the same formula on other songs such as "We're The Same" (the probable second single), "Come though Sweet's music is very listenable and radio friendly, the album suffers from an overall lack of diversity. He apparently doesn't like to take too many

Overall, 100% Fun is a fine record that will satisfy Matthew want to look elsewhere.

**Poole** Alaska Days Grade: B+

There are few bands today that can be noisy, raw and melodic all at once. Add Poole to this exclusive list. A four piece band from Burke, Virginia, Poole has just released their debut album, Alaska Days, on spinART records

after 2 1/2 years of 7" singles and numerous appearances on various CD compilations.

Poole's sound can be best described as pop music that is very refined, but slightly raw. On tracks such as "Supermerica", "Loon" and "Si", Poole uses heavy guitars to create sweet, driving pop melodies that neither sound wimpy nor over-powering.

make for undeniably likable songs. Lyrics such as "Make a ring around the rocketship/ And we'll blast off later/Laze awhile spaceman style/ Hang out in my crater/ I've got tickets to space for two/ Let's go away for awhile" on "Supermerica" is just an example of the playfulness of Poole's songwriting. With song titles such as "Strawberry Kool-Aid Smile" and "Fa-



Meet Poole, the soon-to-be darlings of college radio.

The band clearly demonstrates a pure pop sensibility that takes some bands several years and many albums to achieve.

Poole's swirling melodies aren't the only thing that makes their music irresistible. Poole's songwriting combined with their catchy hooks vorite Beatnik Star", the members of Poole don't seem to take their song content too seriously.

If you're looking to jump on the next big pop band on college radio, look no further than Poole. The band has just started their U.S. tour so be sure to check them out if they come to a town near you.

# Cousin Cuisine

to it that makes it sound like it

was recorded in his own base-

ment. It proves to be a sound

that is well suited to Sweet's

of Myself", the first single from the album that is classic Mat-

thew Sweet: rustic guitars, a

pounding mid-tempo beat and

Sweet's layered vocals that cre-

The record opens with "Sick

pop formula.

Michael Quinn '95

Asst. A&E Editor

Matthew Sweet returns with 100% Fun.

Matthew Sweet has often

been criticized by the dark lyr-

ics that are found in his music.

Behind those gorgeous melo-

dies and catchy hooks, many

of Sweet's songs are filled with

stories of romantic disappointment and despair. As a result

of this criticism, he has subtly

titled his new album 100% Fun.

Cousin's Restaurant ... 651 Admiral Street ... 331-6767 or 331-6611 . . . Grade: A-.

It's a kind of balance between simplicity, diversity, and quality that makes a restaurant worth anybody's time. Cousin's Restaurant on Admiral Street is one of the best eateries in the area for the expense-minded college student.

Now only four weeks old, Cousin's Restaurant is under new management and has a great deal to offer. The menu, for example, is virtually infinite. In fact, it took me longer than five minutes to decide on a selection. Cousin's offers over twenty different subs, ranging from eggplant parmesan to potato and egg. They also have a variety of burgers and sandwiches, hot wieners (at only eighty-five cents each), fresh salads, homemade soups, and dinners. In addition, different specials are available.

I finally chose to sample Cousin's chicken salad sub with a side of fries. My roommate,

who accompanied me in hopes of a quick, cheap meal, decided to try a steak and cheese sandwich with onion rings. Within a few minutes of our ordering, our food was brought out to us. I couldn't believe my eyes. My 'small" chicken salad, while probably only six inches long, was stuffed to its capacity with chicken, lettuce, and tomato. The taste was also unexpected; as fresh and delicious, as it

#### **Dining Out**

I hand-picked the vegetables and prepared the chicken myself. My roommate's steak and cheese was in his words, "phenomenal." I agreed with him that it was difficult to find a good steak and cheese sandwich, but he insisted that he had found one. The fries and onion rings were decent, and at \$1.75 per small order, we certainly got what we paid for. The entire meal with twenty-ounce sodas only came to \$12.05, a tremendous value for tremendous food.

When my friend and I walked in to Cousin's at about 4:45 in the afternoon, the employees outnumbered us by a

three-to-one margin. This may be due to initial lack of recognition, but at least they are prepared for the future. The dining room is neat and tastefully decorated, with simple place settings, and clean white walls. This is a credit to a restaurant of this type, since neatness can be occasionally put off as a low priority. And if you don't care to ever see what the dining room looks like, that's okay too. Cousin's offers free delivery in the area with a minimum order.

My only problem with Cousin's was that it didn't have any pizza on the menu. This thoroughly confused me, as the sub-title on the sign reads "Pizza & Subs." The management did promise me that they intended to add Italian pies to the menu as soon as possible, and that the lack of pizza was just a casualty of opening a new business. Watch for Cousin's to possibly expand more in the future to feature later hours and possibly a late night breakfast menu. I recommend Cousin's Restaurant now. When the place is more recognized and expands the menu, it may even get

#### Congratulations to these Oscar Winners:

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#### Science Students Awarded Summer Fellowships

Dr. Kathleen Cornely

Eric Crespo '96 and Anja Wade '96 have been awarded Pfizer Undergraduate Summer Fellowships for the summer of 1995. Eric Crespo has been awarded a Fellowship in biology and Anja Wade has been awarded a Fellowship in chemistry

Each year the Central Research Division of Pfizer, Inc., a Groton, CT based research based pharmaceutical company, sponsors summer research fellowships for undergraduate biology and chemistry majors. Awards in the amount of \$5000 have been made to each student. The students will be paid \$3500 for summer salary while \$1500 goes to the department to provide supplies and equipment to support the research project. Eric and Anja were two of twenty-four fellowship recipients from applicants in the Northeast. Providence College was one of only two institutions to receive two awards.

Fellowship recipients spend the summer after their junior year working on their home campus with a faculty mentor. Anja Wade will work with Dr. Sheila Adamus in the area of organic chemistry. Anja will study a type of reactions called "fractal kinetics". Fractals are mathematical descriptions of apparently random or chaotic objects. This research attempts to understand the rate at which chemical reactions proceed by using the idea of fractals. If this can be done, it could help describe reactions which have not previously been well understood. Eric Crespo's faculty mentor is Dr. Kathleen Cornely. Eric's proposed project involves studying the disease chronic myelogenous leukemia. The white blood cells of patients with this disease are unresponsive to normal growth factors and thus multiply out of control,

resulting in the eventual death of the patient. This project is a collaborative effort involving Dr. Cornely and Dr. A. Raymond Frackleton of Brown University. Dr. Frackleton's laboratory is housed in the Department of Medicine at Roger Williams Hospital. The goal of the project is to identify the mechanism by which the leukemia cells are rendered resistant to growth factors.

As part of the application process, Eric and Anja were required to write research proposals in which they described the project that they would undertake. In their research proposals, the students provided background information, a description of the proposed methodology and a description of the overall importance of the project. They were also required to describe how their background in science had prepared them to excel in their pro-

posed research projects and how the project would fit into their long-term plans. "Classes and labs, no matter how well conducted, can only teach one so much," wrote Eric Crespo. "They cannot teach a student about what it is like to work in an actual research lab, and they cannot teach a student how to solve 'real-world' problems like those which are encountered in the research environment...The only way to truly learn about them is to actually experience them."

Eric's future plans include attending medical school, and possibly continuing to participate in medical research. Anja plans on attending graduate school. Her ideal career would "involve doing challenging and exciting work for something which will be meaningful both to me and to others", such as researching alternatives to animal testing of medicine or cosmetics.

Interested in volunteering in a three to four month Research Project on Treatment Attitude Study? Contact Penny Elias, Director of Volunteers **Butler Hospital** 345 Blackstone Boulevard, Providence, RI 02906 or call (401)-455-6200

# 20th Annual Undergraduate Research Conference in Sociology Friday, April 7th, 1995 Slavin Center

19 students will present their original work on a variety of timely topics and issues including images of women in the movies, a critical look at PC's alcohol policy, how decisions about health care are made at the national level in a democratic society, the impact of the American Women's Movement on the implementation of women's studies and black studies programs at colleges and universities, the persistence of gender stereotypes in children's environments, factors affecting the perception of child rape victims, gender relevance in holocaust memoirs, and how we know what we know about child abuse.

Previously drawing student participants from colleges and universities throughout New England and beyond, this 20th anniversary program will showcase the work of Providence College students in three of the four sessions scheduled.

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9:00-9:30 am Registration and Coffee 9:30 am Session 1. Deconstructing Women's Images: Feminists Go To the Movies Slavin 203

Session 2. Democracy and Health Care, P.C.'s Alcohol Policy, and Perceptions of Child Rape Victims: Lessons Learned From Independent

Research Slavin 217

11:00 am Conversation and Coffee Break
11:30 am Session 3. Issues Related to Gender
Slavin 203

Session 4. How Do We Know What We Know? The Social Construction of Child Abuse Slavin 217

1:00 pm Buffet Lunch (Tickets Required)
2:00 pm Reception: 20 Years in Retrospect

This conference is sponsored by the Providence College Sociology Department.

Admission is FREE and open to interested students, faculty, staff, and members of the community. Tickets for lunch are on an availability basis at \$6.00 per person.

For more information, contact either Dr. Josephine Ruggiero, conference coordinator, at 865-2514 or the Sociology Department secretary at 865-2125.

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## **AAUP Seeks Nominations for** Community Service Award

The Providence College Chapter of the American Association of University Professors is seeking nominations for the Peter D. Salvatore Community Service Award. The award has been established in memory of Peter Salvatore, an associate professor of social work who taught at PC for over two decades and who died after a long illness in 1991. Mr. Salvatore

was also a clinical social worker in private practice for 25 years and was chief psychiatric social worker and director of social intake at Bradley Hospital from 1964-1974.

The award will be given annually to a Providence College senior who has made a significant contribution to improving social conditions for people and communities in need through

his/her involvement in community service during his/her years at Providence College. Nominations can be made by faculty, staff, students, or members of the community and should be sent to Lynne Ryan in Harkins 370 by March 31, 1995. The nomination should include a description of student's involvement, the impact on community and on other Providence College students and the length of

## Women Will Retreat

Kate Griffiths

Club President

On Saturday, March 25th the club Women Will held a day long retreat at the Providence Zen Center. 24 participants attended the retreat including Dr. Charlotte O'Kelly of the Sociology Department and Dr. Bernadette Topel of the Theology Department. Kate Griffiths '95, who has acted as President of Women Will this year led the retreat with the theme of creating unity and helping one another with common concerns about college. The morning began with a zen meditation and

included discussion of the book entitled Gifts from the Sea. Everyone was asked to "bring something wonderful" which led to an exchange of memories and important influences in our lives. The day would not have been possible without the financial assistance offered by the Women's Studies Department. Women Will meets weekly and encourages new membership. Please contact the Student Congress office if you are interested in attending or planning events similar to our First Annual Women's Retreat.

#### Seniors!! Commencement Photo/Video drop off

Drop off your Tuesday April 4th - Thursday April in Lower Slavin

## Seniors "Return to Rosies"

Club night at Muldoon's photos and videos Friday March 31st Tickets are \$5

> You must take a bus to get in Tickets are on sale Friday March 31st in Lower Slavin

## '95 Notes

Seniors! Welcome back to crunch time. In less than one month we will take a permanent position in the "Real World". So until then, squeeze in as much fun and memories as possible. With only a few weeks left in our stay at Providence College, I'd like to invite you to a "Return to Rosie's" club night at Muldoons on Friday, March 31st. Join your classmates where it all began for our last Class of '95 night out on the

Right after Easter, Commencement bids will go on sale. Make sure you pay attention to all of those signs we hang up... they'll give you all the details. We have worked hard to put together a great Graduation week for you. I look forward to having us all together for the last time during our three events on May 16th, 17th and 18th. Good luck getting your work done between now and then. Let me know if you have any concerns related to the Senior Class.

# Things to do ...

## **BOP Films**

Junior Sunday April 2nd at 8:00 and 10:00 pm in'64 Ĥall Admission is free

## Natural Born Killers

Thursday April 6th at 8:00 and 10:00 pm in '64 Hall Admission is free

#### **BOP** and Blackfriars present SNOOPY!

Friday April 28th - Sunday April 30th in Blackfriars Theatre Show times are Friday 8:00 pm, Saturday 8:00 pm and Sunday 2:00 pm and 7:00 pm Tickets are \$3 and go on sale April 3rd

**BOP Fine Arts presents:** Trip to New York Saturday April 1, 1995 Buses leave PC at 7:30 am and leave New York at 6:30 pm Tickets are \$15 Trip includes Metropolitan Museum of Art and Soho Admission to the museum is free.

#### **BOP Coffeehouse** presents: Student

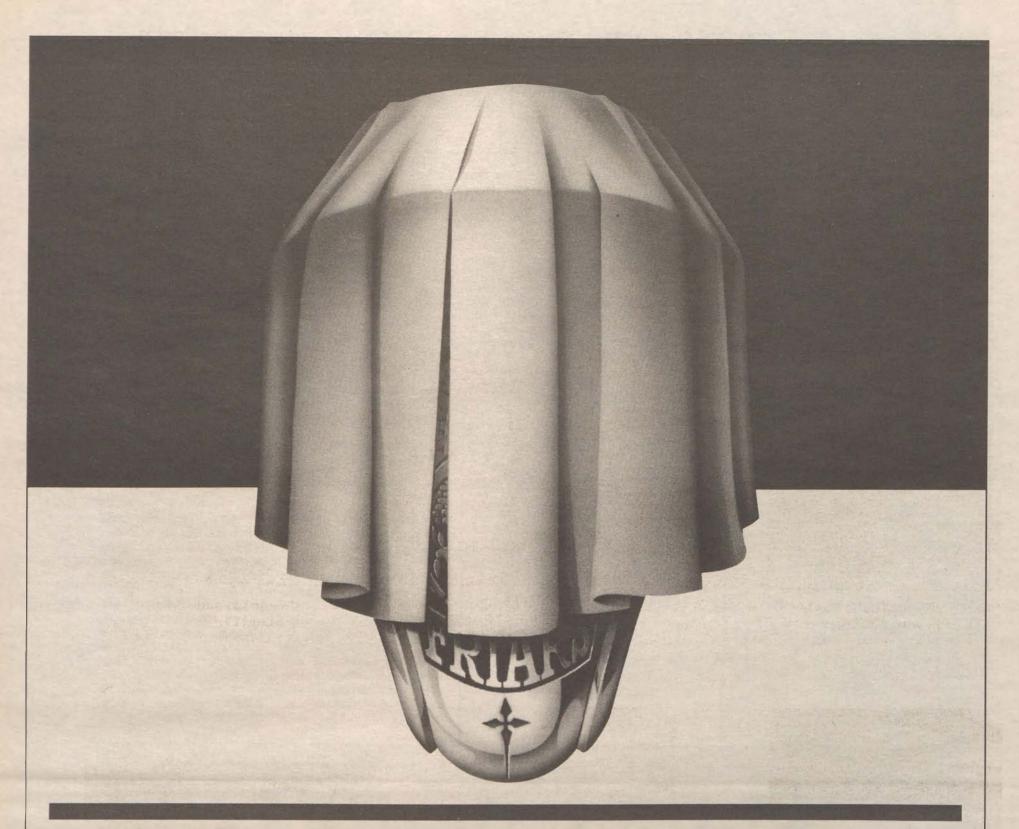
## Performers

on Tuesday April 4th from 9-12 pm in Stuart's

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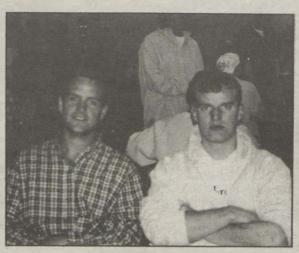
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# What does springtime mean to you at PC?



Jill Murphy '95, Paulie Barclay '95: Blowing off classes.



Matt Duffy '96, Chris McManus '96: The sweet scent of victory.



Julie LaPointe '97, Margi Clifford '97: Phish and frisbee on the Quad.



Sarah Walsh '96, Jen Parker '96: Finding a way to get on our porch.



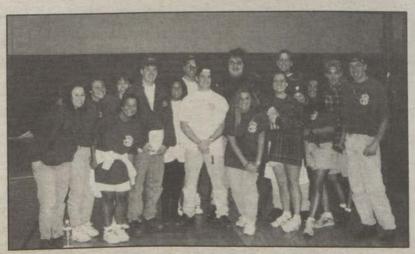
Brian Corkery '95, Jim Dugan '95: It's when Joey T. moves off the couch to the chair on the porch.



Meg McGee, Holly DeAngelis, Cara Niverson, all '95: Doherty with his shirt off.



Kevin Casy '96.5: Extensions, dimensions.



John Popper and random BOPers: Blues Traveler concerts.



Rod Cappiello '96: Growing my sideburns.

# Alternative Action

Habitat for Humanity teaches more than just hammering nails

Kristen Gariepy '95

Editor-in-Chief

If you're ever looking for a heated debate, try the hallway outside *The Cowl* office on Monday nights. Every week, our editorial staff meets and discusses their articles - most of which focus on national topics such as politics and social issues. As editor, I am supposed to offer my input during these meetings, but several months ago I made the decision to abstain from discussing article ideas with the writers.

I based my decision on the fact that I don't believe I am a very opinionated person. Sure, I enjoy listening to two writers battle for or against the need for welfare reform, but I do not choose a side. Don't get me wrong, just because I avoid a concrete stance doesn't label me unintelligent. I consider my intelligence the fact that I listen to all sides of an issue and attempt to broaden my knowledge, but refrain from consistently arguing against another's opinions.

My whole attitude on personal opinions changed over Spring Break. In early November, I was accepted to participate in the Habitat for Humanity Alternative Spring Break trip to Homestead, Florida. (There were also three other trips - to Pennsylvania, North Carolina, and West Virginia.) I had no clue what to expect during the trip and I was hardly one to lend a "helping hand" prior to my acceptance. All I knew was that I was going to Florida to rebuild after the destruction of Hurricane Andrew two years ago - a storm that hit southern Florida while I was vacationing there during the summer of 1992.

In order for these trips to take place, the 52 participants had to raise \$16,000.

After fundraising and collecting sponsors, we were successful (and then some).

The fifteen of us assigned to Florida stayed at an ICARE (Interfaith Coalition for Andrew Recovery Effort) site for the entire week. We slept on cots in cabins and woke every morning at 6:30 am to prepare for a day of work - tasks which ranged from painting to plumbing to electrical work to rebuilding floors and walls.

There were about 250 other volunteers, including students from the University of Illinois and senior citizen couples who devoted their winter months to reconstructing Andrew's devastating destruction. On our first night, the director of the compound explained how Andrew destroyed over 58,000 homes. In other words, envision approximately the entire city of Providence suddenly being left homeless.

A home I worked on for four of the five days was owned by a disabled woman named Maryon, who had no home insurance at the time of the storm. Her walls were destroyed by water damage and her floors were collapsing due to termites. We began working on her house on Monday by ripping out all of her kitchen and bathroom (walls, counters, sinks, toilets - everything). Tuesday through Thursday found us taking out all the rug, replastering and painting walls, and repainting the entire outside of the house. By Friday, she had a brand-new kitchen, bathroom, and floors in three of the rooms. Every morning we arrived she always thanked God for sending help her way. I have never met a person more courageous and appreciative in my entire life. The contractors we worked with are still helping other college volunteers finish the work we



Jen Vincola and Ellie Cooper use crow bars to destroy a termite-eaten floor and later replace it with a new one.

startedon Maryon's house.

Another home we worked on was in its final stages. The owner, Patty, and her three children, had been living out of a camper in her front yard since Andrew destroyed her roof and walls. We arrived in time to see the outside of the house painted, new rug placed, and her smiling face the day she moved in.

A week after returning from Homestead, I am still surprised at how much the trip changed me. Before I left, I was skeptical about helping the homeless and the poor. I was unsure of my stance on welfare and whether it was effective in the struggle to end poverty. Now I return with my first solid opinion ever: Americans need to help

Americans - however they can. Sure, we need to develop stronger family values and focus on fair education for all, but more importantly, we need to lend a hand.

I still love to hear members of my staff debate, but I have developed a new attitude. I have the utmost respect for those who are not afraid to voice their opinions - even when they face opposition. Talking is the best way to develop intellectual and strong opinions, but it only words and most of the time, words won't change or help anything. It is only when you put your words into action that they actually mean something - to you and others.



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# Get out of my comfort zone

Melissa McCrosson '95

Features Writer

Library, second floor, outside runway by section PR, purple chair- my spot. Not yours; not your friends; it's mine. It has been scientifically proven that I cannot function in any other section or in any other color chair. I have the same problem in classes, too. I spend the first couple of days getting a feel for the room and its vibes. By day three, my spot has been declared. It's the same deal at the kitchen table, in the living room, in Mondo. What is it that drives one to feel such a desperate and compelling attachment to a chair, table, or corner of a room?

I know that I am not alone in my devotion to special com-

fort zones, either. On any given night in the Library, I know that I will see the exact same people in the exact same seats performing (ho-hum) the exact same ritualistic student activities. Long live monotony! How many of us have walked into a class sometime late in the semester to find an intruder sitting in "your seat"? This unfortunate incident has been known to set off one's entire equilibrium for the whole day. I think you know what I'm talking about.

People throughout history have fought entire wars over the right to retain their thrones, which are nothing more than really fancy chairs. So, in essence, bloody battles have been fought over a seat. I completely sympathize with them because I, myself, have gone through

great lengths to see that my right to "my seat" is not usurped. 1 have been known to get to my philosophy class twenty minutes early just to claim my spot; it's a really small room with a huge amount of people, and chronic claustrophobia demands that I have a seat by the door. Also, in the Library I have occasionally been forced to pilfer a purple chair from a far-off locale and carry it to my spot. That nasty orange color just will not suffice.

Though it may be difficult, I propose that we all add a little variety to this routine we call life. Proclaim today the day that you will change your seat. All it takes is one person to start the revolution and displace PC students all over campus. Explore the wonders of anarchy.

# Refried Bunns

Mat Bunnell '95

Asst. Features Editor

All right now, what do you get when you mix ten thousand college students, sun. booze, and Mexico? You get a lot of sunburnt drunk Americans spending a week getting funked up on the beaches and dance floors of Cancun...(Oooht! Oooht! is the disco call!!) Now if you stayed around here for break, I'm not rubbing it out...I mean...in. Every day was simply hitting the beach and then partying till dawn; hitting the beach, partying till dawn, etc. Now, I know not everybody that went to Cancun did this. Some chose to lead different lifestyles...while others chose instead to use Lifestyles (or Trojans or those other jimmy hats that glow in the dark) but well, the intro is over...let's hit it and

Cancun, derived from the Spanish word "cancun" meaning "get basted, get wasted, get tasted" is well, located in Mexico...enough with the background. We, the members of Providence College headed out into this unknown territory armed only with our livers and a sincere belief that we might get arrested and possibly deported. Everyone told us not to drink the water or else some guy named Montezuma would get really pissed off or something (although people that drank the water did get violently sick...I wonder if there's a connection?). There were plenty of other things to fill the refreshment gap, like Dos Equis (I think that means "two equis") better known as XX (I figured out the reason this stuff wasn't

XXL). The other popular beer was Corona-"La Cervesa Mas Fina" which was made available in a very dark 40 ounce bottle... if you finished it before it got warm it was time to say "No mas" (as in no mas brain cells). They also served plenty of tropical drinks for the people who could afford them but the poor lush that I was, I stayed with the eight-peso-a-piece Corona 40's (Currency Note: the peso fluctuated as much as the tongues of the drunken sluts on the dance floors...)

The days were spent "hanging out" at the beach or the pool and many took this way too literally. The Mexican males seemed to think that they were pirates who just found their treasure, displaying their "booty" and "jewels" all over the beach. The sun was blinding but it was nothing compared to the damage that these guys were doing to my eyes. Someone should've told them that pirates wear patches over their eyes, not over their units (Thar it Grows! Arrrr!). Fortunately, there were plenty of women who were wearing bikinis (chi-chi's grande!!), bikinis in all styles and colors (the American flag suit caused many a male to feel patriotic...as well as themselves). There were also the infamous wet t-shirt contests (Mexican water: you can't drink it but, by golly, it sure has its..."perks"). Chants of "skin to win" were sometimes acknowledged with the loss of tops, followed quickly by chants of "ass to pass" and then for some reason a lot of television fans starting yelling out their love for the classic show

getting me drunk; I'm an Leave it to Beaver. Well, anyway, there was a lot of fun to be had on the beach; volleyball, Bud girls, drink specials, Bud girls, free tequila, waverunning, Bud Girls. But the night scene was unbefreakinglievable cuz even when the sun went down, there was still plenty of heat...

What can you say about the night life in Cancun? The Hog's Breath Saloon rocked, The Banana Beach Club was swinging, Daddy-O's, Tequila Rock, and La Boom were all hopping and the best time of all was had in the phabulous Fat Tuesday's (getting tanked while filling your tank with 190 Octane). Also, there was this huge party that involved filling the whole room with white foam and then, well, trying to get it...off (the foam, the foam!). and like anyplace one went, the public sexcapades were common ("could you wipe this foam off of my shorts...wait a minute, that's not foam...aahh!"). Popular songs of the week went to...This is the Rhythm of the Night/You've got to Move it, Move it/Here comes the Hotstepper, Word 'em up!/and the La Punta!, La Punta! chant.

They also had little kids up all night trying to hawk bracelets and chiclets to all the party people...these kids (cute, cuddly, deadly) would do just about anything for a peso (OK, kid, here's a peso, now go play in traffic)... DIOS MIO!!

I've run out of space!!...quick note to all the seniors out there: Be on the lookout for the Thirty Days till Graduation beer-tasting extravaganza, It's Gonna ROCK your world...Adios, Amigos!!

# Method to the madness

Jeff Komanetsky '98

Features Writer A great man once said, "March is the most wonderful time of year!" Although I usually refrain from quoting myself, I feel that those words help to express the emotion felt by people across this nation. No, March is not great because those damn squirrels are back in force again, nor is it special because it can also be used as a verb (although that is neat). The otherwise ordinary month of March rises above all other months because it hosts the NCAA basketball tournament! Unless you annually choose March as a nice month to hibernate, you already know that it is both a time for the fulfillment and crumbling of dreams and egos. It is Christmas time without the annoying relatives. It is MADNESS! In case you are one of the few who have actually been in hibernation, here is a top to bottom guide to all that makes up the method to the

1. The NCAA Although it is often confused with a strikingly similar institution known as the NAACP, the NCAA is that which holds it all together. Basically, it assures that players don't take their own private jets to games in which they get paid by the lay-up. Although it sometimes suspends players right before the tournament and ruins your tournament pool, the NCAA works for the good of the players(except for those who warm up for games in a hot tub owned by their agent, Vito). 2. The Program There are several types of programs. Each works in its own way towards the common goal of success. There is the rare program, which avoids corruption and somehow manages to succeed. Second, there is the bad program, which always breaks the rules, always gets caught and always loses. You'd know about these schools if they'd ever get off probation and on TV (HINT: Their coaches work as used car salesmen during the Finally, there is everyone's favorite, the Bad to the Bone program, which hasn't

lost a game in eight years thanks to a some loophole which made it possible for the college to manipulate the DNA of ordinary humans and to create monsters that dunk with their feet and use the net as dental floss. 3. The Coach While watching TV, you'll notice three kinds of coaches. First, there is "The Spitter". The Spitter motivates players by screaming and gives them a shower while doing so. The second kind of coach is "The Gritter". The Gritter only grinds his teeth during the game but players who have played poorly know that they will be eaten by the coach after the game. The final brand of coach must remain untitled but, simply put, his players are aware that if they stink up the court, they'll end up in here (HINT: It rhymes with the other kinds of

4. The Player Some ride the bus and some buy the bus.

5. The Announcer Announcers can either enhance your enjoyment of the game or make you want to make use of the mute button. First, there is the knowledgeable announcer, who can tell you everything down to where the mascot went to school. Second, there is the annoying, stupid announcer, who routinely screams, "HERE COMES A MONSTER DUNK, BABY!!!", just before a five foot, eight inch guy goes in for

6. The Fan Finally, there is the fan. Fans include the "Full-Timers," who spend more time sitting on their couch, watching games with a beer in their hand than they do breathing. There is also the "Beginner," who gets lucky and predicts the fate of the 64 teams in the tournament pool, causing a horde of fulltimers to shoot themselves. Most fans like to gamble on the games and some, like myself, often are forced to pawn off their grandparents in order to pay off a few debts. I, however, have reformed and gambling is no longer a part of my life—The odds are five to one that I won't make it through the week. Want to bet on it?

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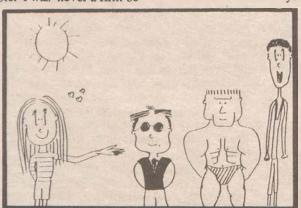
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# Daytona

Karen Stauffer '96

Features Writer
Never in my life have I seen
such a strange brew of people
as I witnessed in Daytona over
Spring Break. We drove 22
long hours packed in a Toyota
Tercel to meet some interesting
people. I was never a firm be-

how lovely all of these men looked in their evening attire. When we were out at clubs I could tell that underneath all of that baby oil, these were some really nice guys. A guy looks so nice in just a leather vest and some purple jeans. It was all I could do to not throw myself at



liever in love at first sight, but when I saw some of the guys in Daytona, I knew it existed. What more could a girl ask for? Huge men lathering up with baby oil, lounging by the pool. What girl is not attracted to an overly muscular man who can squeeze himself into a thong speedo? And of course these - cleanly had shaved...BODIES! None-theless, my days were spent gazing at all of these tanned bodies and my nights were even more interesting. I could not believe

their feet. And it was nice to know that behind all of that muscle was a really sensitive guy. When a man can dance all night to techno music, you know he is something special.

Well, now that I am back at Providence it is hard to keep my mind off of all those Daytona men. It seems as if I spend my classroom hours daydreaming about the times we spent together. Cancun, Jamaica, Bermuda . . .NO WAY, I am going back to Daytona next year!!!

# A Vision Nightmare

Tina Kloter '95

Features Editor
So, you're walking down the street and some guy says to you, "I'm going to invert your eyelid." If your sensitivity to psychos is what it should be, your response would be either a swift kick or a blast of pepper spray. As I sat through the tortures of an eye-exam, (a week of red-eyed, watery, itchy agony left me no alternative) I wished that I had some sort of similar defense.

Instead, I sat helpless as my new eye doctor (whose name I picked at random from the yellow pages) poked, pulled and generally mauled my entire ocular region. As he led me from devil machine to devil machine, my thoughtful doctor neglected to explain the purpose of each delightful test. So, in order to keep my mind from the laser-like lights burning holes in my retinas and the excruciating pain, I came up with my own understanding of what the tests were for:

The Blinking Test- They'll tell you that the puff of air they let loose on your eye tests for glaucoma, but don't believe it. The important part of the procedure is the five minutes that elapse between the time when the doctor tells you to expect the puff and the moment the puff itself occurs. Normally after

they've seen you blink about thirty times with each eye, they send you off to the next test. (Of course if you blink say eight or nine hundred times within those five minutes, they'll keep telling you that they need to do it again so that they can call over all of their optometrist cohorts to view the freak. Not that I would know from experience.)

The Math Test- After turning out the lights and putting on illuminated head gear that is right out of Silence of the Lambs, the eye doctor tells you to focus on the squares in the ceiling. With an industrial strength light glaring in your face, this is no easy task. Once your eyes start streaming, the doctor will begin giving you math problems. Doc- Okay, look two to the left, one to the right, three down, one up, six to the left, fifteen to the right... Me- Um, what came after two to the left? Doc-You fail. Me-What? How can I fail if I didn't even know where to look? What's wrong with my eyes? Doc- What's the highest level math class you ever took? Finger counting 101? Ha ha. Me-I want to leave. Hey get away from me with that Q-tip. Doc-Exams not over yet, you dimwitted, squinty eyed mole.

The Pain Threshold Test-When the doctor comes at you with a Q-tip, get nervous. Telling you to relax and look down, the doctor will use the Q-tip to roll back your eye lid. This is not fun. Me-I don't think that eyelids are meant to do that. What do you think I'm made of, rubber? Doc-Well, we'll see won't we. Does that hurt at all? How about if I pull your eyelashes? Me-Yipe, yipe, yipe. Doc-Very good, you pass. Me-Ouch! What are you, some sort of wacko or something? Doc-Sit back and shut up, punk, before I rip your eyelid right off.

The Owl Eye Test-Stunned into silence, you will be taken advantage of by the doctor. After putting 10 or 20 drops in each eye, (which you are sure must be Tabasco sauce or hydrochloric acid) the doctor will let you sit around for a while and then pretend to look into the backs of your eyes. What the doctor has done is dilated your pupils so that, to put it kindly, you look like a hoot owl and you become as sensitive to light as a vampire. The only point to this test is to make you look funny.

If you find yourself forced to visit the eye doctor, try to grin and bear it. It could be worse. At least you don't have to step on a scale, you get to keep all of your clothes on and there are no needles involved.



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# PC's St. Augustine

Juliette Marchioli '95

Features Writer

The unique environment which exists at PC, that of Dominicans and students living and learning together, provides us with the opportunity to get to know some very special

#### ... one-time "hippie" and austere drill instructor...

people. One such person is Fr. Elias Henritzy, a wonderful individual with a very intriguing story. His essence is personified in a peaceful soul and a humble heart. I was immediately touched by his calm and open demeanor, and was able to learn learn a great deal about this fascinating man; former Lutheran and agnostic, one-time "hippie"

answer, Fr. Elias turned to God, and after a great deal of soulsearching, discovered that answer and more.

Fr. Elias first turned to his own heart, and then to the Bible, asking "Lord, lead me to love." Eventually something deeply profound began happening to him, something from which he could not turn away. He began to read the Gospels and soon thereafter decided to "take a gamble and become a Catholic." He compares the miracle of accepting Jesus' friendship "to a lighthouse. He's not the destiny, but when the foggy weather sets in, and we need some kind of guidance in the middle of the sea of voices, He is there to help us as we try to determine what is true and false." Ultimately, he made the decision to join a religious order, and with this, truly found what he had been looking for all

I want to give, but can't condense into a single course.'

cans on campus, there is also a great deal more going on than ery weekend, Fr. Elias leads retreats and preaches in local churches. He is also a Chaplain

It is clear that Fr. Elias has a great deal of respect for PC and its students, making reference to the warmth of the campus, and the student body as "bright and engaging, friendly and personable." He also emphasizes that he couldn't have asked for anything better than to teach theology at a Catholic college, and even mentions that living in Fennell isn't so bad. He is a faculty advisor in the STEP 1 program, and is intrigued by the possibilities of further involvement in student and campus ac-

Like the rest of the Dominiwe are often aware. Almost evfor the Third Order Group, an



and austere drill instructor, a those years.

convert to Catholicism of twenty-two years and a Dominican priest for two, and current radio show host and mini-celebrity in his own right.

Fr. Elias is very obviously not your ordinary priest, nor did he follow any of the standard avenues in his extended and difficult route towards ordination. Raised in the coal-mining region of northeastern Pennsylvania, Fr. Elias enrolled at Bucknell University as a National Merit Scholar in the early 19/0's, dropping out after two years. Two more years were spent in the Coast Guard as a rigorous alternative to draft card number 17. For Fr. Elias, these were turbulent years when he

#### Eventually something deeply profound began happening to him

was searching for meaning and never finding answers. It was during this time in the military when a navy chaplain asked him the shocking and then unanswerable question, "Who loves you?" In his struggle to find that

In his choice of the Dominicans, he makes a comparison to the mystery of falling in love with someone, how "objectively, someone might be perfect, but somehow just doesn't fit, whereas that one right person will speak your own heart, and the two will share a heart language and dream." This is what Fr. Elias discovered with the Dominicans. He was attracted to the balance of Aguinas, the love for prayer, and zeal for the gospel. He saw the good in snaring this love with others, and has never looked back from his long and tempestuous journey.

Fr. Elias returned to school, earning degrees in philosophy from Assumption College and Niagara University. He obtained his licentiate degree in Washington, DC, where he was ordained two years ago. He is contemplating doctoral studies, but will wait, as he always has with everything, for the right answer at the right time. His greatest dream for twenty years was to teach, something which has become a reality here at PC, where he instructs Intro to Theology and Civ. He describes teaching as "both hard work and wonderful at the same time; hard only in the sense that there's so much

association of laity who live a Dominican life in the community with their families, and through one of its members, now actually has his own radio show. It is entitled "On the Way," and in it he discusses a variety of topics including faith and conscience. It airs on WRB 1220 AM on Mondays and Wednesdays from 8:30 to 9:00. And finally, look for Fr. Elias' column which appears in The Cowl, discussing issues concerning Catholic college iden-

Fr. Elias describes his life as a "continuing voyage of discovery," and emphasizes that just as he wrestles with Catholic dogma, so too can we question our faith towards better understanding. He stresses that he is a firm believer in the goodness of the human heart, and his own life, which is so clearly rich and full with God's love, is truly a treasure to experience. Fr. Elias shows us that even in straying off the path, we always can come back to a loving and forgiving God. His life's journey is affirmed in a sincere commitment to his chosen profession. In sharing his joy with others, he represents one of the best that the Church has to offer and exemplifies the beauty of Jesus' words.

Fr. Elias Henritzy

Contributing Writer

I suppose I was all of fourteen when a gentleman came to talk to the Lutheran Sunday school of which I was a reluctant but regularly attending member. He was to address us on how science and faith were not in conflict. This one part of his audience was especially eager for some light in this area, for my interest in science was

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second only to my interest in you-know-what.

He began with a question designed to set forth the separateness of science from faith: "How many hours are there in the day?" One of the illuminati promptly replied, "24!" And the guest speaker popped the rhe-torical capper, "Does anyone have another answer?" Well, fresh from learning about the rotation of good old terra firma, I raised my hand to offer the more or less four minute shorter figure from sidereal time. After all, didn't we want to be objective? Accurate?

The stunned silence of the guest speaker, punctuated by the groans of the grown-ups and the lancing looks of my peeved peers all left me awash in humiliation. The speaker and I continued in our predestined roles, he in a hurry to say that salvation did not turn on the number of the hours of the day, and I the red-faced listener to ache the consequences of another adolescent faux pas. I could bear to look at no one as Kepler did no harm to Christ, with aversions glib to Catholicism's persecution of that Copernican prophet, Galileo.

I was not a believer in any strong sense of the term at the time. I had been asking for proofs of God's existence as we in ordinary Sunday school sessions marched with inexorable commitment through a sea of names for northern and southem prophets and kings. It was my lot to be an abandoned pillar of salt in looking back to the foundation of the seemingly interminable wanderings through a history which seemed to have no relevance to me. The sins of ancient Israelites and whether I was to claim my guilt before

God seemed topically secondary to being sure there was a God.

At the same time that productive source of marvels from transistor radios to Sputniks, science, was silent. I had been assured that there were eminent men of solid character who professed faith and found no conflict between beaker and Bible. Yet, there was no salvation from science for my quandary about God's existence, and in Sunday school Balaam's ride surely was esteemed more than such questions as this ungainly lad posed.

I suggested in my last column that exploring what it is to be a Catholic college implied considering about the intercourse of Athens and Jerusalem. I suppose Tertullian to have been giving a deriding response to the consideration of any salvation through philosophy, or of an humanly acquired wisdom commensurate to that of Christ and his cross. The simple quests for knowing God or having wisdom about life framed his third century phrase.

The coming of the third millennium finds us in the midst of more diversions and complications. We are sojourners in a culture converted by witness of technology to its own promise for salvation, scandalized by the failings and fights of Christians, and tired, even trained, unto avoiding asking ancient human questions to the cosmos about god and the purpose of our life.

We wrestle, not in the Greco-Roman style, but from its heritage and a twisting history, with questions about the nature of the eternal truth historically and culturally conveyed in the Scriptures and in the Church. We have ceased to repeat the oracles of Delphi, and eagerly look to ever new discoveries and approaches to look at things great and small.

I was not satisfied by hearing Kepler and Christ were separate and not inimical. Now after faith has taken root in me, I must ask how has Christ transformed the universe, how does it witness to his mystery, and how the seeking of our hearts in sundry studies and sciences opens to such truth. It seems that Providence calls us all to some part of that questing.

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# Mirror lmage

Scott Laprade '97

Sports Writer

The men's tennis team ended their second week of the spring season with the mirror image of the first week's results. Instead of winning three straight contests before dropping a match, the Friars lost their first match, and turned it around by winning three straight once again. This puts the Friars at 6-2, led by 6-1 records from John Weber and Felipe Vivar.

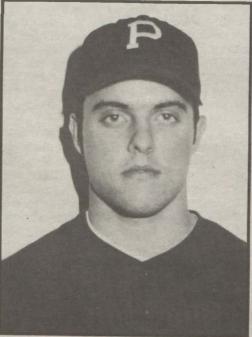
Coming off the loss from regionally ranked Brown, PC dropped a 5-1 match to the Temple Owls. Only singles matches were played, with the sole Friar victory coming from Weber. After cruising through the first set, Weber dropped the second set before putting it together for a 6-4 triumph in three

The Friars ended their two game skid by sweeping their match versus St. Bonaventure, 6-0 on March 12th in Bermuda. Kevin Ryan won a thriller at 6th singles, sandwiching a 6-4 set loss between 6-1 and 6-3 set victories. Other winners in-

The Friars would extend their streak to three games with a win over Colgate, 5-2. PC earned the doubles point with a sweep of the competition. Vivar and Weber both improved their records with straight set wins. Also, O'Neil raised his record to 5-1 with a straight set victory. On the downside, Dylan Williams, playing in only his third spring match, dropped a tough three-setter to Ryan Botjer. The loss drops him to 0-3 in the spring. He is a much better player than his record indicates, and will undoubtedly turn things around for the im-

provement of the team. Over the break, the women's team went 1-2. Their win came against Ohio Weslyan, 7-2. In their two losses, the scores do not indicate the true picture. They came against nationally ranked Baylor (0-6), and Temple (0-6). Coach LaBranche stated, "The girls are playing much closer to their potential. They are stroking the ball really well, right now." A major loss to the team is their number two player, Christina Martin, who is injured. This

## PC Athletes of the Week



Jim O'Brien '97 photo by Mike Carriere (Oxford, Massachusetts)

Jim made his first career Big East start versus BC on Saturday and gave up only one hit Zenowich was 4-7 (.571) in a doubleheader en route to a 8-0 complete game shutout. He faced just 25 batters, giving up a single in the third inning as he struck out 3 and walked 3. For his performance in Saturday's game, O'Brien was named Big East Co-Pitcher of the week.



Meredith Zenowich '96 (Marblehead, Connecticut) Softball

In a 2-0 week for the Lady Friars, versus Boston University, including 3 triples and RBI and was named Big East Co-Player of the Week. She led Providence in every offensive category and helped her squad improve to an impressive 10-2 overall record.

John Weber posted 6-1 record this past weekend.

cluded Vivar (6-4,6-2), Paul Gagliardi (6-3,7-5), Jim Ogden (6-3,7-6), Weber (6-3,6-4), and John O'Neil (7-5,7-6).

The next day the squad played a different team, but the result was the same, another "W" in the column. Fairfield played PC tough in the top two slots, but the Friars proved to be too strong and deep, handing them a 5-1 loss. In total games won, from 3rd to 6th singles, PC outscored the Stags 48-8. Playing in the top spot, Gagliardi was steam-rolled in the first set 6-1, before he immediately turned things around, winning the next two sets and the match. 1-6, 6-2, 6-4.

makes the lady netters a little thin. Their next match is against Fordham on Sunday.

Even though the men's team could not go on spring break. I'm sure they got their fair share of fun and sunshine in Bermuda, nonetheless. In fact, it marked the beginning of their current win streak. In case you might not have noticed, the men's season has been composed of nothing, but streaks: two winning streaks (3-games each) and the one losing streak (2-games) in between. If the trend continues, the Friars are due for a loss in their next match versus Yale on "foreign ground". But, who the hell cares about predictive

## A soggy start

Cory McGann '98

Sports Writer

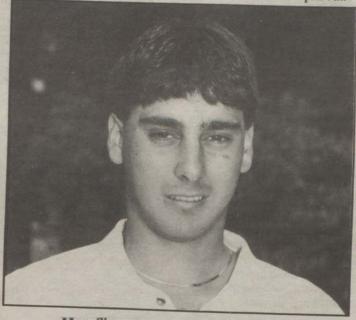
You know Spring has arrived when the Providence College Golf team has begun to tee it up and let it fly. The team is hoping to build upon a solid start from the Fall season. Tryouts for the team are winding down and Head Coach Joe Prisco is assembling his final roster. The top three are seniors Marc Siewersten, Kevin Magner, and Gil D'Andrea. They are hoping to close out their excellent Providence College careers with a strong finish in the upcoming tournaments. Other key members on the team are Jeff Magee, described by Coach Prisco as "a McDonald, Rod Cappiello, Chris Butau, and John Dowd.

The squad recently participated in the Palm Springs Invitational on March 17th. The tournament, unfortunately, was

the victim of bad weather. The first day of the three day event was rained out, forcing it to become a two day competition. The Friar golfers, who played well enough to finish in the middle of the pack on Saturday, were unfortunate victims of the

strong winds and the round scores skyrocketed. The twenty-six team tournament was won by Iowa State University. Official results were not available at press time.

The next tournament for the Friars is on April 7th.



Marc Siewertsen starts the season strong.

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"Coach Kosty" partially credits the balmy winter for the team's early success: "We were able to go outside a few times and that made a huge difference." Unlike the previous two fierce winters, the Friars were able to practice at Hendricken Field and host a couple of early March contests

with Brown and URI.

PC will face a much more difficult test than BC for the coming weekend when they host Georgetown on Saturday and Sunday. The perennial cellar-dwelling Hoyas swept 1994 Big East Champion UConn last weekend. "Georgetown has gotten much better," admitted

Delvecchio. The games start at noon both days and Saturday features a doubleheader. In addition, unlike the outrageous prices major league teams will charge next week to see replacement players, admission is always free, and fans receive the chance to see individuals who actually love the sport.

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stayed with his system.

game's last ten minutes, and blatant slash off Hal Gill. sophomore David Green lit the following a face-off. Pooley played well."

in the Garden. Though the 9:40 to tie the game. Black Bears won all three of the

scoring spree 2:48 in when he picked up the first of his three assists for putting the puck on

play goal, knocking in the re- nament. bound of a Scott Balboni shot.

to complete his hat trick.

Little League hero Chris Drury they will not soon forget. fanned in front of Bell at 11:46, and Erik Sundquist picked up the puck and carried it to the red line, where he passed off to George Breen. Breen and Chad Quenneville entered the zone two-on-one, and Quenneville put Breen's feed behind Derek Herlofsky for his third goal of the tournament.

The two teams went into the

George Breen's backhand goal locker room tied at one, despite from Kramer at 13:46 tied the BU's 19-4 shots on goal advangame, however, and Pooley tage. The Terriers seized the lead in the second when Mike Grier The defense tightened, al- scored just seconds after the offilowed just two shots in the cials respectfully did not call his

PC did not stay down long, lamp at 1:31 of the overtime however. Justin Gould led a when he scored immediately three-on-three rush, joined by Breen and Brady Kramer. Gould praised his team's performance. dropped the puck to Breen and 'We just played a great game. then went to the net, where he Our defense and our goalie screened Herlofsky. Breen left the puck for Kramer, and Herlofsky The win set up a meeting never saw the screaming slap shot with Maine on St. Patrick's Day that whizzed through his pads at

The heroics of Bell, regular season games between Quenneville and Kramer, all of the teams this year, the Friars whom made the All-Tournament did not appear to be the least bit team, could not save the Friars. intimidated, setting the tone BU sophomore Matt Wright, deearly with their physical play. scribed by Coach Jack Parker as Bell blanked Maine in the first "cuckoo," scored the game winperiod, and the black and white ner at 12:52 of the second. Forblitzed the Black Bears in the ward Bill Pierce set a pick, and Wright went around the defender Stefan Brannare began the and slipped the puck past Bell.

Though no one scored in the slid a power play goal between final 27 minutes, the Terriers Blair Allison's legs. Kramer hardly rested easy. "I didn't think had the first of his two assists the game was going to end 3-2," on the play, while Quenneville commented Coach Parker after-

The Friars pressed mightily Brannare's stick in front of the down the stretch, but could not catch a break. Quenneville nearly Kramer made it 2-0 when he knotted the game twice in the fione-timed a Quenneville pass nal period. His first near-miss into the net. Breen had started occurred five minutes into the the play by flipping the puck to third, but he could not steer the Quenneville, who snagged it out puck into the net. Kaj Linna of the air and put it back on the hauled Quenneville down from ice before finding Kramer. behind on the second try, but the Quenneville made a spectacu- three blind mice called nothing. lar backhand pass just over six They did, however, whistle PC for minutes later to set up Kramer a bench penalty at 16:39 of the again. Sandwiched between third, forcing the Friars to kill off Kramer's two scores was Travis a penalty instead of pressing the Dillabough's wrap-around at attack. The Terriers did not score, 10:17. The second period feed- but skated off the ice with the ing frenzy ended at 13:28 when Hockey East crown and the auto-Quenneville scored a power matic bid to the N.C.A.A. Tour-

The loss ended PC's season, Kramer also assisted on the but it does not overshadow the progress the team made under After Maine scored early in Pooley this season. After strugthe third, Breen scored PC's gling in late January, the Friars third power play goal of the turned it around and became one game to make it 6-1. Though of the most feared teams in the Black Bears scored twice Hockey East. "This team had more in the third, Bell kept the quite a turnaround," said BU Friars in control, making four- coach Jack Parker of the Friars. teen of his 47 saves in the third Maine captain Chris Imes comperiod. Kramer threw in an mented that the fundamentallyempty-netter in the last minute sound Friars "don't break down."

PC's performance down the The Garden crowd held its stretch speaks volumes about collective breath throughout Pooley's coaching abilities. The Saturday's final, as the Friars Friars made the finals for the first gave the favored Terriers all time since 1984-5, and the team they could handle and then played intense, smart and discisome. Goalie Bob Bell, who plined hockey, especially in the was named Tournament MVP, Hockey East Tournament. The shone in net early, making big performance of the black and save after big save. Former white gave Friar faithful a March

## axmen search for spark

**Derek Stout '95** 

Sports Writer

The arrival of spring brings with it a sense of renewal and a fresh beginning. These are the characteristics that the 1995 PC lacrosse squad are attempting to use to erase the memory of a disappointing '94 season when the Friars won only three games. Presently, the laxmen are still having difficulty on the field. PC has dropped its first two contests to C.W. Post and Marist College.

PC is returning a solid squad on offense with the potent combination of sophomore Chris McManus who had an impressive freshman season. He will be teamed with Billy Pymm who has been the foundation of the offense the last three seasons. Andy Hersom will move from midfield to attack where he originally played his freshman year. The three veterans will be joined by freshman Jason Hanrahan who netted four goals in his first two

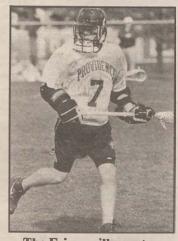
The key to the season will be the play of the midfielders and defense led by seniors

Broome, Steve Zanlunghi and John McCavanagh. Jim McGovern and Matt Duffy will be the backbone of the defense with Kiernan McCavanagh who has been given the goaltending duties replacing Pat McNiff.

PC began their '95 campaign versus C.W. Post, a division II squad from Long Island. The Friars began the game a little rusty, trailing 2-1 at the end of the first period. During the second C.W. Post capitalized on defensive lapses by the PC scoring five goals to go ahead 7-3. It only got worse for PC as C.W. Post scored five more times defeating the Friars 12-6.

PC's offense appeared rusty, but picked-up mildly in the middle periods. The base of the offense, Pymm and McManus combined for two of the six goals. Hanrahan wasted little time impressing his teammates with three goals in the loss. Kiernan McCavanagh started in the net and was bombarded with forty-nine shots on goal.

PC then faced Marist last Saturday on Glay Field in an offensive spectacle losing 15-12. They scored ten goals in the first half, but fell apart allowing seven goals in the second half and scoring only two. Marist took advantage of a poor defensive effort in the third period to take the lead 13-12. PC's offense failed to take advantage of sixteen power-play penalties within the contest, scoring on only five. The Friars were also set-back by a dislocated shoulder suffered by Pymm who is not definite on when he will return. John McCavanagh aided in Pymm's absence scoring two goals after the injury. PC will host Siena College on Saturday



The Friars will count on senior Andy Hersom to provide leadership.

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28 half-time lead.

Picking up from his weekend performance, Croshere sparked the rally with 17 of his team-high 28 points. The future of the Friars tallied a variety of drives and jumpers, capping his performance with a pivotal 3

PC maintained a comfortable second half advantage until the Cougars, led by center Thad Delaney and the relentless Busby closed the margin to 57-51 with 7 minutes remaining. Possessing NBA range and confidence, he gunned home 11 of 22 field goal attempts, including an unusual 4 point play during the comeback.

During the final five minutes, senior Maciej Zielinski, seeking to prolong his college career, contributed key hoops and rebounds during crunch time. In the last two minutes, Michael Brown and Williams buried key foul shots as PC closed out a hard fought five point victory.

The post season life of Gillen's troops ended along with spring break the following Monday versus NIT champion Virginia Tech. Faced with a lineup only six men deep, five members of Bill Foster's cast hit double figures, led by Shawn Good's 21 point outburst.

The Friars rebounded from an early 8 point deficit, to take a 16-15 point lead at 5:35 on Troy Brown's

trey. However, his initial 10 point outburst would mark the only time he was an offensive

The Hokies attempted to pull away with the game for the remainder of the first half. But, Williams or Murdock would hit a key shot periodically to keep PC within striking distance, trailing 43-41 at the end of the half. Murdock enjoyed his best results of 1995 with a 17 point effort.

A Croshere jumper and Murdock 3 pointer gave the Friars an early 46-44 second half lead, but the Hokie bombers subsequently went on a 9-0 run to run away with the win on 65% shooting in the final 20 minutes. "Emotionally the game meant a lot more to Virginia Tech than to us. We just had nothing left," said Gillen. Metro Conference All-Star Ace Custis also enjoyed a sterling 17 point, 12 rebound performance. In terms of statistical history, Williams scored his 1001 career point in his final game, closing out a standout two year career. He was also named a First Team Big East All-Star, an honor which eluded Michael Smith.

Despite the loss, PC's finale provided hope for the future. In addition to Murdock's performance, Croshere rebounded from a frustrating first half to pace the Friars with 19 points, leading PC in scoring for the fourth straight game. "We learned a lot this year, not having played much our freshman year. Next year will be the time for us to step up," said

In addition to the re-

turning core of Michael Brown, Murdock, and Croshere, Gillen and his staff have recruited one of the top classes in the nation. Included in this group are New Yorkers Shammgod Wells and Jamel Thomas. Wells, rated as the second best incoming point guard in the nation, will be counted on to allow Brown to move back to his natural shooting position occasionally.

Most important, PC's late season rally, despite a lack of depth proved that the Friars have moved away from their 1980's reputation as "Big East dogs". Once again, the program has a chance to place two graduates in the NBA, Williams and Troy Brown. Although one can't expect annual first place finishes, a solid coaching scenario should prevent frequent second division performances which history used to dictate.





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# Lady Friars sizzle

Pieter J. Ketelaar '97

Assistant Sports Editor

The Providence College softball team won both ends of the homeopening double-header in convincing style as they captured their fifth straight win on Tuesday afternoon.

The Lady Friars swept Holy Cross 9-0 in the first game and 7-2 in the nightcap. The team seemed to be completely focused on the task at hand and not looking past Holy Cross to Thursday's start of the Big East season [on Thursday at home against Boston College.]

On the fact that her team has gotten off to a sparkling 12-2 start, Head Coach Jennifer Finley (Providence '92) said, "We are playing really well as a team. We are focused on playing softball and we're not worried about the stats. The Big East is where we are looking to make an impact and hopefully go all the way back to winning the Big East Championship.'

The team has cranked out a five game winning streak after opening the season with a 7-0 start. They played their first ten games in the Rebel Spring Games (Orlando, FL) over Spring Break. While everyone else was getting a tan or just being lazy, the Lady Friars were off to a great start in defense of their Big East title.

In Florida, they played the likes of Dayton, Maine, Wisconsin-Green Bay, Florida Atlantic, Tennessee-Chattanooga, and Dartmouth just to name a few. Their only loses were to Florida Atlantic and Tennessee-Chattanooga. Then, the Lady Friars came north for a twin bill at Boston University. The first game was a pitchers duel between Junior Ace Amy Kvilhaug and two BU pitchers. BU scored first in the third on a triple. They made it 2-0 in the fourth when Boston added another run on a sacrifice fly. Kvilhaug settled down to shut out the Lady Terriers the rest of the way as PC staged their comeback. The Lady Friars put one on the board in the top of the fifth and scored two in their final at bat to win by a final of 3-2. Kvilhaug went the distance for her fourth straight win to run her record to an impressive 4-

The Lady Friars got started early in game two with Junior Meredith Zenowich's triple scoring shortstop Kim Robbins in the top of the first. Junior Beth Miller then singled in Zenowich making it 2-0 Providence. The Lady Friars struck again in the third with back-to-back triples by Robbins and Zenowich followed by Beth Miller's run-scoring double and Senior catcher Katie Collins

sacrifice fly making it a 5-0 game. The Lady Friars manufactured a run in the fourth when Kate Drohan walked, advanced to second on a wild pitch, moved to third on another wild pitch and scored on an error by the center fielder. Then, Zenowich scored on Miller's triple to bring the lead to 7-0. Junior Candy Erickson cruised until the fifth surrendering a run, but it was unearned being that it was scored on a miscue by the shortstop. The Lady Friars added another run in the top of the sixth to make it 8-1 and it stayed that way until Boston University's final at bat when they struck for another run, but Erickson finished strong for her fourth win

Zenowich was 2 for 4 with three RBI and Beth Miller was 3 for 3 with two RBI.

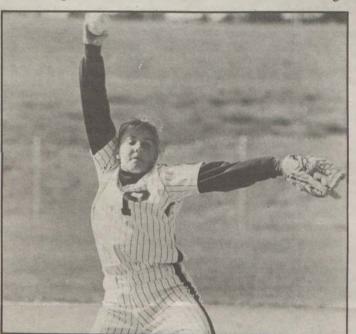
On Tuesday, the Lady Friars played their first game of the year on their home soil in a double-header against Holy Cross. Game one saw Beth Miller stroke a two-run single in the bottom of the first. The second inning featured Kim Robbins two-run dinger, her second of the season, and the Lady Friars took control to cruise to the easy 9-0 whitewash of Holy Cross. Kelly Taber pitched a three-hitter in the five-inning shortened game. The game was called in the bottom of the fifth due to the eight

against one loss. Meredith run rule. Beth Miller duplicated her success against BU, once again going 3 for 3 with three

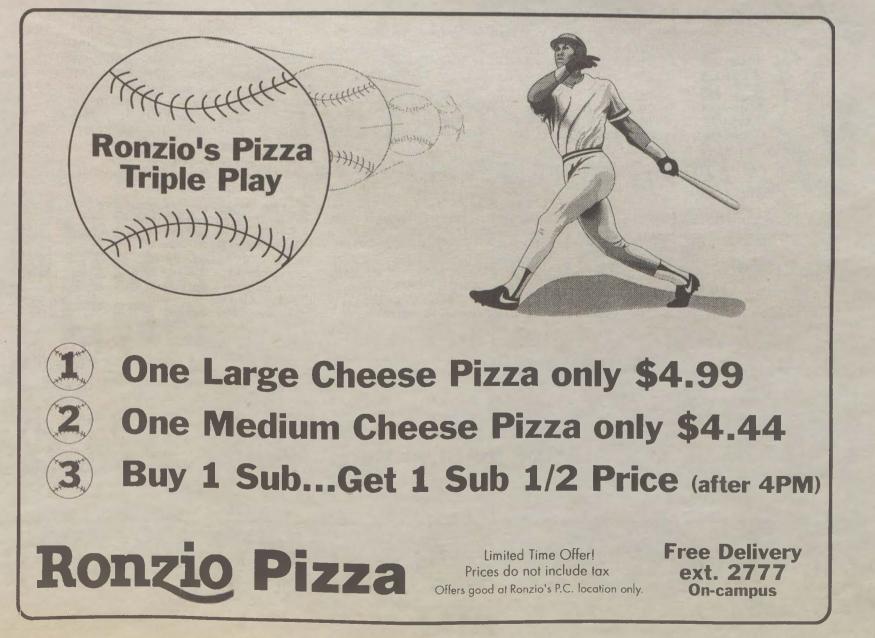
The nightcap featured Meaghen Murray, who smacked her first tater of the season in the second, a two-run job, to make it 2-0. Holy Cross scored two in the top of the third off starter Lauren Smith to tie it at 2-2. PC pulled away in the bottom of the third as Big East Player of the Week hit a threerun round tripper, her first of the season, to make it a 5-2 game. PC added two more in the fifth to make it a final of 7-2. Amy Kvilhaug came in for 4.2 innings to hold the Cross hitless to notch her fifth win of the sea-

"We're really playing well as a team," said Coach Finley, "We're not worried about the stats. Our starting pitchers are all doing well. Amy [Kvilhaug] is back after a broken index finger. We have no one key player. In this run it's been a different person every game. Against BU it was Meredith [Zenowich], against Holy Cross it was Kim [Robbins], someone steps forward each time and that is what makes this team good. We are ready to play in the Big East and we're out to prove last year wasn't a fluke.'

The Lady Friars played Boston College at home on Thursday afternoon and will hit the road this weekend to play Villanova and St. John's.



Amy Kvilhaug '96 fires one home for the Lady Friars.



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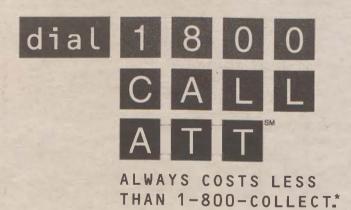
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# End of the road Friars upset Syracuse, fall to Virginia Tech in NIT

**Justin Macione '95** 

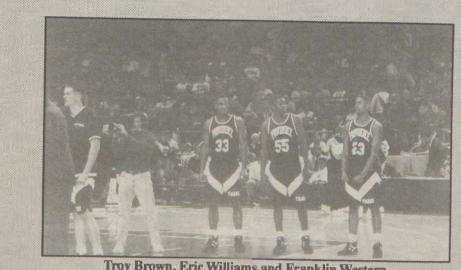
Sports Editor

Although the PC hoop season ended last Monday night with a 98-91 National Invitational Tournament loss to Virginia Tech, there is no question that they saved their best basketball for the end.

The Friars closed out the year with 4 wins in their last 6 games, and a 17-13 final mark. The annual late-season charge began when they upset UConn and Villanova to end the Big East regular season.

While a large percentage of the student body was starting their spring break in Florida or Cancun on March 10, PC turned its attention to Manhattan and a first round Big East Tournament matchup versus Syracuse. It was unfortunate that the tip-off occurred at this time, since many students were unable to see the Friars rebound from a 17 point deficit in a 71-69 overtime upset. The game was televised only on Channel 6 and affiliate stations in Big East markets.

Clinging to their bare NCAA tournament hopes, the Friars kept within striking distance throughout the first half. They were lucky to be trailing by a 36-28 deficit after shooting 30%. "In the first half, we were hesitant and tentative and lucky not to be down 17 or 18 points," commented Pete Gillen. Lawrence



Troy Brown, Eric Williams and Franklin Western

Moten slashed inside for 10 points to pace the Orange, while center Otis Hill filled in for the foul-plagued J.B. Reafsnyder and chipped in 8.

Eric Williams and Austin Croshere paced the Friars with 8 points each. While Williams was double teamed, the sophomore took advantage of the open space to convert a pair of 3 pointers. This pattern was a preview of Croshere's 18 point second half outburst.

PC continued its inconsistency through the initial 10 minutes of the second half. Paced by the inside presence of Hill, Syracuse jumped out to a 54-37 lead near the midway mark, and the throes of Orange in the stands began to exit the Madison Square Garden. Little did they know that their team would be going upstate on Saturday morning.

The fans didn't stay long enough to see John Wallace and Luke Jackson commit their fourth fouls, decimating the SU frontcourt. Starting with Croshere's baseline jumper at 9:34, the Friars embarked on a 14-2 run, capped by Bo Larragan's trey.

Croshere's 7 point out-burst in the final 4:06 gave PC the 2 point edge with 15 seconds remaining. Wallace also fouled out in the final minute. But, Todd Burgan's buzzer-beating tip-in sent the game into overtime, tied at 65 apiece.

In a surprising OT twist, Croshere would hand the torch over to his slumping teammate Jason Murdock. The sophomore guard responded with a wide open jumper, and drew a foul from Jackson with .1 seconds remaining, prompt-

ing outrage from the Orangedominated arena. He proceeded to convert both attempts and seal the win. "He (Jackson) really clobbered him. It took courage for the official to call it," commented Gillen.

When the Friars stormed out to an early 9-4 lead the following afternoon against Villanova, it seemed like PC could possibly convert their late-season surge into an NCAA bid. However, the 3 game win streak versus ranked opponents would come to an end versus the tourney champion Wildcats, evidenced by the 90-75 score.

Led by early contributions from the senior core of Williams, Troy Brown, and Franklin Western, the Friars were able to remain within 3 points of VU at the half, trailing 39-36. Jason Lawson con-

nected on all five of his field goal attempts. Kerry Kittles struggled with a 4-12 shooting performance, yet managed to burn PC with a last-second 3

point play.

Villanova started to 63-52 lead in the first 7 minutes of the second half, after Kittles found his shot. "Chuck (Kornegay) and Jason down low opened a strong inside game for me," said the Big East MVP, who burned PC for 29

Midway through the half, the Friars would make a final charge with a 13-2 run. Croshere tied the score at 65 apiece with a key trey. Croshere finished with 21 points, earning him a berth on the tournament All-Star Team.

However, the Friars had expended all their energy, and an 8-2 VU charge sealed their advancement into Sunday's title match with UConn. "We had no more gas," added Gillen. Saturday's setback took the Friars back to NIT-land and a date the following Thursday with the College of Charleston.

In the second string tourney opener at the Civic Center, PC withstood a late second half surge by Charleston, prevailing by a 72-67 score.

The teams traded baskets for most of the first half with Charleston leading 23-19 when spark plug Marion Busby left the game. PC proceeded on an 18-3 tear, enjoying a 41-

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# Carroll captures NCAA title in 5000m

Scott Laprade '97

Sports Writer

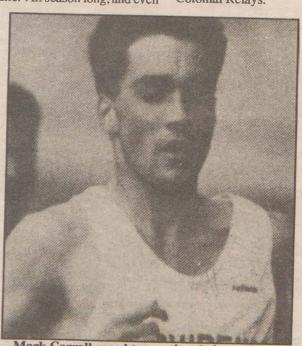
The NCAA's have finally come and gone, but they did not go by without any noise. The Friars had their fair share of ups and downs. Amy Rudolph, after qualifying for the finals, had to be withdrawn with a slight injury, the consistent Mark Carroll cruised to victory, and Marie McMahon broke the tournament record only to place second. Behind who? Yes, you guessed it, Jennifer Rhines of Villanova.

On the day of the finals for the mile, Rudolph was slightly limping. Coach Treacy recalls,"Amy was limping. I immediately withdrew her from the tournament, in order to prevent further damage. If she aggravated it any more, she could jeopardize her outdoor season, and could need up to six months rehabilitation. My choice was in Amy's best interest". Marie McMahon came in second to Rhines, with a time of 15-44.13. Both runners broke the tournament record time. All season long, and even

in x-country, Rhines keeps showing up like a thorn in the sides of the PC runners. Coach Treacy agreed that the talented Rhines has unfortunately "spoiled" the show on several occasions. This marks the second time that McMahon has broken a record, only to have her new record broken right back. This only proves the star status of McMahon. In the distance medley, the women came in 9th. The quartet was picked for a 3rd place finish, but their stock fell with the absence of the injured Rudolph.

On the men's side, Mark Carroll proved once again that he was "faster than a speeding bullet", capturing the 5000m with a 13-55.15 time. The distance medley team also faired well. Picked for a last place finish, the squad jumped to 9th place. The team had a time of 9-48.50.

The outdoor season begins this week when the teams travel to Williamsburg to race in the Colonial Relays.



Mark Carroll raced to a national victory in the 5000m with a time of 13:55.15.

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## Red Hot

**Justin Macione '95** 

Sports Editor

Riding a 10 game winning streak, the Friar baseball team has taken back some heat from their southern swing. PC's torrid 20-4 start even makes one wonder why they needed spring training in the first place.

"The pitching's been flat out outstanding," said head coach Paul Kostacopoulos, referring to the staff's 2.40 earned run average, an oddity for aluminum-laden college baseball. The Friars started their outstanding play by winning 8 of 10 games on a traditionally difficult Florida trip. This trend continued in Tuesday's 15-4 victory over the University of Rhode Island and yesterday's 13-4 win versus the University of Central Connecticut. Sophomore starter Ryan Ricciardi surrendered only one earned run in 6.1 innings, serving up a lot of grounders and fly balls to the Blue Devils.

When Ricciardi got into trouble, Todd Incantalupo relieved him in a seventh inning bases loaded situation. After walking the first two batters he faced, the freshman hurler settled down to help clinch the victory.

The Friar bats also displayed some pop. Holding onto a precarious 6-4 lead in the seventh inning, Scott Palmieri's perfectly executed bunt single

set up Pete Tucci's 2 RBI hit. Junior Catcher Bob O'Toole added a two-run homer in the eighth. Junior shortstopJohn McDonald paced the Friars in the URI blowout with a grand slam.

The Friars also got off to an excellent start in Big East Conference play. Completing a weekend sweep of Boston College with Sunday's 15-5 thrashing, Corey Bike, T.J. Delvecchio, and Tucci homered, while Mike Macone threw seven steady innings. On Saturday, sophomore Jim

O'Brien threw a one-hit, 8-0 shutout.

Delvecchio has assumed the mantle of team leader for his senior year thus far, posting a .375 batting average. "He's a solid, consistent, performer at a high level," added Kostacopoulos. More importantly, the senior leader has knocked in 27 runs. "I'm really just trying to win ballgames," quipped the third bagger. Ryan Kinski and O'Toole have also held hot bats this spring.



Junior catcher Bob O'Toole hit a two-run homer in yesterday's win over Central Connecticut.

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## Giant Killers

Keith Christensen '96

Assistant Sports Editor

Sitting in his office the week before the season ended, men's ice hockey coach Paul Pooley allowed himself to look ahead for just a moment.

"If we can make it to Boston Garden, I feel real good about our chances," said the first year coach. "First, though, we've got to kill some giants."

Nearly three weeks later, the Friars almost made their coach look like a prophet, as they knocked off #6 UNH and #1 Maine before falling to #2 BU by a goal in the finals of the Hockey East Tournament. PC lost only twice in its last ten games and finished the year with a 14-17-6 (7-11-6 in H.E.) mark.

Few people outside of Providence thought the Friars had any shot at reaching Boston Garden, let alone playing for the championship. But the black and white upset UNH, 3-2, in an overtime thriller at Conte Forum two days before Spring Break to earn a trip to the Garden.

Bob Bell held the Wildcats at bay for the first 46 minutes and 15 seconds, stopping 27 shots through the first two periods. The Friars spent most of their time trying to keep the speedy 'Cats from playing a wide-open game on the spacious Conte ice. Chad Quenneville scored the game's

first goal 2:59 into the second. Justin Gould forced the puck into the zone, Brady Kramer picked it up as Gould was checked out of the play, and Quenneville undressed Trent Cavicchi after receiving Kramer's pass.

UNH scored the first two

goals of the third period to take a 2-1 lead. Coach Pooley admitted that he was considering opening things up after the second goal. "When they went up 2-1, I almost changed our system," commented Pooley.

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Goalie Bob Bell stood tall in the Hockey East Tournament.
The junior stopped 47 shots against Maine, a semi-final record, and stopped 87 shots in the two games at Boston Garden and was Tournament MVP.