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Tourney Bound?

Upset victory over #8 G'town has Friars tied for fifth

by Keith Christensen '96
Sports Editor

If you're going to talk about an NCAA Tournament bid, you had better be able to talk about a big win or two. Like, say, an 84-77 win over the eighth ranked team in the country.

The Friars have their fans talking tourney, even if Pete Gillen won't, especially after Tuesday night's impressive win over visiting Georgetown pushed PC into a dead heat with Boston College for fifth in the Big East with a 9-8 league record (16-9 overall).

"If we win 18, we can talk tournament," commented co-captain Austin Croshere, who paced the Friars with 18 points and seven boards. "Two more and we're in."

Tuesday's win was a "big step," as Gillen put it, in the right direction. After near-misses against Syracuse and Villanova earlier in the season, and a gut-wrenching loss to BC February 17th at the Civic Center, Providence needed to show that it could beat, not just compete with, the nation's best.

Appropriately, it was Michael Brown who fueled PC on Senior Night. Playing in his final game at the Civic Center, the North Syracuse native put together a solid performance, complete with clutch plays and senior leadership, on a night when the Hoyas' Allen Iverson, the Big East's leading scorer, hit for 34 points.

Brown, who had 15 points, 5 rebounds and 4 assists on the night, tallied six straight to help PC stave off a late Hoya surge. With 5:38 remaining and the Friars clinging to a 60-56 lead, Brown hit a jumper, then answered Joseph Toumou's three with one of his own from the top of the key. One



by Michael Carriere

Allen Iverson's 34 point performance couldn't overshadow Mike Brown's Senior Night excellence.

of two free throws staked the Black and White to a 66-61 lead at the 4:23 mark.

It was in the huddle, though, where Brown might have made the biggest difference. PC faltered early in the second half, and let G'town close to within two, 42-40, before going on a 14-6 run, aided by John Thompson's second technical.

"We had a little lapse in the beginning of the second half," confessed Brown. "I told the guys, 'It's a forty minute game and you have to come ready to play. I don't want to bring up any bad memories, but we don't want a repeat of Notre Dame,'" where the Friars blew a 20 point first half lead before holding on for a 73-72 win.

PC stormed out of the gate, blazing to an 11-1 lead behind Croshere, whose thunderous dunk electrified the crowd, and a stifling defense that held Georgetown without a field goal for the first 5:24.

"Our kids played hard, they played with emotion," appraised Gillen. "One of my assistants said, 'If you can't get ready for Georgetown, you don't have blood in your veins.'"

"I think Providence obviously came out, was aggressive, and did a good job," lauded Thompson, who called his reaction to the second technical "unacceptable to me."

The Hoyas closed the gap with a 7-0 burst, but Jamel Thomas came off the bench and provided instant offense, sinking three treys to stretch the lead to 12. Fellow freshman God Shammgod was

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PC Students Take Part in Decision '96

by Mary M. Shaffrey '97
News Editor

The Yankee Primary is next Tuesday. In this election Rhode Island, along with several other New England and Mid-Atlantic states will be choosing their candidate for the Republican nomination for President. About twenty students on President's Day weekend survived the cold weather and high winds to get a taste for what the election process will be like here by volunteering for several candidates before the New Hampshire Primary.

'96 Presidential Primaries is a class offered every four years and students in this class were asked to select a candidate and then help them in New Hampshire on the weekend preceding the election.

While there were over twenty names on the ballot, both Democrat and Republican, only three received support from PC students. They were President Bill Clinton who is receiving little token opposition in his bid for the Democratic nomination, Former Tennessee Governor Lamar Alexander, and Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole.

Most of the students worked for Alexander out of his Manchester headquarters. Volunteers worked by holding signs on street corners in bitterly cold weather, going on literature and video drops to Hookset and Concord, as well as listening to Alexander speak at several rallies. Students were even able to meet the candidate at a "Wrap-Up Rally" on Saturday night held in a volunteer's home

about a half hour away from Manchester.

"It was a great experience! I really enjoyed meeting him as

well as seeing how a campaign works," commented Sheila Flanagan '97.

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Lamar Alexander took a moment to talk with Janice Wright '98, Lisa Tilden '98 and Paul Redman '97 during the "Wrap-Up" rally Saturday.

Faux Permits Found, Students Lose Privileges

by Colleen Pappas '99
Asst. News Editor

With the overcrowding of campus parking lots still a problem, the Security Department was faced with another dilemma this past Thursday as a handful of student cars were found to have fraudulent parking stickers.

On Thursday, February 22, Security Officers performing a routine

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Faux Permits Cause Problems

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check of Lot RD, the parking area near Davis and Dore Halls, discovered seven cars marked with false parking assignment permits.

The cars were towed to the impound lot and their owners, all on-campus residents, were notified. For the violation of falsifying a parking permit the students were charged a parking fine of \$20 as well as a towing fee of \$45.

"The vehicles were escorted off campus," explained Director of Security Philip Reilly, "and all parking privileges have been suspended for the year, but they can be reconsidered individually after the semester break."

"Most of the cars weren't even allowed on campus to begin with, they never had a legal parking sticker," continued Reilly, "but as far as I know there weren't too many that had previous parking violations."

According to Reilly, some of the students had already received parking permits for other lots on campus, but, "felt they were entitled to park near their own residences."

The parking area that students are assigned to depends on how soon their application is received by the Security Department the prior semester. While the department tries to ensure that students will be able to park close to their residences, space in the parking lots is not always available.

For the students who had already been issued a permit for another lot, they lost privileges for those areas as well.

"Of course the problem with losing parking privileges," added Reilly, "is that now they're susceptible to parking on the streets of Providence, for which there are more restrictions, such as no parking at night."

Though only seven cars in the lot

were found to have fraudulent stickers, there is obvious speculation that there could have been many more cars displaying falsified permits.

"While the towing was being done, there were a lot of students looking out their windows from different buildings and during the towing there seemed to be a lot of cars moved from the lower campus lot," noted Reilly.

"Now, I can't state that some other students had the same violations and got out of there before they were towed, but it seemed like an exodus of a lot of vehicles while the towing was being done," concluded Reilly, "so it could be that some got away."

Many of the violation charges were paid that afternoon, some before 3:00 PM, while others could not be released until Monday, February 26.

The layout of the black and white student permit stickers is created on a computer and many of the false permits were attempts at imitating the computer design. While Reilly admits that, "some of them did look pretty good," he noted that there were obvious distinctions between the legitimate permits and the false ones.

For the most part the falsified permits were smaller in size than the legal permits. Another indicator was the difference in the graphics or fonts that were used. In fact, some of the fraudulent permits

were made with just construction paper and magic marker.

"But unfortunately for one student," stated Reilly, "somebody else used his number... and his vehicle was towed."

"But in that case he was a victim of circumstance, and the person that actually took his number paid for the towing charge for that student," remarked Reilly.

While overcrowding continues to be a problem in campus lots, students can still apply for parking permits for next semester. Reilly stresses the importance of turning in applications early and maintains that just about everyone who has asked for a sticker for legitimate reasons has been granted a sticker.

"We've tried to accommodate everyone," remarked Reilly, "and we have to assume that all of their requests are legitimate, but we don't have time to go out and check if the student is really at a job or really does have a medical excuse."

When asked whether the Security Department will now be on the lookout for more fraudulent permits, Reilly commented, "The Security Officers will continue to do their jobs well, especially in checking the campus lots."



by Heather Deware

Living Healthier to Survive Longer

by Erin R. King '98
Asst. News Editor

"Living Healthier to Survive Longer" was the focus of the Balfour Center for Multicultural Affairs' Eighth Annual Black History Month Banquet, held Saturday evening, February 24, 1996 in Raymond Dining Hall. Parents, alumni, and students as well as local church and civic community members were represented at the event. Various speakers addressed the approximately 200 guests, including key speaker Dr. Vanessa Britto, M.D.

After an invocation and greeting by Rev. Joseph R. Barranger, O.P., Chaplain of the college, dinner was served. Following the meal, Maureen Peitler '99 sang

"You'll Never Walk Alone," and Kilah Walters '99 read the haunting poem "The Colored Mother," author unknown. The Mistress of Ceremonies was LaGina Means '96.

In keeping with the health and wellness theme, Susan Pires '97 introduced Dr. Vanessa Britto M.D., a personal friend as well as a doctor in private practice in Taunton, Massachusetts. Dr. Britto is a member of several medical associations, including the American Heart Association, the American Medical Association, and the American Medical Women's Association.

Dr. Britto began her speech by relating that each person has "the

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Curriculum Changes?

by Erin R. King '98
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The core curriculum you have come to know and love may soon be just a memory. By the time Spring Break arrives, the Curriculum Review Steering Committee will have a draft proposal for the new core curriculum. By the end of the semester, a proposal including the Development of Western Civilization curriculum will be complete.

The committee's goal is to determine the best possible curriculum for the 21st century. Ann P. Stankiewicz, O.P., Ph.D., co-

chair of the committee with Hugh F. Lena, Ph.D., said that the focus is currently on creating the ideal PC graduate.

First, they are trying to find some way to provide individual students with skills they may not be getting in their classes, such as computer literacy and better oral and written communication. Second, each department will be challenged to look at the goals of their major and how these goals are being met, particularly in the integration of DWC and core studies.

Two new programs, the "Freshman Experience" and a Senior

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Campus Vandalism on the Rise

by Tammy Ledoux '99
News Writer

Vandalism—it comes in all forms. To the women of 422 Aquinas, vandalism is defined as a stranger entering a room and urinating on the floor.

Vandalism occurs all across campus. In Meagher Hall, the elevator has been shut down due to writing on the walls and damage to the lights. Hall Director Pete Contre has put up signs and distributed information in newsletters; nothing has eradicated the problem.

According to Director of Security Philip Reilly the most serious acts of vandalism occur in the Schneider Arena parking lot. Forty cars were damaged last semester. Security plans to try new tactics to catch vandals in the parking lot.

"We are installing two cameras in the Schneider lot within the next couple of weeks. They will give 24 hour surveillance. They will be monitored in our office," said Reilly. "I hope that it will slow down the larceny and vandalism and give students more security."

The security cameras could lead to the apprehension of criminals. Several weeks ago *The Cowl* reported that Security, through the use of a video camera in the PC Bookstore, caught two local high school students stealing bookbags.

Security also hopes to add more outside phones. There will be one in the Schneider lot and 12 more in various locations on campus.

Reilly believes that the vandalism occurring in the parking lots is due to outsiders entering the campus.

"They are outsiders, probably juveniles. Six were arrested for trespassing. It's not the first time they have been on campus. Three to four days (after they were arrested), three vehicles were damaged. Two of the individuals arrested were seen on Admiral St. right after. By the time Security contacted the Providence Police, the two juveniles were gone," said Reilly.

"There has been a lot of vandalism and property damage this year," said Reilly.

Much of this damage has occurred in the dorms.

"Every dorm has had some problems, but Guzman has seemed to get more notice than the others. It has a lot of door opening problems. The lack of security puts everyone in danger," said Reilly.

According to Reilly, there was a larceny recently at Guzman. A juvenile entered the dorm and went in to one of the rooms. A PC student tried to apprehend him when he was running

away. The student was unsuccessful, acquiring only the juvenile's bike and jacket.

Kim Wood '99, Kristen Greenan '99, and Anne-Marie Ruppert '99 explained how one vandal personally affected each of them.

"I got up to go to the bathroom early in the morning, around 8:00 a.m. When I came back, I got back in bed and didn't even think to re-lock the door. The next thing I know, I hear the door open. Some girl walked into our room and sat in Kristen's chair. I thought it was Kristen" said Ruppert.

"I thought it was Anne-Marie," said Greenan.

"I finally realized that it wasn't her," said Ruppert. I said, 'Oh my God, who is that girl, she's peeing! We started yelling at her.'

"She stared at us with a blank look," said Wood. "She finally pulled up her pants and got out of our room."

"We called security and then we went to get the R.A.," said Wood.

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Student Congress Passes Reforms

by David M. Canal '98
News Writer

Last Monday, members of Student Congress passed a bill that will most likely mark a new era for student elections. The new law will allow greater freedom for candidates running for offices within Student Congress.

Under the new bill, students will be able to use any form of communication to campaign. Candidates will now have the opportunity to use an unlimited number of mailbox stuffings, posters, voicemail messages, buttons, or whatever other method deemed appropriate by Student Congress. Candidate budgets have also been increased from \$25 to \$50 to further allow creativity in the campaign process. Congress has also approved a debate scheduled for the week prior to the election. The debate will be sponsored by *The Cowl* and WDOM and will take place on Slavin Lawn.

Also included in the bill, is a provision that allows students to begin campaigning up to two weeks before the election. Although candidates may not campaign on the day of the election, they will be able to keep their signs up during this day. Furthermore, candidates can be sponsored and funded by various clubs and organizations.

Meg Wrona '96, Election Committee Chairperson, believes these changes are a step in the right direction, "With these changes, we have made elections less of a popularity contest. Elections will be fair for anyone who runs, whether they are an incumbent or not."

This bill, proposed by the Election Committee of Student Congress, has been in the making since the start of the school year. Mike

Walsh '97, Election Committee member, is relieved that all of their work has paid off, "We have been working on this bill for a long time and it is great to see it finally go through. It's small changes like these that had to be made to insure greater competition which in turn, will equal a Congress that gets things done."

Walsh is not satisfied with just these changes though, "I think we have accomplished a lot with the passing of this bill, but we can do more. We still plan on making more changes to improve the student body. With all these changes in place by the end of the year, I see Congress making great strides throughout next year."

Another important aspect of the bill was the proposal to open the Student Congress Executive Board elections to the entire campus. The bill was voted on and defeated. As it stands now the Student Congress Executive Board elections will not be open to the whole school, but only to any active or inactive member of Congress.

Walsh explains that an inactive member of Congress is, "anyone who has served at least one term in Congress or a club which is sponsored by Congress. We plan on making the term 'inactive' more specific before the bill is finally signed by Executive Board President Bill Meehan."

As far as why the Executive Board elections will not be opened to the whole school, Wrona offers this explanation: "The majority of Congress felt that to be an Executive Board member, you need experience. There are many little things that go on behind the scenes of Student Congress which are handled by the Executive Board. The Executive Board, in essence, keeps Congress together, and this definitely requires experience."

JFK: The Mystery Continues 23 Years Later

by Colleen Pappas '99
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Over thirty years after the assassination of President John F. Kennedy, controversy surrounding the event is still prevalent. On Tuesday, February 20 at 7:00 p.m., Edward Tatro, an expert on the Kennedy Assassination, spoke in '64 hall to a crowd of almost 250 students.

Tatro, who has been researching the controversial event for more than two decades, presented the audience with his theories about a conspiracy that he believes resulted in the assassination of President John F. Kennedy on November 22, 1963.

The theme of the lecture, according to Tatro was, "How the crimes of then and there are tied to ones of here and now."

For over three hours Tatro presented the audience with his opinions and theories about the assassination and maintained throughout the lecture that, "Texas killed Kennedy. Texas and Washington."

The Residence Hall Association, with assistance from Student Congress, brought Tatro to Providence in response to a request from Ted Miller '97, who had taken a course with Tatro while in high school.

Like Tatro, Miller felt this was an issue that many students would like to know more about and stated, "The very fact that 250 students stayed for the full three and one half hours shows that this event still remains an enigma thirty years later."

Tatro began the lecture by showing the Zapruder film, one of the few existing live tapes of the assassination. Following the Zapruder film, Tatro presented the audience with over four carousels of slides showing examples of physical evidence, documents, and pictures to aid his argument.

"They've hidden things from us for years and years, and time is on their side because people involved are dying and everyone stops caring," proclaimed Tatro.

The speaker cited inconsistencies and unanswered questions in the Warren Report as a major indicator of a conspiracy. The Warren Report is the product of a study done at the request of President Lyndon B. Johnson after the assassination of President Kennedy. The Warren Report maintains the generally accepted theory that Lee Harvey Oswald was the sole assassin in the murder and that there was no conspiracy within or outside of the government.

However, after many years of research, Tatro believes the report's findings to be false and as-

serted, "I believe that Lee Harvey Oswald was framed for the murder of President Kennedy," said Tatro.

He continued by citing many specific discrepancies located within the twenty-six volumes of the Warren Report. Tatro discussed controversy concerning the autopsy photos of President Kennedy as well as the testimonies of doctors and other eyewitnesses at Parkland Memorial Hospital the day of the assassination.

"If you really want to find out who killed the President," claims Tatro, "you have to look at the physical evidence, especially the body."

For example, Tatro explained that many questions arise from the fact that the autopsy of the President was not performed at Parkland Memorial Hospital in Dallas where President Kennedy was pronounced dead, but rather at Bethesda Naval Hospital, back in Maryland after the flight home. Another source of confusion that Tatro mentioned, which stems from the medical portions of the Warren Report, is the destruction of original autopsy notes by one of the attending doctors.

Tatro also discussed the inconsistencies of the testimonies of several eyewitnesses at the assassination itself. Within his discussion of the Warren Report, Tatro talked at length about the "single-bullet theory." This is the assertion that all of the shots that killed President Kennedy came from the same gun and therefore, no one else was involved, which rules out the possibility of another assassin. He went on to discuss more physical evidence from the Warren Report to allege that the "single bullet theory" is false and that there was definitely more than one person involved. Aside from which, Tatro emphasized, "You cannot kill a president, king, or premier without the security people being involved and letting it happen."

With this remark Tatro began to directly implicate members of the government as being part of a conspiracy that resulted in the assassination. Tatro alleged that among the people involved in the cover-up were President Lyndon B. Johnson, who succeeded Kennedy, and J. Edgar Hoover, who was at that time director of the F.B.I.

Also mentioned as contributors to the conspiracy were Mafia connected figures such as Carlos Marcello and Oswald assassin Jack Ruby.

While he produced much evidence and made various connections to prove his point, Tatro was quick to add, "In a court of law, a

lot of this wouldn't add up to anything, but out here, it makes a lot of common sense."

The Massachusetts teacher affirms, however, that "most of America believes that there was a conspiracy and that LBJ was involved somehow."

Throughout his years researching the assassination, Tatro has met many of the people connected to or involved in the alleged conspiracy. For example, he has become close friends with Marina Oswald, widow of alleged assassin Lee Harvey Oswald and has co-written a book about LBJ's involvement with Madeline Brown, who claimed to be a mistress of President Johnson.

Near the end of the lecture, Tatro made various connections to government leaders, implying possible involvement or knowledge of the conspiracy. Those mentioned by Tatro included former Presidents Nixon, Reagan, and Bush. He also touched upon the assassinations of Rev. Martin Luther King, and Sen. Robert F. Kennedy as also having been the results of conspiracies, perhaps linked to Dallas as well.

Many of the students who attended found the lecture extremely interesting.

"The most important thing that he emphasized," remarked Miller, "was the necessity to always analyze events from a critical perspective."

"This should always be the purpose of a liberal arts institution. Although many of his [Tatro] theories can be countered, he definitely an objective analysis of the murder," continued Miller.

Joy Roma '98 stated, "It was really good, but a lot of it was hard to believe at first. I guess you just don't think about it until you hear what he says and how he makes all those connections," added Roma.

Stephanie Belanger '96 remembered, "At first I didn't really know what to expect but he definitely had me thinking and I was more or less shocked with the conclusions that he came up with."

Dave Chepiga '97 agreed, "I thought it was a lot different from what we're used to hearing and there were some very radical ideas."

"He makes you want to take a new look at it and ask questions," explained Chepiga. "It was a real eye-opener."

"The fact that there was such an interest on the part of the students," concluded Miller, "is also a clear indication that PC is in fact an institution that fosters intellectual stimulation."

Off-Campus Robberies Decreasing

by Erin Piorek '96
News Writer

Since August, only three break-ins have been reported to the Off-Campus Housing Office at PC.

Carolyn Ryan, Director of Off-Campus Housing, is pleased that the number of off-campus break-ins and robberies has dropped so significantly from the '94-'95 school year. Ryan received no reports of break-ins over Christmas Break, when a significant amount of robberies usually take place. "Students seem to be taking more protective precautions," Ryan said, "like having windows nailed shut and keeping exterior doors locked at all times." Ryan suggests that students demand that their landlords replace glass doors

with solid wooden doors to ensure safety.

Part of Ryan's job is to correspond with the community police to keep them informed of off-campus break-ins. The police department can then send extra patrol cars to the areas where the break-ins are occurring. This year, two of the break-ins occurred on Radcliffe Ave. and one on Sparrow Ave. In one case, the perpetrator was caught by the police.

According to Ryan, it is possible, and likely, that there have been more than three off-campus robberies so far this year. Students often report robberies directly to the police and never inform Off-Campus Housing of the occur-

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Bone Marrow Transplant Needed

A bone marrow transplant is needed for Norman Montgain, who has been diagnosed with Myelocytic Leukemia. His family has all been tested and no match has been found.

For any possible donor, the Rhode Island Blood Center on Promenade Street on Providence is willing to test free of charge on

certain days of the month. Possible donors should call the center at 438-8360 for details and an appointment to schedule a blood test.

Normand's father works at Providence College in the Priory kitchen and his family would be grateful to anyone willing to be tested to help Normand as his survival depends on it.

Women's Will Open to Everyone

by Jessica Cotrone '99
News Writer

Women Will is a club designed as a forum for people of any gender to discuss openly their feelings dealing with major issues around the world and in the Providence College community.

One of the goals of Women Will is to advocate awareness on campus. By presenting art shows and sponsoring various events, Women Will hopes to raise the curiosity and awareness of the students at the College.

Since March is Women's His-

tory Month, Women Will is sponsoring two events. The first, which will be taking place March 19-20, is the Women's Celebration, being held in Slavin Center. Presenting such things as artwork from female students and the history of women at PC, the celebration is designed to acknowledge the talented women of the community.

March 27 will be the annual Take Back the Night march held on the steps of Slavin. Groups of women will gather and speak out against violence toward women. Speakers will address the crowd and the women will march together in unity.

Women Will is not a club just for women, it is a club for everyone. "(Women Will discusses) important issues relating to gender. Everyone is welcome to join. It is not an exclusive club," Lara Signorini, '96, stated.

The club meets in the Library Room 118, which is the Women's Studies Office and Resource Room. People are welcome to browse through the library there during office hours, Monday-Thursday 8:30-4:30 and Friday 10:30-4:30. New members and ideas are always welcome.

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Capstone Project are being planned for the future. The Freshman Experience, an interdisciplinary seminar course, would be a way to foster a better sense of community for freshmen and "help them move beyond passive learning to [being part of an] active learning community," according to Sr. Stankiewicz.

The Senior Capstone experience would ideally bring a student's major together with DWC and the core studies. It would be used mainly as a way of

"assessing the degree to which program objectives have been realized," according to the CRSC's Third Quarterly Report.

The CRSC is also concerned with how the new curriculum matches up with PC's new Mission Statement. Sr. Stankiewicz acknowledged that the new curriculum should reflect the Dominican educational tradition. Many faculty members and students don't even know that there is a Dominican educational tradition, let alone what it is.

Basically, the task at hand is to look ahead to what PC graduates

will need in the future, and how those issues can be addressed now. The committee is looking into a possible Modern Language requirement as part of the new core curriculum.

The requirement would be for each PC student to achieve proficiency on the intermediate level of a foreign language. Proficiency would be defined in a number of ways: through classroom study, Study Abroad, etc. The committee decided that this was, according to Sr. Stankiewicz, "a wonderful way to move towards diversity."

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responsibility to do the very best with this thing called Life, with a big 'L.'" She went on to say that by investing in your future and well-being, you can make not only yourself, but also your community as strong and powerful as possible.

As part of the African-American community, Dr. Britto is primarily concerned with changing some of the present statistics. She revealed that 40% of deaths each year in the African-American community are people younger than age 45, and the average life expectancy for African-Americans is 5.6 years less than that of the majority of the United States.

"As college students, you are

[now] forming habits for a lifetime...Every-day I talk to people who would give anything to be where you are sitting," Dr. Britto remarked. She went on to say that there are several things we can do today to insure a long and healthy life, among them regular exercise, a healthy diet, and not smoking.

Exercise is a relatively easy habit to form. "Do something more days than not," Dr. Britto advised. "Making it part of what you do now will mean it won't be that much to you thirty years down the road. Heart disease is still the number one killer throughout the entire American population. Hypertension, diabetes, smoking, family history, and high chole-

sterol are all risk factors."

Mental health is also important. Dr. Britto suggests taking time for yourself as a cure of many psychological stresses. "Talk to someone," she advised. "Domestic violence is never acceptable," Dr. Britto continued. She reminded the guests that "it is our role, as friends, brothers, sisters...to provide a safe harbor for someone in need of help."

Dr. Britto concluded with the hope that the community "live happily, healthily, and longer."

Dr. Willesse Comissiong, Dean of Multicultural Affairs advised the guests to "encourage yourself and each other. It's your duty to encourage your brothers and sisters. You owe them that smile, you owe them that laughter. Vow to yourself that you will not postpone joy."

Sister Carolyn Sullivan, O.P. ended the evening with a wonderful Benediction. The sentiments she expressed perfectly reflected the month's theme, helping this year's Black History Month become a great success.

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"Security looked for her, but nothing happened."

The result was that Greenan was forced to throw away some articles near her desk, including a rug and a sweater. The women can laugh about the incident now, but they warn others that the same thing, or worse could happen to them.

"I feel violated. Our privacy was violated," said Ruppert. "I am just in disbelief that someone could be that screwed up."

"The sad part is she probably doesn't remember doing it," said Wood.

"If she does remember, I hope she's embarrassed by this. She should be," Ruppert replied.

In Meagher Hall, in addition to the elevator being out of service, last week the door window was broken as well as a glass display case inside. Ceiling tiles are torn down each weekend, replaced, and then torn down again.

Residents of each floor were told that each student will be held responsible when the actual vandals are not caught. The total cost of damages will be divided among

all residents of the floor.

"The cost of damages is really high," said Joe Linnehan '98. "I'm annoyed that I have to pay for things that I didn't break."

"Every weekend the damages seem to get worse." It gets really frustrating to see new things broken almost every time you walk into the dorm," said Linnehan.

Reilly explained that if a student is caught damaging property other than in the dorms, he will personally be charged. In many instances the person responsible cannot be caught. "In the long run, the money is added to everyone's tuition."

Two incidents recently have had this classification. One of the sliding glass doors in Alumni Cafeteria was broken. "That wasn't cheap," said Reilly.

Last Sunday, the gate arm at Huxley Gate was also broken.

"That is a constant nuisance," said Reilly. "I don't know if it is employees, students, or guests. They just drive right through the gate arm. We have tried to replace it with a stronger arm, but the college is leery. We are in a 'Catch 22'. We try to secure, but we can't use the best security items."

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rence. Ryan urges students to report break-ins and robberies to both the police and the school, so that Off-Campus Housing can keep the police informed of what areas seem to be getting hit the worst. This way, extra protection can be provided in these areas.

Students should also contact Off-Campus Housing if their apartments need repairs and the landlord isn't responding to their requests. Ryan hopes that students will continue to take precautions so that off-campus robberies will remain at a minimum.

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Troy Miller '99, agreed. "I had a lot of fun working over the weekend. It is amazing all the different details that go into running a campaign. It was also very exciting meeting Mr. Alexander. There was a feeling of almost 'rock-stardom' about him."

Lamar Alexander was Secretary of Education under President Bush and has focused much of his campaign on education. At the "Wrap-Up" Rally he reiterated his desire to abolish the Department of Education and give more choice to parents with regards to where they can send their children. Central to Mr. Alexander's platform is his desire to return much of the power, now focused in Washington, back to the states. He feels that they, rather than the Washington bureaucrats, know what is better for their own communities.

Perhaps the only dark spot of the trip was the accommodations. In the past when students have volunteered, the campaigns put them up in houses or let them sleep in the campaign office on the floor. This year, the only accommodations available were at the local YMCA on wrestling mats. As an alternative to this, students rented two hotel rooms at the Manches-

Clinton's speech focused on his accomplishments, his plans concerning student aid, and the job market. When protesters arrived to comment on Clinton's AIDS positions, and their belief that he has not done enough, Clinton let them speak. He then rattled off his list of what he has done for the past four years in the battle against AIDS.

Back at the headquarters, students helped out and put together information for the literature drops throughout the city. Here they also met with college students from all around the country who had either driven or flown in for the weekend.

"After spending the weekend in New Hampshire I can safely say that Clinton is the clear choice for continuous leadership in the Presidential election of 1996!" stated Lauren Varian '96.

Students returned to campus on Sunday night and actively anticipated the results of the election on Tuesday. In a stunning upset, conservative columnist and TV commentator Pat Buchanan defeated Dole and Alexander in a tight three way race. President Clinton, on the other hand, received a strong vote of confidence by garnering over 90% of the vote in the Democratic primary.



Lauren Varian '96 and President Clinton share a laugh.

ter Days Inn and squished ten and seven people respectively into each room.

One junior commented, "While it was tight, and oxygen was limited, it was fun. I'm sure I'll look back and laugh at this in a few years."

Joe Polchinski '96 went up to New Hampshire on his own and brought some kids from St. Pius with him.

"We went up there for the learning experience and to see what everything is like. We eventually hooked up with the Dole campaign and this was an excellent experience," he stated.

Polchinski explained that he is supporting Dole because, "I think he has the experience to lead us and will make an excellent President. I went to NH to show support for him and to help with efforts up there."

While in New Hampshire, Polchinski worked at one of the various polling sites and attended the post-election victory party where he met Senator Dole.

"Meeting him was a thrill. This was something I did not expect to happen," Polchinski stated.

Across town, five other students from the class worked for President Clinton's campaign. Mr. Clinton was running virtually unopposed. However, his staff had organized a rally at New Hampshire College so that he could have a presence during the heated New Hampshire Primary. Volunteers were asked to attend the rally and hold up signs in show of support.

"He is a real fiery speaker, and it was great to listen to him," commented Katie Robinson '96, who is also running in next week's primary as a possible delegate to the Democratic convention this summer in Chicago.

Students continue to support their candidates in RI.

This past Tuesday, Governor Alexander was in Warwick where he met with about 200 of his supporters. PC had a delegation of about 15 students in attendance according to Alexander's PC contact and chairman Andy Attailiente '97.

"We are here today to show our support for Lamar. He is the only one discussing the issues, like education. Furthermore, he is the only Republican candidate that can defeat Bill Clinton, and that is important!" stated Attailiente.

With all the bickering going on in the Republican party, Alexander was asked about whether he would support a Buchanan nomination and what his thoughts were on a possible brokered convention with a new candidate coming forth.

"This is like a football game, we all shake hands in the beginning and duke it out on the field and then shake again at the end. We are having a family disagreement. Right now we are trying to elect a chief executive of the country, and putting Pat Buchanan in there would be like putting (Baltimore Orioles shortstop) Cal Ripken in at Quarterback. I will support Pat if he gets the nomination, however I do not see that happening. As for someone other than the candidates out there now coming out of San Diego with the nomination is like pulling a horse from a field and putting him in a race that has already started," Alexander stated.

This weekend Young Democrats is taking part in a rally in Kennedy Plaza in support for Clinton.

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Knowledge is Power...Learn To Use It!

by Vera Schomer '96
Editorials Editor

I hope to see the day when PC students get so fed-up with negative publicity that they set out to prove the world wrong. While I was browsing through my electronic mail, I discovered a new source of anti-PC propaganda, only this time, it seemed to be coming from within the student body. I read two messages from the so-called "Students for Empowerment in Education," which insulted my intelligence as well as many of my peers'. Their content was reminiscent of time-honored propaganda efforts that attempted to convince the public that they were victims of conspiracies. What once was the witches, the Germans, the Japs, and the Commies, is now our professors and our administrators. Apparently, we, the students, are the helpless, ignorant victims of this tyrannical plan.

The first message, entitled "Can't you S.E.E.?" read: *You are at Providence College to gain an education. You've been taught to answer questions, never to question answers. You've been taught to be passive recipients, not active listeners. You've been taught to conform, not to create. You've been taught to memorize, not to analyze. You've been taught a lot. But what have you learned? Knowledge is power...Learn.*

This message fails to tell us who has taught us to be passive. Do our professors gag us as we enter class? Does the student handbook prohibit active learning and class discussion? If we are guilty of their accusation, no one has taught us to be passive but ourselves. Professors have begged us to analyze, but we choose to memorize. They've asked us to respond, but we choose to sit, listen and take notes. We have been taught a lot, but our minds decide what we retain. If we become ignorant graduates of PC, then it is nobody's fault but our own for not taking control of our educations and our destinies.

The second message, entitled "When will you S.E.E.?" read: *Students at PC are powerless. Let's examine the student-administration relationship: -They think they know everything, they think you know nothing. -They make the rules, you comply. -They decide what is best for you, they think you are too irresponsible to decide for yourself. Students at PC are powerless. Let's examine the student-teacher relationship: -They talk, you listen passively. -They choose the class content, you adapt to it. You are powerless not because of what you are taught, but HOW you are taught! Knowledge is power..... Learn.*

The administration may consider us to be irresponsible (by the mere fact that many of us prove it

time and time again), but they also recognize that we have the power to demand change. If every student at PC can organize behind a common cause, the administration will listen. Just look around: We have co-ed residence halls, the internet, voice mail, cable TV, improving food service options, Black Studies and Women's Studies programs, etc. Things may not be perfect. Parietals may be around for a few more decades, but students certainly have a say. Whether we use our power is another story.

One mechanism to promote student interests is Student Congress. We elect representatives to voice our concerns and fight for our desired changes. If we judge Congress as ineffectual, it is our fault for electing them and for never publicly questioning them. The student body has a responsibility to keep its elected officers in check. It has always been our job - a job that we, admittedly, are not too good at.

The latest S.E.E. message claims to be more concrete in an attempt to describe the group's purpose. The author writes that he or she has been rewarded for conforming, memorizing material to regurgitate to professors, and trying to act like a teacher's "ideal student." He/she claims to have failed to question or learn anything in the process. He/she also points to the existence of a hierarchical

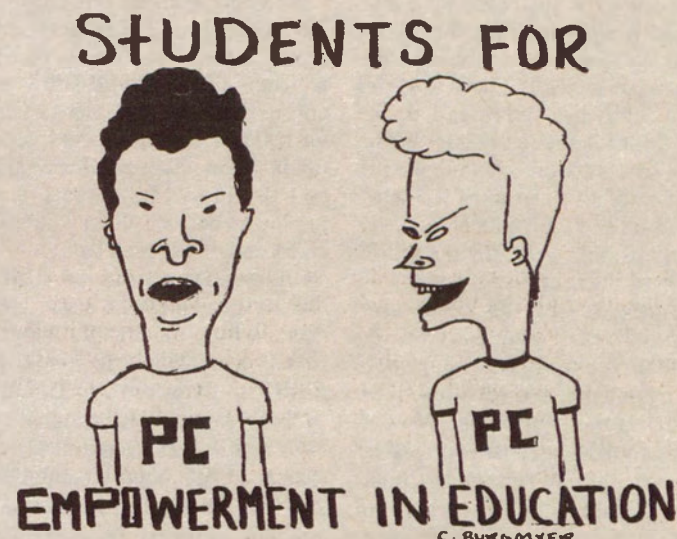
world which rewards "game playing" and perpetuates devils within our society.

It seems that this student has limited his or her education to a collection of class syllabi, and that is unfortunate. I have never known a professor to define an "ideal student." In fact, I'm sure professors do not want a bunch of "ideal students" sitting in the back of their classrooms. Diversity of personalities expressing themselves in class is what makes our liberal arts education special. Many students claim to learn more outside of the classroom, in their internships, social lives, and experiences related to their interests.

It is true that one can graduate

from PC by simply "going through the motions" and never learning anything valuable. However, "ideal students" should educate themselves by seeking out knowledge and questioning the "system," rather than passively taking what is handed to them through a syllabus and textbook.

I dare the Students for Empowerment in Education to voice their opinions publicly in *The Cowl*, and to provide some support or justification for their inflammatory remarks. I'll be waiting for this letter, but until then, S.E.E.'s e-mail messages should be considered nothing more than bitchings from a disgruntled, cowardly, powerless group of students.



Tolerance Begins at Home

by Beth Danesco '96
Editorial Writer

With the exception of its NFL stadium, the elements composing the small suburb of Foxborough, Massachusetts are pretty typical of suburbs everywhere. There are locals who have been around forever, small businesses on the main road, a decent high school football team, a multitude of churches, and an annual Founder's Day fair on the public recreation field. Unfortunately, predominately white, predominantly Christian Foxborough has recently come to acknowledge another negative trait it shares with many other suburbs: a disturbing streak of anti-Semitism among some of its teenagers. This reality has manifested itself this year in a variety of cliché yet despicable acts aimed at visiting high school athletes from the predominantly Jewish town of Sharon, Ma. Of course these actions by only a hand full of students have been deplored. In any community-whether it's a small town or college campus- voicing disgust at outrageous acts of hate-driven violence is the easy part. It is the initiating of real changes that presents the bigger challenge, the challenge too many of us fail to accept.

Nobody but the sickest or craziest of people would ever deny the horror of the Holocaust of W.W.II. None but these same fringe lunatics would burn a cross on somebody's lawn, beat a person senseless out of intolerance, or vandalize someone else's property because of a difference in race or religion. Those of us then, who do not commit these acts sit back and say "we're not racists, we're not bigots." Our consciences may be clear, but our minds and hearts, in too many cases, are far from being free of prejudices.

How many of us continue to

think that all Jewish people are wealthy, or at least greedy? How many of us believe Jewish people have too much influence in finance, government, or the media? How many of us can only picture Mike Meyer's caricature "Coffee Talk Lady" when we think about a Jewish person? How many of us not only hold these prejudices, but hold them with a great deal of bitterness and distrust. These thoughts may not be blatant hate crimes, but there is something criminal in buying into stereotypes instead of taking each person as an individual. There is something criminal in assigning negative traits to an entire group of people. We may not be throwing bricks through windows or spray-paint-

Our consciences are clear, but our minds and hearts are far from being free of prejudices.

ing swastikas; still, we are doing many people a great injustice and degrading ourselves in the process by accepting and perpetuating these obnoxious stereotypes. We can and should condemn hate crimes. But we also can and should free ourselves of these stupid and potentially dangerous ideas. Our failure to look within ourselves relegates all outside actions against prejudice to the status of lip service.

Another thing communities should do in the face of anti-Semitic acts, or bigotry of any kind when "youthful offenders" are concerned, is take responsibility for these kids. The most extreme youth bigots- like the neo-nazi brand of skinheads- are mainly societal rejects who become manipulated and indoctrinated by

adult racists who seize upon their vulnerability and ignorance. Less vehement young racists or anti-Semites are less marginalized, but are still filled with ignorance, often of the homebrewed kind. We should make an effort to locate the kids behind hate crimes and not let them off easy by just punishing them. The goal of the community should be to educate these kids, to keep them from living the rest of their lives in ignorance, and to change them into something better than hate-mongers. Religious leaders, teachers, and even other kids need to reach out to these messed up punks and knock some sense into them. People of all ages have had changes of heart - why give up on high school kids?

Hate crimes are an old story. We blame economics for much of them, saying scarce work, rationed financial aid, or dead end existences lead people to find and attack scapegoats from a variety of groups. We have to look deeper than that and see why the seed of intolerance was there in the first place. Have we let prejudices slide? Have we made grandstanding efforts against prejudice without endeavoring to open our own minds? Have we sunk to banishing bigots instead of working to turn them around? We can truthfully answer 'yes' to these questions far too often. For that reason, we see hate crimes far too often- not just in foreign countries or big cities, but on our college campuses and, sometimes, in our own hometowns.

Mailroom Woes

by Christopher Roche '96
Asst. Editorials Editor

It is a federal offense to steal mail. Unfortunately, incompetence in delivering the mail is not. If it were, Providence College would be prosecuted at least one-hundred times per day.

Anyone who walks through the mailbox hallway in lower Slavin can easily see incompetence at its finest. Important mail such as pre-approved credit card applications, phone and electric bills, birthday cards, letters and even official mail from Providence College is not being delivered to the proper mailboxes. The mailroom supervisors apparently acknowledge their ineptitude by placing a box on the door for "misdirected" mail. This box is usually overstuffed with mail, and the overflow either goes onto the floor, or it is placed above the mailboxes on the wall. These pieces of mail probably never get to the intended recipient.

Another problem with the mailroom is that they do not deliver bulk mail such as catalogs, magazines and newspapers. The solution to this problem is to leave stacks of these pieces of mail in bins which are located across from the BOP office. Thus, these pieces of mail are subject to mass theft. For example, I noticed an issue of *The New Yorker* that was addressed to the library, sitting in that bin. In addition to losing out monetarily, students are being deprived of valuable publications that they can get at discounted rates. Furthermore, the mailroom does not circulate mail on Saturday, so a whole day of newspapers as well as regular mail is lost. This makes it almost impossible to receive any mail in a timely fashion, unless it is mailed on a previous Monday. Otherwise, chances are that the mail will arrive at PC in two days, take one day to be circulated, and

then possibly have to sit all weekend because the mailroom is closed on Saturday.

The dangers of leaving misdirected mail lying around lower Slavin are infinite. Pre-approved credit card recipients can be victimized by fraud. Money being sent through the mail can be stolen, and any good of value or importance may never reach its intended recipient. I am always very hesitant when someone says they are going to mail me something for fear that it will become "misdirected mail."

Fortunately, there are possible solutions to the mailroom woes. First, the College has to recognize that there is a problem. Denial does not only flow into the Mediterranean Sea, it tends to run pretty deep in certain administrations as well. However, once the College recognizes the problem, it should take the necessary steps to improve the execution of mail delivery. Mailboxes should be clearly marked so that workers can match the mail to the proper box. Second, the staff should receive extensive training, and it should realize the importance of the delivery of mail. Third, the staff should be increased, or full-time workers should be hired. This would enable an organized system of sorting and screening to be established, so mail from previous students could be forwarded and not fill up the "misdirected mail" box. Finally, mailroom hours need to be extended, so students can receive their mail on Saturdays. There is no excuse for a package from New Jersey to take eight or nine days to get to a student in Providence. Bicycle messengers or carrier pigeons are more efficient than that. Hopefully, the College will realize the importance of mail delivery, and it will stop the unfair practices that are epidemic in the mailroom today.

Kids, Crime, and TV

by Kristen Martineau '98
Editorial Writer

The violence that exists on television is truly astounding. One often questions why so many violent crimes are committed every day. One of the major reasons is that violence is what people turn to for entertainment. Shows that contain shootings, fights, blood and guts are the ones that get the highest ratings. People argue that they watch these programs strictly for entertainment purposes. However, we learn by what we see and experience, and when children see Power Rangers kicking one another, they perceive this as normal. It is not even just the "R" rated *Lethal Weapon* movies that illustrate violence; cartoons and sitcoms do as well. These are programs that are supposed to be suited for all ages. I beg to differ.

When we were kids we would innocently sit in front of the television set and watch an episode of Loony Toons. We did not think much of it except that it was entertaining to see the characters jump off cliffs - and survive! Or to watch Roadrunner get squashed like a pancake, and then return to normal in the next scene. Now it seems foolish because we realize this nonsense is simply not possible. However to little children who do not know the difference between reality and fiction, this can have a profound negative impact.

We read in the newspapers about a little boy who went into his father's drawer and took out a gun and "accidentally" shot his friend. We blame parents for al-

lowing guns to be in accessible places. Naturally if parents are going to have a gun in the house, they should teach their children gun safety and keep it out of reach. However, everyday kids watch "cops and robbers" on television and play with toy guns. How are they to know the difference at four or five years old? I am strongly against toy guns for children. There is nothing about a gun that suggests toy.

It is almost depressing to watch the daily news on television. The top story, more often than not, is about a violent crime, either a rape or a homicide. The good news is saved until the end.

The government has proposed a system of rating television shows much in the same way as movies are rated. This would allow parents to decide whether or not they wish for their child to view a particular show. This would certainly be a useful tool for parents trying to play an active role in what their children are exposed to.

Violence exists in our society, and unfortunately in some cases there is little one can do about it. However, violence glorified in the media is unnecessary. Children sit down to watch an innocent cartoon and witness random acts of violence. We need to make certain that the future of America is not unnecessarily influenced by violence. Adults who find violence entertaining at least can distinguish what is real and what is not. Children do not know the difference. What they see on television is what they perceive as reality. Unfortunately, this can prove to be harmful, even deadly.

The IRA and its Cowardly Ways

by Mike Sullivan '97
Editorial Writer

"This secret organization, whose membership is unknown, who are accountable to no one, who do not stand before the public to get approval for what they do, has no right to act on our behalf. And the people of Ireland are saying: Stop."

-Irish Prime Minister John Bruton commenting on the IRA.

In a demonstration of courage, the people of Ireland came out in force on Sunday to express their support for peace and to protest the Irish Republican Army and its terrorist tactics. In the Northern Ireland city of Belfast, which is considered to be an IRA stronghold, at least 10,000 protesters chanted, "Ceasefire now! Give us back our streets." Meanwhile there were several similar rallies in ten other Northern Ireland cities to which thousands more people came. In the southern Republic of Ireland at least 60,000 people gathered to demand an end to the IRA's violence. These protesters finally said what has needed to be said for a long time: the notion that the Irish Republican Army is fighting for freedom and justice is a false one. The IRA does not even understand the meaning of freedom or justice. The only thing the IRA under-

stands is cold-blooded murder.

These protests come in response to the IRA's recent decision to end the 17 month cease-fire by bombing a civilian target in London which killed two innocent people and wounded several others. To the majority of people in Ireland, these protests give them new hope that a lasting peace may be established, but to the small minority who belong to the IRA or support it, the protest comes as a wake up call that a vast majority of the Irish people do not support them. Although the members of the IRA portray themselves as justice seeking, freedom fighters, in reality they are nothing more than a group of heartless terrorists who kill innocent people in the name of self-defense.

The IRA claims that it is fighting a war of "resistance" against "British oppression". It claims that the peace treaty offered by the British is unfair and that the only way to achieve an equitable peace treaty is to kill as many innocent British people as possible. They think it is necessary to shoot down unarmed men in the middle of the night and carry out cowardly bombing attacks on innocent women and children in order to achieve "freedom" for themselves. Anyone who is willing to trade an innocent person's life for their own freedom does not deserve to be

free in the first place. How can the IRA possibly criticize the British government for human rights violations when they themselves are deliberately killing innocent women and children at random?

Although support for the Irish Republican Army in Ireland itself is weak, its support among Irish Americans is relatively strong. It is also suspected that The IRA raises much of their gun money here in America. This is primarily because many Irish Americans are ignorant to the truth of what's occurring in Ireland and the idea of supporting a "resistance movement" in their homeland sounds cool to them. They support the violence only because they are so far away, and removed from the shooting, the bombing and the dying. Thirty years ago black people in the South faced just as great, if not greater injustice than any one in Northern Ireland faces today - but you didn't see Martin Luther King Jr. killing anyone. I wonder how many of these IRA lovers would have supported Dr. King if he led a campaign of bombing and murdering in order to achieve racial equality in America. Very few, I'm sure. If the IRA truly wants Northern Ireland to achieve political justice then it needs to stop its campaign of brutal, Nazi-esque violence, and start listening to the Irish people.

The Library: You Paid For It!

by Amy Rodrigues '97
Editorial Writer

That time is upon us. Midterms are rapidly approaching, and along with the endless amount of studying, research papers are being assigned as if they were going out of style. The logical thing most of us do for help is turn to the library; that edifice of boundless information, and a place for all of us to go for quiet study time. However, I, along with many students, have encountered a flood of obstacles and problems at our library which make the not-so-easy task of writing a fifteen-page research paper into an even more exhaustive and complex job. There are many problems at the PC library that have made my journey into the world of information nothing short of a trip to prison.

The first problem, which I understand can exist for many reasons, has only affected those who have attempted to use the library on a weekend night (gasp!). On Friday night, the library is open until 10:00, but on Saturday night it is only open until 8:00. Living in a six-person apartment this year, I miss the benefits of having a lounge downstairs to be used at my convenience. Now I only have the library, and if, and when, I need to use the library on a Saturday night, I cannot. I was discussing this with a friend who encountered the same problem when she stayed at PC over President's Day weekend for the prime reason to study. The library was closed on Sunday night, and it opened at noon on the holiday. Granted, it was a holiday, but the library is not a publicly funded building; rather it is funded by the students, for use by the students. Those in power may think that keeping the library open for one or two students is not worth it. In effect, they are only diminishing the level of achievement that they hope their students will strive for.

Even if it means only one student will use the library, that one student has a right to go to a quiet place to study, namely the library.

I understand that the library may encounter difficulties that simply do not allow for more hours to be added to its schedule. However, additional hours on weekends would certainly help students who have been faced with the choice between studying or not, simply because there is no place to go. Either that, or a study lounge in Apartments A, B, and C would be much appreciated.

Another problem that I am sure everyone has confronted at some time or another is the fact that many of the books at our library are simply not as up-to-date as

and micro-machines are in. There are only eight Helin catalog machines in the whole library for student use, and only three of these are hooked up to printers. This creates quite a jam. Also, last semester I had the pleasure of looking up numbers and numbers of articles on the microfilm machine (notice the singularity of that last word), and came across many problems in doing so. First, the machine ate my copycard, which to this day I have never been reimbursed for the \$4.90 I lost. Secondly, after shuffling through scores of microfilm tapes and finally finding the articles that I needed, I was informed that the machine that I was working on was not the one with the working, built-

Library holdings, weekend hours, databases, on-line services, and microfilm machines need improvement.

many research topics and professors demand. Have you ever noticed that all of the books or articles that you need for your paper are at every other college in Rhode Island except PC? That is great if you have two weeks to spare while you wait for your sources to come in, just so you can determine if they are useful to your research project or not. However, for all the procrastinators, this certainly does not help. Maybe its just a coincidence, or maybe it is time Philips Memorial updated its sources and ordered some new books.

Last but certainly not least, the technological equipment of the PC library has been progressing along with the rest of the school, but still has a long way to go. Actually, the problem does not lie so much with the type of equipment, but rather with the use, availability, and condition that the computers

in printer. Of course, the one with the printer was being used at the time. The desk worker was very helpful and sympathetic, but the task became discouraging and tiresome, not to mention wasteful of the little time I had.

If, in fact, the majority of recent articles and journals in our library are to be kept on microform or in computer systems, it would be more efficient and beneficial for all of us if the library were equipped with more workable machines and printers. This would allow students to better research their selected topics.

Another problem is access to the two Lexus/Nexus computers located near the bottom floor Helin catalogs. At our fingertips is an incredible information service that can only be accessed by students for a limited time each day. I have

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GOP: Sending a Message to the American People?

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The 1996 presidential primary season is now in full swing with the completion of the much anticipated New Hampshire primary. This initial primary normally defines the issues that will be debated during the national campaign, and usually limits the field of candidates to two, or possibly three viable hopefuls. However, this year's primary did nothing of the sort. In a stunning upset, Patrick Buchanan edged out Senator Bob Dole to claim the majority of delegates in New Hampshire. The two front-runners were followed closely by Governor Lamar Alexander, and publishing mogul, Steve Forbes. All four candidates stated they were pleased with the results of the primary, and would remain in the race. Yet, even though these four candidates are beginning to establish themselves as viable nominees for the Republican party, none, with the exception of Buchanan, has presented a strong message to the American people.

Senator Bob Dole has failed the most in attempting to establish a particular direction for his campaign. Mr. Dole, who was the strong favorite for the nomination before New Hampshire, has since floundered because he lacks a message. Instead of presenting clear ideas about how he would help

lead America to prosperity in the 21st century, the senator has merely played on the fact that he holds the most experience, and is a senior member of the Republican party. While experienced leadership should be a major criteria for a presidential candidate, it is not sufficient to win him the party nomination.

Steve Forbes and Lamar Alexander have also failed to present a clearly defined message to the American people. Forbes, whose flat-tax plan vaulted him from obscurity to viability, has since lost this popular appeal by lacking a firm stance on many of the current issues. He continues to profess a message of, "Hope, growth, and opportunity," but has yet to explain this platitude. Lamar Alexander has fared no better than Forbes in offering a new direction and message to America's voters. The Tennessee Governor, clad in his plaid shirt, has merely informed the public that they should, "...remember [their] ABCs, Alexander Beats Clinton." Yet, he has not told the public why he can defeat Clinton in a presidential election. Both he and Forbes must fine-tune their ideas for America if they are to continue to seek their party's nomination.

The present candidates' lack of a clear direction and a strong message is part of a disturbing trend in present day American politics.

Instead of presenting United States' citizens, the constituency they desire to represent, with well-defined ideas and a positive plan of action for the future, today's politicians merely offer soundbites and trivialities to Americans. These politicians must remember they are not only campaigning for America's highest office but a position that will allow them to influence world events. A presidential campaign must be taken extremely seriously, not only by the candidates, but also by America's voters.

It is shameful that the only message being sent to U.S. citizens is one of negative attack ads and meaningless platitudes. If America's voters are to be given the responsibility of electing a president that will lead their country and the world into the next century, they must also be given the proper respect from these candidates. The idle name calling, and negative attacks that the present field of candidates has resorted to is demeaning to the respect of the office they are seeking and to the people they wish to represent. In the future, these candidates must attempt to define their ideas, and present them adequately to the American people in order for U.S. voters to be able to make an informed judgement in their election of the future president of the United States.

An Important Response From the VP

To the Editor:

In an article that appeared in the February 8, 1996 *Cowl*, Vera Schomer addressed two significant areas of concern here at Providence College. On the one hand there are professors who take advantage of their captive audiences to voice opinions that are "biased, potentially offensive, and inappropriate to introduce in a class forum." On the other hand there are students who fail to speak out in class, perhaps because of concern for their grade.

The article served as a reality check for me. We on the faculty are committed to the ideals of academic freedom and also like to think that our objectivity in evaluating students is not affected by personal feelings we may have regarding these students. Unfortunately, students do not always see us in the same light. They do sometimes fear that we may be less than objective in our evaluations and they do sometimes feel that we overstep the bounds of academic freedom.

We on the faculty have a responsibility, in fulfilling our mission at Providence College, to correct whatever failings on our part give rise to these perceptions on the part of our students. We need to realize that academic freedom does not involve using the classroom as a "bully pulpit" from which to promote our own political or social ideas (whether they be politically correct or politically incorrect). Vera Schomer, in her article, cited one example of a professor overstepping these bounds. It was not the only failure on the

part of this professor nor was this the first instance of a professor at Providence College overstepping legitimate bounds. I have spoken with this professor who did apologize to the one student who confronted him after class and who, in the light of Vera Schomer's article, has come to realize the real seriousness of his pattern of behavior. He has personally apologized to Vera and wants all the students in his class to know that he is truly sorry for whatever harm he may have done. The kind of remorse and pain experienced by both professor and students in this instance could be avoided if professors were to exercise prudence and forethought in their choices of examples and off handed remarks.

The administration of Providence College is committed to the ideals of a Catholic, Dominican, Liberal Arts education. Both the faculty manual and the student handbook detail obligations, rights and privileges of both faculty and students that are intended to insure that these ideals are achieved. These documents also detail procedures that are to be followed whenever there is concern that rights and privileges are being abridged. As Vera points out, students share with faculty the responsibility for insuring that our educational ideals are achieved. Having the willingness and the courage to speak out when the situation requires is one way to guarantee that these ideals will be achieved.

Terence J. Keegan, O.P.
Executive Vice President

Library: You Paid For It!

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been told that the rest of the time the computers are reserved primarily for outside law students (does PC have a Law School?), graduate students, and paralegals within the area. I am sure many of you who have faced this problem realize what an absurdity it is to allow students from other schools, and outside law firms to gain preferential access to a system that we pay for, and if we do not, could possibly do so to ensure that we

have an equal time to gain the benefits this system has to offer us.

There are probably many obstacles that the library itself deals with when trying to bring updated, improved information into the minds of PC students. However, being the prime source of an abundance of funds for our library, we deserve to have the best, up-to-date material and equipment to be used at our own convenience. So, when the library frustrates you, write a suggestion or two, drop it in the box near the entrance, and demand good services. After all, we paid for it.

To the Editor:

I am glad to know that Providence College extols the virtue of Justice to its full extent. In recognizing the probability that only one to two students would actually use the library during the long weekend, the facility was kept open from only noon to five, thus saving money by not paying a staff to work there. Justice was served because the college really and truly caters to the intellectual needs of its students, and even though I am a minority in this respect, I have stoically accepted the fact that I was virtually unable to find a place to study during that weekend. Moreover, it does not bother me that Slavin closed at midnight, or that the computer labs were barely open, or even that the dormitories were still too loud, because I am willing to sacrifice my right to study so that people will not be paid superfluously. I am proud to know that the college acted for the majority of students, and I therefore feel a sweet reverie in knowing that I accepted my repression with dignity: *Dulce et decorum est pro collegii mori.*

'98 Name Withheld

From the Dean of the Balfour Center for Multicultural Affairs

As we end Black History month and look forward to the observance of Women's History month in March, Yom Hashoah (Holocaust Memorial Day) and Asian Heritage Month in April, we are reminded of the humanity and respect that is due to each of us regardless of race, national origin, religion, gender or ethnicity. Observances such as these are celebrated throughout the year to honor one another's importance and significance. In the college catalogue, on page 6, one may note as policy the respect of one another with which we are charged. We sometimes forget just how important this is and how detrimental it can be when respect for persons is overlooked. When we do forget these considerations, the spillover affects us all. How we behave towards each other, on campus, will characterize our campus community, and how we respond to the witnessing of any breach of respect characterizes the witness to the behavior as either brave or cowardly, approving or disapproving of the act.

Martin Niemoller (1892-1984), a German Protestant minister and a leader of the church's opposition to Hitler was interned in Nazi concentration camps from 1937-1945. In the 1950's and 60's he was West Germany's foremost pacifist and

foe of nuclear armaments. Pastor Niemoller's quote, "And I said nothing" is posted in the Holocaust Museum in Washington D.C. His message then is as relevant today as it was when Niemoller wrote it.

"In Germany they first came for the communists and I didn't speak up because I wasn't a communist. Then they came for the Jews, and I didn't speak up because I wasn't a Jew. They came for the trade unionists, and I didn't speak up because I wasn't a trade unionist. Then they came for the Catholics, and I didn't speak up because I was a Protestant. Then they came for me - and by that time no one was left to speak up."

It will often feel safer and cozier to not speak up or speak out in peaceful protest of ill-spoken words or cruel deeds; but these acts do not simply stop with silence or denial. If we care about our workplaces, our communities, our families, or our schools, we must dare to disagree when hurtful words or errant behaviors present themselves. If a joke is made that demeans another, we can refuse to laugh, or we can walk away. We can say to our friend, "That joke offends me. I'd rather you not say that in my presence."

If racial epithets and anti-Semitic remarks are made in your presence, object. Likewise we can

exclude those social pollutants that negatively define our environments.

We must recognize that racism is not always defined in cross burnings or other overt acts of violent expression. Words, systems of exclusions, and attitudes that generalize on the basis of skin color and/or ethnicity are just as damaging.

We must assume the responsibility of getting to know people of backgrounds different from our own, so that we can develop comfort levels in the presence of different people, and insights about them so we're not so prone to generalize.

When we laugh or take on a joke against anyone's humanity, we endorse that unkindness. That behavior then finds a home and has every reason to believe it is welcome there. Colleagues and classmates, neighbors and family members give their silent approval each day to racist, sexist and anti-Semitic remarks in the name of social levity; but by silent consent we set the standards for our home lives, our work places, our classrooms, and our neighborhoods. Subsequently that behavior characterizes those places. Collectively we define and create our places.

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To the Editor:

Since I have been reading *The Cowl* on and off for over 50 years, I agree with Professor Richard Testa '84 that "no one has written better Editorials and commentaries for the past sixteen years than Vera Schomer" [*The Cowl*, 2/15/

96]. I read her commentary first and then proceed to read the remainder of *The Cowl*.

Good writers don't write to edify or expect people to agree with them. Good writers challenge their readers' preconceptions and prejudices. This is why I enjoy

reading Ms. Schomer's editorials and commentaries. She consistently amazes me with her knowledge on various subjects. I love her writing style! She educates me!

Most sincerely,
Russell P. Demoe '73

The Cowl Editorial Policy 1995-96

I. Commentary articles and letters to the Editor are welcome from any member of the PC student body, faculty or administration. Submissions from those outside the PC community may be printed if space permits.

II. All submissions to the Editorial Department are subject to the editing of the Editorial staff. If there is a specific part of your letter you do not wish to have altered, please see a member of the Editorial staff prior to publication.

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IV. The staff respectfully requests that all articles contain no personal attacks.

V. All submissions must be delivered to the *Cowl* office no later than Tuesday prior to Thursday publication.

Wandering Through The Forest

by Megan Southard '97
A&E Writer

Providence College has had the privilege of presenting several talented poets over the years. Happily, many students have attended the readings with an enthusiastic response. There was an impressive turnout for our newest visitor to the college, Susan Stewart, who read on February 15, 1996 from her new book of poetry, "The Forest." Susan Stewart is a professor at Temple University, and the author of several literary criticisms and two other books of poetry, "The Hive" and "Yellow Stars and Ice." The author lectured on "Traherne's Centuries" and read poems not yet published, in addition to works from "The Forest."

The lecture on "Traherne's Centuries" was held earlier in the evening at the Feinstein Center, and was attended by both faculty and students. The author read aloud a lengthy paper on the subject, which although displayed her obvious brilliance and scholasti-

ems in one, combining details of a memory braided in a type of stream of conscious thought. Although many of the poems in the collection are very alluring with great attention to detail, such as "The Forest", "The Spell", and "Lamentations", the most memorable poem of the collection is "Slaughter." The poem begins, as many of them do, in the form of a remembrance or a flashback. There are Biblical references, and images that bring to mind a primitive society. Like her other poems, as soon as you think you have some grasp on time or context, she pulls the rug out from under you. As the reader proceeds, "Slaughter" graphically describes the skinning, cutting, and preparation of some large animal. A common trait in the collection is a startling lack of emotion, which is no different in "Slaughter," in which the language begins to sound instructional. The speaker describes the carcass' stomach, with its "inner surface webbed with white" and the "glossy violet liver." It is this methodical language and sense of control that is most frightening, when starkly contrasted to the grotesque "crucifixion" performed in the poem.

The reading which took place a few hours after the lecture was slightly surprising. Although the

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cism, it left many students who attended the lecture feeling lost and excluded from the preceding discussion. There was not much background or context given previous to the lecture, which might have helped students better grasp the highly intricate and thoughtful language of the paper. In the style of presentation, the paper was, for the most part, inaccessible and inappropriate for undergraduate students.

"The Forest" is a volume of poetry which displays the author's many talents through intense imagery, and highly descriptive yet very controlled language. The poetry could be classified as difficult reading, but it is not inaccessible to the reader. The strength lies in its power of description, with beautiful, lush details of nature, in which "The Forest", "The Desert", and "The Meadow" (all poems in the collection) are pictured clearly in the reader's mind.

Many of the works in the "The Forest" are pre-occupied with memory, yet the time frame is often unclear. The speaker is often replaying messages in her head, confusing the details just as memory so often does. The poem, "The Arbor 1937", with its unconventional form, serves as two po-

ems in "The Forest" are very controlled, the intensity of the description led me to highly anticipate the reading. An author obviously knows the best way their work should be read, yet I couldn't help but be disappointed by the reading.

Often when reading poetry, if you feel some kind of connection to the work, your experience is heightened by hearing the words spoken, as they were written, from the mouth of the poet. I feel that if I hadn't studied her work previously, I would have felt very disconnected and frustrated at the reading. The author read her work in a very controlled, leveled style, that seemed to put distance between the author and the listener, which is usually the opposite effect at a reading. This is not merely an error on the part of the poet, but done intentionally, possibly in order to prevent the reader from forming opinions based on her expression. In both the reading by the poet, and the work itself - the reader is on their own to form an interpretation. Despite my slight disappointment at the lecture and reading, her poems stand on their own and are definitely worth checking out.

Enter Darkness

by Michael Sablone '98
A&E Writer

You walk into the living room. It's very nouveau, cold, unwielding. A single couch is flanked by a lamp and a safe. On the black coffee table a cup of fresh flowers rests, supplying the only color in the room. You wander into the kitchen, black and white checkered tile greets your feet. You stop at the fridge, nothing of note; look at the breakfast island. Cold stainless steel faucet fixtures gurgle out fresh water. After surveying the scene, you wonder aloud what the hell you're doing here. You then realize that you've just lost your way to your seat and you need to find your friends so you can catch the latest production from The Friar's Cell, "Wait Until Dark."

Directed by Elizabeth Brady, "Wait Until Dark" is the sophomore effort from our student-run theater group. It stars Amy Shea as Susy Hendrix, a blind woman who is plagued by two ex-cons, Michelle Talman and Sgt. Carlino [played by Liz Condon and Troy Miller], looking for an easy steal. They are led by the sinister Harry Roat, Jr. [played to sinister perfection by Stephen Radochia]. The cast put together an incredible performance which started out slow and then as they got comfortable, it blossomed quite nicely.

The plot is simple. Roat blackmails Talman and Carlino to steal

a doll that has heroin in it. The doll is hidden somewhere in the Hendrix apartment. The plan is to con Susy into giving them the doll, as all three crooks go incognito to fool her.

Susy Hendrix was played with utmost perfection by Amy Shea. At first it seemed that she was trying too hard to give the illusion of blindness, but by the end she really had the audience convinced. A great touch was the fact that each time she went to open the door, in

audience. This packed-in atmosphere put you right in the middle of the action. The lighting really added to this intimate feeling [especially near the end of the play].

The only drawback to the performance was the sound. At numerous times during the performance, the earthly music [the soundtrack contained Enigma and other European acts] would, at some points, slowly grow to a violent crescendo, effectively negating the dialogue. Then as the

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order to gauge where the steps were, she would walk into the first step. The villains suffered early, for the plot was a bit sketchy; but once the gaps were filled in, the characters blossomed, especially Liz Condon as Michelle Talman, posing as Sam Hendrix's old Marine buddy. Sam [Brian Patrick Gorman] glided over the stage in full beatnik mode, complementing the set. His limited stage time did not hinder his extra-savoir faire performance. The plot is thickened when young Gloria is introduced. She's your normal bratty kid, played quite well by newcomer Eileen Murphy.

"Wait Until Dark" successfully conveyed its suspense by performing in the round, with characters almost brushing elbows with the

sound built up anticipation for a climax, it would quickly fade out, a full seven seconds before the actual climax of the scene.

Near the end of the play, the tension mounts considerably, and you could see it in the motions of the actors. Condon would nervously chew her fingers when Shea would ask questions. As the play reached its end she really showed an effective nervous anxiety.

"Wait Until Dark" got better as it went along. I attended the opening performance on Thursday night, so Friday and Saturday nights' performances must have been even better. With the first season of the Friar's Cell coming to a close, their future looks very bright.

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The Best of What's Around

by Venessa Anderson '99
A&E Writer

As college students we have unfortunately been exposed to too much violence. Violence is seen in almost every form of entertainment that we incorporate in our lives. It is in the television we watch, the parties that we go to, the liquor that we drink and the movies we go to see. It is in the music we listen to, and it is especially in the concerts we experience.

The concert environment has turned into an invitation to jump all over the place. Mosh pits are not an abnormal occurrence anymore: they have strayed from their origins in hard core to sometimes even the mellow music. Concerts have turned into a showcase for fights, broken bones, black eyes, groping hands, and tipsy fans looking for trouble.

In this violent world of arrogant artists concerned with flaunting their alternative, Generation X-ish lifestyles, the Grammy nominated Dave Matthews is a refreshing character. Dressed in a classic plaid shirt, khaki pants, and a short hair cut, Dave Matthews per-

partner, the incredible Tim Reynolds. The two men captivated their audience for three hours using their two guitars and one voice. Temporarily performing without his fellow "bandmates," Matthews picked Reynolds to college tour with his acoustical guitar. Curiously enough, Reynolds is not a steady member of Dave's Band on *Under the Table and Dreaming*. Reynolds made only a special guest appearance on the track, "What Would You Say" off the 1994 album. Although, it was hinted that he helped Dave's Band with the just recently finished album, *The Deed is Done*.

What prevailed through out Matthews' concert was the mellowness in environment and the appreciation of music. It was explained to the audience, consisting of mostly college students, and the occasional appreciative parent, at the beginning of the concert that Matthews wanted to have a low-key evening. He wanted everyone to have a good time, listening to good music. The audience as a general rule was most cooperative until the end where they could not contain themselves while "What Would You Say" was played.

Despite the fact that moshing, or dancing for that matter, was strongly discouraged, the audience still seemed to have an incredible



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formed a very unusual concert on February 17th at UCONN's Jorgensen Center.

Unlike most of his contemporaries, Matthews performed an acoustical concert with only one

evening. They were constantly entertained through out the three hour performance, especially with Matthews' little anecdotes and absurd habits. Matthews is very up front with his audience. He does

not meddle with normal decorum. The "stay seated rule" and the fact that he eats his own sweat when he gets too hot are two perfect examples. His candid remarks like, "Do I have any boogers?...oh...I guess they're all on the inside," and, "Maybe I'll get funny later on in the show," are what kept his audience light. Matthews was able to communicate with his audience. When he thought there might be a lull in the attitude, he brought up a story of two elephants' mating in Africa, and when they shouted for particular songs like, "Warehouse," he would more often than not, play them,

even if they were not his own. Apparently one audience member was hung up on hearing some Skynrd, and Matthews was gracious enough to humor him.

Dave Matthews' mighty sidekick, the incomparable Tim Reynolds, added an essential element to the concert. The quietness and humbleness of Reynolds' demeanor was perfect foil for Matthews' disposition. He added the agility of his guitar technique with his dry humor to counterbalance Matthews' more or less mediocre guitar technique and absurd humor. In the middle of the show, you could tell that Matthews was growing a little tired. His hand had been hurting him all night, and after every few songs, he had to shake it out. Before Matthews would take a break though, he felt the need to get up and dance with Reynolds. While Matthews was in the front of the stage, acting like a flying bird, Reynolds went to the back of the stage and found a light where he posed like an Egyptian and made shadow characters. Before the audience knew what was happening, they stopped and were full into another song.

Matthews finally had to take a break at one point. This gave Reynolds the perfect opportunity. He played a classical-ish piece that showcased his unbelievable talent. At one point, you literally could not see his hand as he played. The couple behind me said outloud, "Can he play any faster?" But it was not only Tim Reynolds' speed gave him authority with the audience. It was his technique in general. He played the guitar like an instrument, not like a chord machine like many other so-called musicians. It was his dynamics, it was his tone, it was his personality that came through the instrument. You could tell that since Reynolds was a quiet character,

that he was using his guitar to communicate this heart to the audience.

As for the songs in general, Matthews played from all three of his albums. The skeleton of his show, however, was based on *Under the Table and Dreaming*. The first third of his performance relied on his more popular songs like, "Ants Marching," and "Sattellite." Once he was more confident with the audience he moved into a few songs from his old album, the most memorable being, "The Christmas Song." When he came back to the encore, he began with a new song from his not-yet-released album. It was a song with an unmentioned name about a man's trip down a road, and a beautiful, but unattainable woman. The tune is unreal, and will probably be one of the hits on that new album.

Not many people can explain why Dave Matthews took this short sabbatical from the rest of his successful band. Perhaps he was tired of all the hype that was involved with performing. Perhaps he wanted to demonstrate that violence doesn't necessarily have to be a synonym for the word concert. Perhaps he wanted to prove that he was a talented individual, and could succeed with out the crutch of background sound. Or perhaps Dave Matthews just wanted to have a good time and he wanted to share that with his audience. Regardless of his reasons, it seems his song, "The Best of What's Around" is an appropriate description of his performance... "Hey my friend It seems your eyes are troubled / Care to share your time with me / Would you say you're feeling low and so / A good idea would be to get it off your mind / See, you and me / Have a better time than most can Dream."

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Dance Team
Press Release

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Debra Meunier, artistic director of Fusionworks, one of Rhode Island's professional dance companies, will present a new work that has been based on the vocabulary of contact improvisation. Student choreographers Leanne

Deneault, Nicole Pelaggi-Dyer, Karen Slowik, and Lisa Tilden have created dances ranging in style from modern to tap and jazz.

Performances will be held on Saturday, March 2nd at 2:00 pm and 3:30 pm, and on Sunday March 3rd at 2:00 pm only. Performances will be held at the Dance Studio, behind Sullivan Hall. Admission is free. Early arrival is recommended since seating is limited. Also, beginning the week of the 17th, public technique classes, taught by the Dance Company, will be held once a week on Tuesday, again free of charge. All are welcome to attend!

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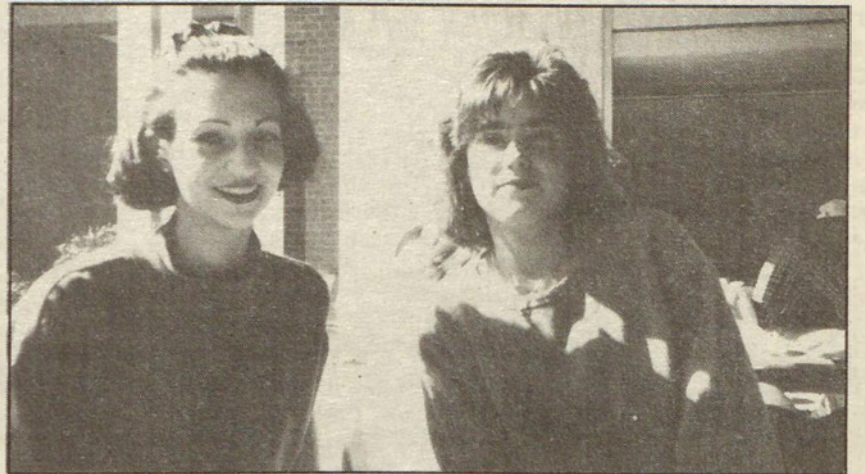
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Krista Early '99, Jamie Soteriades '98, Cori Fahey '98:
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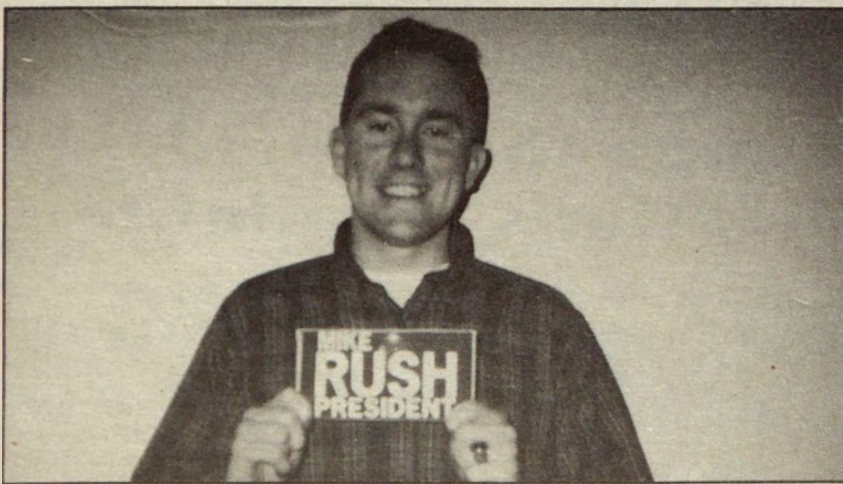
Kelli Cataldi '96, Melanie Fallows '96:
"No Republicans!"



Scott Tretton '96, Sue Monez '96, Maribeth Page '96:
"Dole pineapples in 96!"



Ryan Casey '99, Adam Sicard '99, Brian Bielawiec '99:
"Adam - because he's a hell of a nice guy."



Mike Rush '96:
"I was supposed to, but now that I've lost New Hampshire, I'm with Buchanan."



Monique MacGillivray '97, June Skoropowski '97:
"Lamar Alexander because red flannel shirts are the trend of the future."



Dr. Testa '84:
"Bullwinkle J. Moose and Rocket J. Squirrel because they've got the Frostbite Falls vote - either them or Hugh Lena and Suzanne Fournier."



Top(L-R) Carl Corrow '98, Mike Mchugh '98, Bottom(L-R) Andrea Barone '98, Kent Holloway '98, Alex Hyman '98:
"We're indifferent. Unfortunately, American politicians aren't interested in the American people. They make promises and don't fulfill them. They're only out for their own personal gain."

K & K: "Fr. McGonigle...we heard he's out of a job!"

Sites in the City

by Kate Fournier '99
Features Writer

Walking along Atwells Avenue can be an eye-opening experience. People pass, spouting fluent Italian and Spanish. The smells of bread and spaghetti sauce permeate the air, mixing with the exhaust of the passing traffic. Seen through the slush are the names of prominent Italians tattooed upon the sidewalk. Not only are there many bakeries, but there is a florist and a poultry shop. Squeezed into the huddle of buildings is a shop which might easily be overlooked. The awning spells out the name "Simonelli's" in white lettering. Behind the glass windowpanes are ceramic religious figurines and tea sets, statues and paintings. The dim light brightens a brass vase and a door knocker while missing other objects - casting them into shadow.

The dingy sign on the door said "Open," but when I tried the door, I found it to be locked. Astooped-over elderly man opened the door when he saw prospective customers peering in. He explained that the door had a habit of swinging open and letting the chill in, which was why it had been locked. He beckoned us to come in and I wondered if this man was Mr. Simonelli. Upon entering, a smell assailed my nose - cigarettes seasoned with mustiness and memories. It reminded me of my grandmother's basement. I looked around and adjusted my eyes to the dimness. Every inch of the counters was in use, home to everything from Virgin Mary collector plates to marble Grecian statues. The owner paused to light up another cigarette before warning me not to break anything. He followed me to the back of the store and talked quietly to his dog, which was tied up somewhere in

the shop. His grave voice pointed out ancient comic books and a painting which depicted the Last Supper. In an adjoining room, a wrought-iron dog stood sentinel for thousands of perfume bottles lined up along the shelves.

I fought an urge to get out of the shop and breathe fresh air, and I looked farther into the darkness of the store; there were so many odds and ends. The man must have been saving such things for years. It was like a flea market. I had the distinct feeling that Simonelli's had not had a customer in a long time. I also thought that the old man was very, very lonely. So, I stayed in that musty shop for a little bit longer.

Finally, after having examined every possible object within reach (there was a great amount hanging on the walls too), I moved towards the door. I said good-bye to the man, who responded with a timid smile and the flicker of a lighter flame. Once outside, I gulped in the fresh air and blinked in the bright sunlight. I was glad to be out of "Simonelli's," but I felt a bit sad for some reason.

It was not until later that afternoon that I hit upon the reason for my depression. The smell of that place still hung in my nostrils, and I could not get the whole incident out of my head. I was pitying the man I had named Mr. Simonelli, and I did not know if that was a good thing to do or not. Maybe he liked being alone with his dog and his cigarettes. I had no idea if he was happy or not. Maybe he just seemed like an extraordinarily lonely old man. I wish that I knew his story. Visit Mr. Simonelli if you get a chance. You will come away with a memory that will leave both you and Mr. Simonelli a little bit richer for having experienced it.

Tales of an Eighth Grade Nothing

by Pam Marchant '96
Features Writer

When I was in the eighth grade, I had my first "real" boyfriend (that is, we actually went out on dates). To protect the innocent, we'll call him Adam, since that is the name of history's first man.

Our relationship began on the phone, like so many junior high relationships. I was baby-sitting and all my friends were at a party I could not attend. Luckily, I had a busybody for a best friend who knew about my crush on Adam, and she had been working to get any signals from him that he "liked" me. At the party, she was able to pry out of Adam that his feelings for me did go beyond friendship, and that he planned to "ask me out."

"Going out" was a term in many schools that meant you were officially "seeing someone," "going steady," or that you had a "boyfriend/girlfriend." That night, Adam got on the phone and finally spat the right words out. Suddenly, life was good. I had a boyfriend.

We didn't actually go out on a date until a whole month later, on that popular holiday for lovers, Martin Luther King Day. We went to the movies, and saw the now-famous romantic hit *Throw Momma From the Train*. We met at the movie theater, and Adam was fifteen minutes late. I guess I should have known then that we were doomed. All things considered, the date went well, except for a minor hitch: he didn't kiss me good-bye. I mean, what was his problem? We had been going out for a whole month; why hadn't he kissed me yet?

Our next date was another month later, on Valentine's Day. This date can be considered "The Big One." It included a movie and dinner at a Chinese restaurant. We ordered a Pu-Pu Platter for Two with ease and the date seemed to be going fine until Adam started eating a spare rib (bone and all) with a fork and knife. I suppose he was just nervous and didn't want to eat with his fingers, but Chinese food isn't exactly elegant dining, you know?

While at dinner, Adam presented me with the most beautiful silver claddagh ring I had ever seen. However surprised I might

have seemed at the time, I had known for weeks about this gift. (Again, my best friend came in handy; Adam had foolishly asked her advice about what I might like.) I gave Adam his present, a very hip Swatch watch, and we moved on to the next stage of our date: the taxi ride to the movies.

warm greeting, "AAAAdam!! Your giiiiirfriend's here!!!"

Basically, our relationship consisted of three dates, an occasional phone call, and a lot of writing "I Love Adam" on my book covers. To make matters even worse, we never kissed.

I knew the relationship was



The cab driver thought we were a very cute 13-year-old couple, and laughed at us the whole ride up the street. What prevented me from crawling into the crease between the vinyl seat and hiding forever was my ultimate plan for the rest of the date: the big kiss. I mean, this was Valentine's Day, and what better day to express true devotion? The date seemed to last forever, because throughout the whole movie, I was suffering in expectation while Adam chomped on Bon Bons. The big good-bye came and went without so much as a handshake.

Our third and final date was - you guessed it - to the movies. This time, my parents dropped me off at Adam's house and his parents drove us to the theater. Lucky for me, Adam's two older brothers and several of their friends were all there when I arrived. I was completely thrilled by their

about to end when Adam stopped calling me and stopped hanging out with me at recess. He called me one afternoon (April 28, 1988, to be exact) and told me that we shouldn't "go out" anymore since we had "drifted apart." I choked out words of agreement and managed to hang up the phone before I cried. Ah, yes, four months and two weeks of bliss ended - just like that.

I wouldn't go back to that time for anything. I got birds (not butterflies) in my stomach every time we talked, I dreaded our dates, and I was always self-conscious around him. I wore his jacket proudly, even though I looked ridiculous in it. We never knew what to say to each other, and I've come to realize that we had nothing at all in common. Ah, well. Like most eighth grade romances, that relationship can rest in peace.

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To See Tomorrow

by Lori McCrevan '99
Features Writer

I awoke, but there was no one around me. I stirred around in my bed hoping that someone would notice me, but no one came to my rescue. I closed my eyes hoping that this was a dream. However, I knew that this was the nightmare that I called my life.

"How are you feeling honey," a cheerful nurse with gray hair asked me.

"I feel kind of gross," was all that I could form into a sentence. I was trying to resist the urge to

cry. I didn't really know why I needed to cry, but I did.

"It's okay to cry, dear. That's a normal reaction after the anesthesia," she explained.

I cursed myself for letting her see the tears welling in my eyes. I wanted to tell her that my name was not honey or dear and that I felt worse than before I had gone into the surgery. I wanted to tell her how much I needed my mother at this moment, but all I could do was nod. The tears were running down my cheeks. I was embarrassed and humiliated. A person my age should not be crying be-

cause they were left alone in the recovery room of a really terrible hospital.

The nurse gave me some toast and water to make my stomach feel better. I ate it hoping that she would stop watching me. Instead, she stayed until I was done with the small meal and tried to find something interesting to say to me. I know that she was trying to cheer me up, but it was a lost cause.

"Okay, honey, I think we can take you back to your room now," the nurse told me as if it was a much better option than the one that I had right now.

As she started to wheel the bed away, I decided to look at my foot for the first time. The cast was huge. It made me want to cry all over again. In elementary school, I used to envy all of the kids that got to hobble around school on crutches. They got all of the attention. I once told my parents that my ankle hurt to see if someone would give me a pair of crutches. It didn't happen. My parents told me that I probably just pulled a muscle and that the best cure was simply to walk around on it. I really wished that a pulled muscle was all that I had to worry about

right now. Unfortunately, I got older and my life got more complicated.

My room, well, actually the room that they told me was mine this morning, was still as dreary as I left it. I longed for my bed at home instead of a bed with rails on the side that prevented me from falling out. I wanted to see the comforting walls of my room, even if at times they felt as though they were closing in on me. I wanted to be able to yell at my brother for being on the phone too long. I wanted to walk my dog. However, for now, all I could do was imagine all of the things that I would rather be doing.

Another doctor came in and wanted to talk to me before they let me out. He told me all of the things that I had heard before. By now I think I could tell them what I could and could not do. I had to use crutches. The cast could not get wet. I had to be careful. My favorite was when they tried to reassure me that it was only six weeks and that things would be back to normal in no time. Apparently, the doctors didn't know just how long six weeks really is. They did not know how many meets I was going to miss or how I already felt the need to run. They did not care that they took away a part of me. Some people say that they need a cup of coffee to get through the day. I need to run. It may not be possible for most people to comprehend that. Some people do not even consider running a sport.



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But I do. I regretted the fact that I was here in the first place. There was a chance the fracture would not heal right. I was willing to take that chance. My mother was convinced that the surgery was imperative. My father said that he would take me to another doctor. My mother won.

"Do you understand?" the doctor asked in a condescending voice.

"Yes, I do," I responded.

"Do you have any questions?" he asked.

I wanted to ask him if there was any chance that the cast would come off early. I needed to know if I would be able to run like I had before. I wanted to know if there was any chance that I would feel better in the next couple of weeks. I wanted to finish this season. I wanted to run, now.

"No. I think that I am all set." I knew that if I did not know the answers, then there was no way that he would either.

He handed me a prescription for pain killers and left. I watched him leave and I was filled with a strange feeling of joy. Maybe I would get to go home now.

There was a knock on the door, but it opened before I could tell the person to come in. My mother walked in. I don't think that I have ever been so happy to see her. The tears came back, along with the frustration, the confusion, and the desire to have my life again.

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MMMM... Underpants

by Patrick Canole '97
Features Writer

Good title, eh?

Now that I'm all better from my illness, I'm finding it difficult to think of something to write about. The week off only made me rusty, not chock-full of ideas like I thought it would. So I was just sitting around, thinking about what happened over the past two weeks. That made me think of Valentine's Day. I then started thinking about past Valentine's Days. Flashback to third grade...

In the days leading up to our annual celebration of love, we made mailboxes out of little brown lunch bags in anticipation of all the Valentines we hoped to receive. They were decorated with white and red and pink hearts, and they hung on the side of our desks, with the same amount of care that Christmas stockings had been hung just two months before. As the holiday approached, our bags began to fill. Oh, the excitement! I couldn't wait to see who had sent me Valentine's Day greetings.

Finally, on February 14th, it was time to eat the cupcakes peoples' mothers had lovingly made and frosted the night before, and open the hoard of cards in our bags. Between picking off the little red candy hearts that I can remember not caring for, I came across one strange Valentine. It was from a girl and read "You're nice, but I hate you." I was really hurt. It turned out that almost everybody else in the class received the same message from this girl. The lone exception was the "cute boy" of the class whose card read "You're nice, and I love you." The girl who wrote these unkind Valentines was noticeably absent that day. Although it hurt at the time, in the long run, after seeing how the girl turned out, I think we who got the cruel messages were in fact the lucky ones and the boy whom she liked was the one who had to live with the years of mental anguish and torture.

I like that story.

That's the end of the nice stuff, from here on it's just me being bitter. The first thing I'd like to address is the problem of people driving too fast on campus. Sure, it's not as compelling as the abortion issue, which people apparently think will be solved in the pages of a small college newspaper in Rhode Island, but I can't think of any other place to get this off my chest. Security: please take note. I was run over the other day by the Toyota from hell, as if I had no right to be walking on a college campus. People, please don't drive so darn fast!

Another thing I'd like to bitch and moan about are all the people who don't dress warmly enough on this campus. This is especially timely because it will be cold again by the end of this week. I'm not trying to sound like anyone's mother, but it really is O.K. to wear a coat. Wearing shorts all over campus in the middle of February may sound like a cool idea but it really isn't. Nobody wants to look at your calves. For the girls who don't want everyone to be able to see how cold they are: if you wear a jacket you don't have to walk around with your arms crossed all the time.

Finally, I just cut my finger nails too short, and it really hurts. That's all I have to say about that.

Looking For A Little Diversity

by Brian Kenney '99
Features Writer

This past Friday I decided to go for a walk on the first beautiful day that Providence College had seen in a long time. I was not the only one out on the campus taking advantage of that warm afternoon. Students were jogging, playing Frisbee, or sitting in the sun. I breathed in deeply, feeling comfortable and very happy with my surroundings. As I exhaled, I began to wonder if I was *too* comfortable with everything. Watching the students for one reason or another made me think (not for the first time) how similar students on campus seemed. In fact I realized how nicely I fit in with the student body. Did I blend in too much?

Thinking about this made me feel rather plain and boring. The music that was being pumped from the dorms was the same music that I listen to. The clothes that people had on were basically the same as what I wear. Even their conversa-

tions as they passed by were similar to the ones I have with my friends. I began to wonder if sharing so many similarities was a good or bad thing.

I came to Providence because I felt like I would fit in. Sharing the same interests as many of the students gave me confidence to join clubs within the school. On my first tour of the campus everything seemed to be exactly the way I wanted my college experience to be like. Was I trying to make a safety blanket for myself?

Last Friday was the first time I questioned whether this feeling of security hinders my growth as a person. I have not met too many people with backgrounds strikingly different from mine. Many of my views are accepted because they are similar to the views of the majority. I began to feel like I had not been around enough diverse people to share their perspectives on issues that I may be ignorant of. How can we make our campus more diverse?

The first answer is to draw more students with different backgrounds to Providence College. This move requires the involvement of the administration. As students we cannot just rely on the administration to solve our problems. Attending lectures and seminars on topics that we are not normally exposed to will open our minds a little more. Getting involved in community service allows us to get to know people from various backgrounds (while doing some good for the well being of our city).

As students we must realize that Providence College is not a microcosm of the real world. We do not share the same student make up as big universities, so we must do everything possible to make our college diverse. Lack of diversity brings forth stagnation and prejudice. Providence College is an institution of higher learning that must have a constant cycle of new and different ideas being exchanged.

Quote of the Week

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Thompson loses cool, Hoyas lose contest

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through the fierce Georgetown press (he had just three turnovers on the night). A couple of Iverson threes pulled G'town within eight, 35-27, heading into the break, but PC had the answers in the second. Finally.

"This was a victory of courage and heart, not just X's and O's or strategy," gushed Gillen. "It was more about wills, desires, than a game of strategy."

Those remarks were a far cry from Gillen's tone last Wednesday, when the Friars narrowly avoided a disastrous loss against the Irish.

An obviously unhappy Gillen said his team "did everything we could to throw it [the game] away, while they [ND] did everything to win the game."

"We stopped playing [in the second half]," continued Gillen. "We're an inexperienced team, we lose concentration, we get selfish. They're great kids, but they're not mature."

There was no sign of impending doom in the rough and tumble first half. Michael Brown was a perfect 4 of 4 from downtown and had 16 points as PC opened up a 20 point lead. Five other Friars scored at least four, while Ryan Hoover's six points paced ND, and the Black and White carried a 17 point bulge into the half.

Alas, the second half was decidedly unlike the first. Croshere and Derrick Brown stepped up their offense, contributing 11 and

12, respectively, to finish with 19 each, but the Irish came back behind Hoover and Pat Garrity. Hoover drilled four threes while Garrity, a non-factor in the first with 4 points and one rebound, had 11 points and six boards.

PC still led by 12, 66-54, with 7:00 to go after a Croshere three and a Derrick Brown dunk, but the Irish scored the next nine. After a Gillen time-out, Croshere swished another huge three, and a Brown lay in made the lead eight. Baskets by Garrity and Phil Hickey and a free throw shrunk the lead to three, but Croshere answered, as he has so many times this season, knocking down two free throws. Hoover came right back with a three, then hit one of two

freebies to pull ND within one. After PC missed a shot, Hoover dished to Derek Manner, whose desperation baseline jumper fell short at the buzzer.

"There were two games," explained Gillen. "We won the first, they won the second, and we were lucky our half counted more. We were very fortunate to escape."

In another tale of two halves, the Friars weren't so fortunate, dropping an 80-68 overtime decision to BC at the Civic Center way back on February 17. The Eagles owned the first half, using a balanced attack to blaze to a 41-28 lead. Scoonie Penn put the exclamation point on the half, driving around Shammgod for two just before the horn.

On a night when leading scorers Croshere and Derrick Brown, as well as Shammgod struggled mightily — they shot a combined 11 of 44 from the floor, 2 of 14 from three-point range — Thomas and Michael Brown picked up the offense. Brown had ten after the break, while Thomas had a team-high 15 for the game.

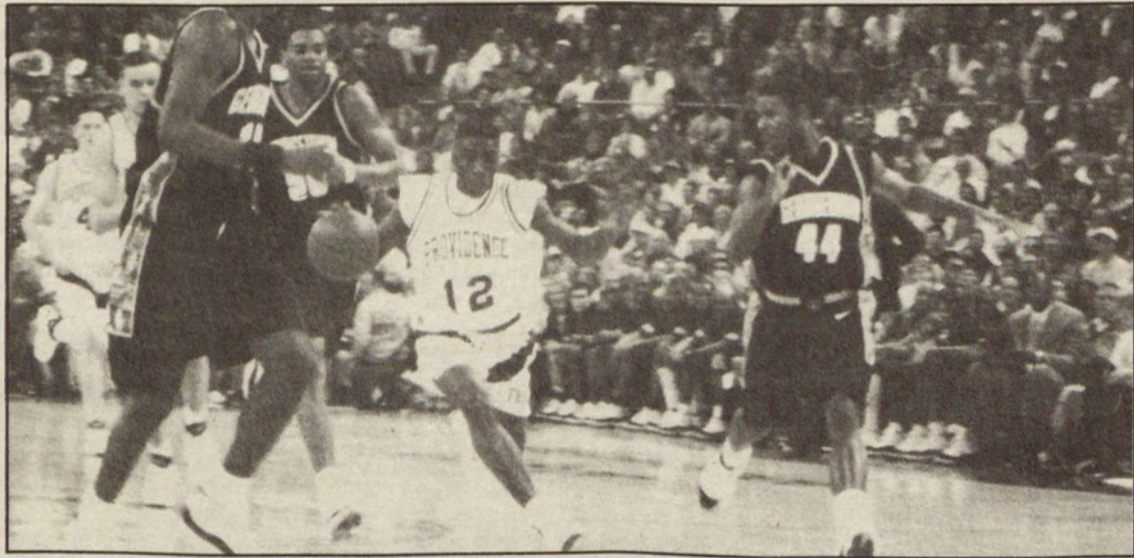
Brown's eight points powered the Friars' half-opening 24-11 run that tied the game at 52. Derrick Brown hit three straight shots, including a lay-up off a pretty Thomas feed, to put PC ahead, 57-55. The Eagles regrouped to claim a two point advantage, but Shammgod's drive and bucket tied the game with 38.1 left and sent the game into overtime.

Croshere put back a Shammgod miss to open the extra session, but it was the last time the Friars would lead. BC held a 70-68 advantage when Michael Brown missed the first of two free throws with 6.2 seconds left, then intentionally missed the second. Derrick Brown grabbed the board and was fouled, but he, too, missed the first and then intentionally missed the second. Michael Brown tracked down the loose ball, but his last second prayer from half court went unanswered, bouncing off the front rim.

"I saw Brown's shot go in from half court," a relieved Jim O'Brien, the Eagles' coach, related afterwards. "This is a very, very significant win for us, because we're battling it out with Providence [for the Big East's fifth seed and possibly an NCAA bid]."

The Friars now need to beat Miami on the road Saturday and capture a first round win Wednesday in the Big East Tournament. If they win both, an NCAA bid is pretty much guaranteed. At least one person thinks the Friars are worthy.

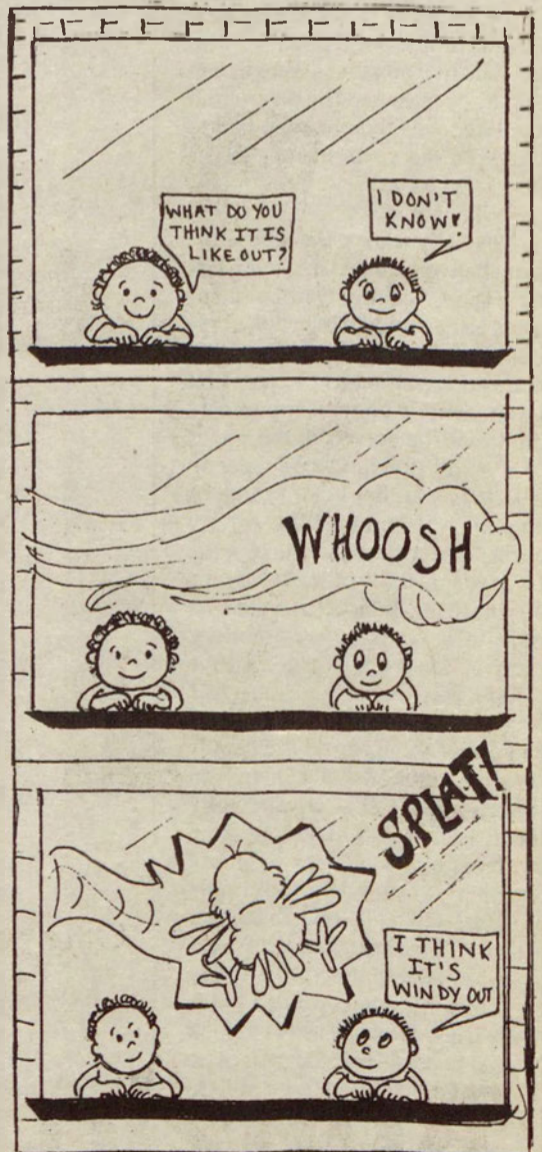
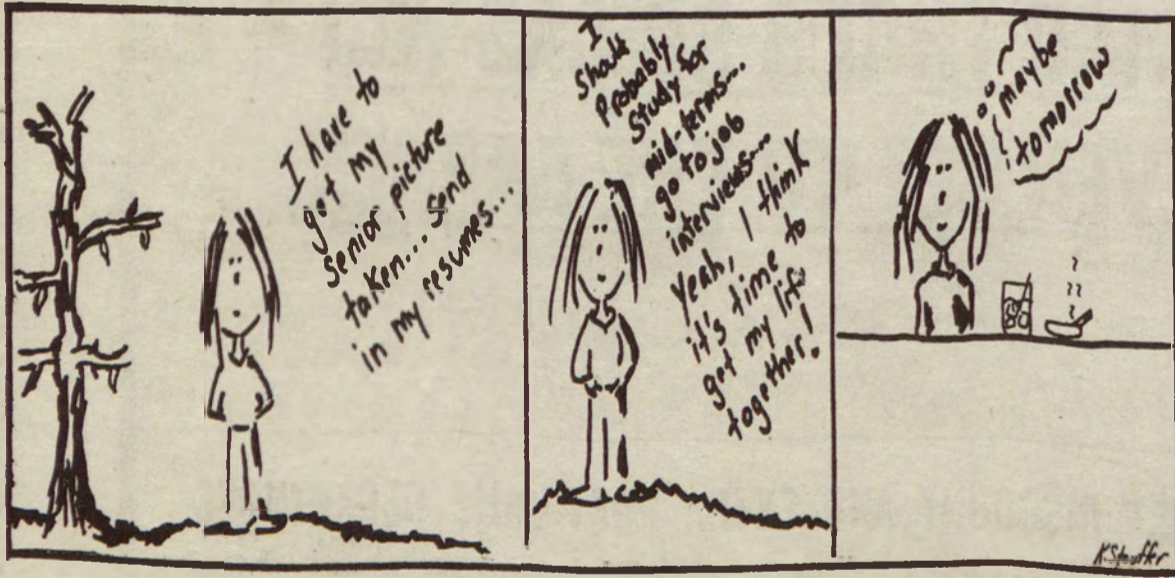
"I think Providence has got a damned good team. Those kids played today," praised no less an authority than John Thompson. "They played very well. They got up for a challenge. They're trying to get into the tourney, and they deserve to get in based on how they played today."



God Shammgod '99 was a blur as he parted a sea of Hoya defenders.

by Michael Carriere

RANDOM GRAPHICS



Christina Burgmyer

WOMEN'S HOCKEY CONTINUED

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made 25 big saves against the UNH offense.

McCabe's comment that to play UNH "we need a little more adrenaline" proved prophetic. Though senior Sheila Killion wasn't mentioned by Sunday's box scores, she played the kind of game that has helped to make PC's program the best in the country. Killion dug in the corners, poke checked, and did all the other little things that coaches need for a winning team. The adrenaline kicked in during the second period, when the Lady Friars struck three times. Senior Alana Blahoski knocked in her last regular season collegiate goal to start the scoring, and junior Jen Wagner lit the lamp twice. Despite their efforts, PC found itself tied heading into the third.

McCabe and Baker each tallied in the third period home stretch. McCabe's slapshot midway through the third found the back of the net and sent the Lady Friars dancing off the ice with an eighth straight win. Baker added an insurance goal late in the period to secure the victory. The UNH upset will be the kind of game that, ten years from now, these Lady Friars will be playing



by Paul Sullivan
Alana Blahoski '96

on worn out tapes recalling their glory days here at PC.

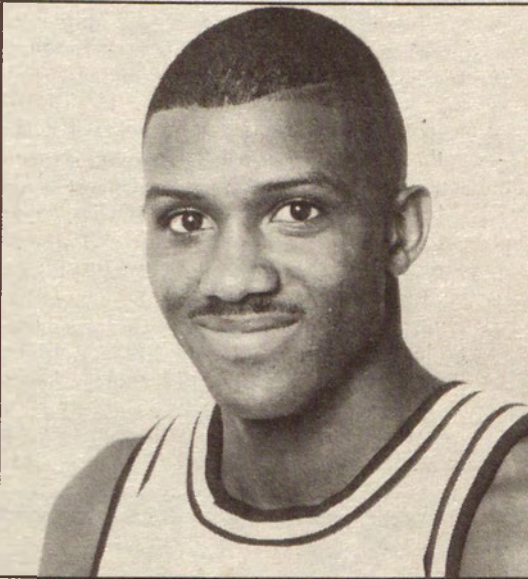
The team's spirits are high, and Coach Barto commented on the team's attitude as well as on their Sunday performance, "The kids in our locker room have huge hearts. They're going to give everything they have. You know, other teams may have more players, but our kids want it, they believe in themselves, and they just have huge hearts. I think we played very well within ourselves; they did the little things that I asked them to do. There was a point in the third pe-

riod when we were tired, but we just responded!" It was surprising to hear a coach who has maintained unspoken praise of her team all season to add quietly,

"It was amazing."

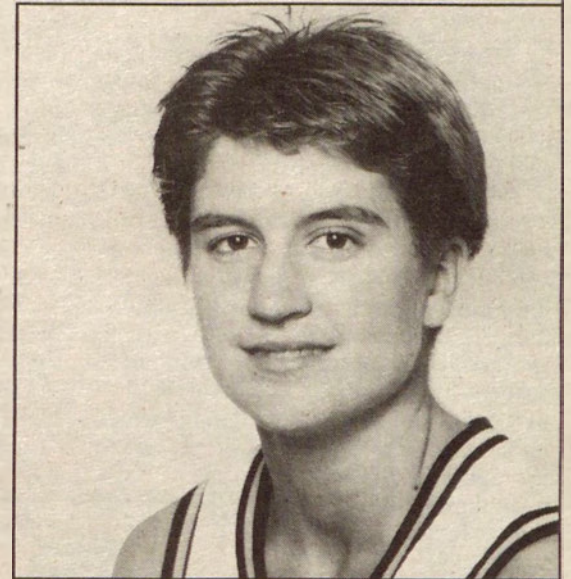
The ECAC Quarterfinal home game against Cornell will be held at 1:00, this Saturday. Cornell is traveling to Schneider Arena with a five game winning streak for the first of a three stage press toward the ECAC crown.

PC ATHLETES OF THE WEEK



Michael Brown '96
(No. Syracuse, NY)
Men's Basketball

Michael scored 18 points to help lead Providence to a 73-72 win at Notre Dame on Wednesday. Brown scored 16 points in the first half, going 5-5 FG, 4-4 3PT and 2-2 from the line. Brown also added 5 assists, 2 rebounds and two steals in 34 minutes of action.



Mandy Saunders '97
(Richmond, VA)
Women's Basketball

Mandy sank two free throws with :12 left to lift the Lady Friars to a 73-72 victory over Syracuse last Saturday. Saunders finished the game with 13pts, 3 steals and 3 assists. Earlier in the week, her 21 points led PC to a 90-63 win over Pitt.

Swinging for the Fences

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feature a lot of punch. This year the offense will be led by junior left-fielder Pete Tucci. Over the summer, Tucci led the prestigious Cape Cod League in home runs and looks to build on last season's impressive numbers. He had a .314 batting average as well as 12 home runs and 49 RBI's in just 229

at bats. His home run and RBI totals finished just behind O'Toole's numbers.

Tucci will be joined by the best middle infield in the league. Shortstop John McDonald hit .347 and second baseman Scott Palmieri hit .303, while committing only 23 errors combined in 288 attempts. Third baseman Ryan Kinski and

centerfielder Pete Vafiades will add some offense with their .318 and .302 batting averages respectively.

Look for the Friars to be a tough, gutsy, smart team that goes as far as their pitching, defense and speed take them. Their goal: Big East champs and an impressive showing at the NCAA's.

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Tying Up Loose Ends

by John Carchedi '98
Asst. Sports Editor

Even though the regular season is ending and the world is looking ahead to the Fleet Center, the Providence College men's hockey team had some errands to tie up before the conference tournament.

With a 6-2 win over UNH Friday and a 2-2 tie against UMass Amherst Saturday, the Friars secured fourth place in the standings, home-ice advantage for the first round of the tourney, and bounced back from two losses to BU a week earlier.

Perhaps the most important item on the agenda was giving the members of the class of '96 a memorable senior night in their final regular season home game. PC came through with a four-goal, third period barrage to break a 2-2 tie to clip UNH.

"We're starting to shoot the puck a little bit," said Friar Head Coach Paul Pooley after Friday's victory. "It's just important to start playing well. I'm excited, because I don't think we're firing on all cylinders yet. We're playing well, but I think we can still play better."

Saturday night, the Minutemen jumped out to a 1-0 lead when forward Sal Manganaro beat Friar goalie Dan Dennis midway through the first. Massachusetts' winger Tom Perry gave the hosts a 2-0 cushion to open the third period, a seemingly concrete advantage as Providence had skated the first two periods with few quality scoring chances.

Finally, the third period momentum from the previous night emerged. Junior center Stefan Brannare finally solved UMass netminder Brian Regan (27 saves) at 10:33 of the third, and just :33 later teammate Erik Sundquist faked a shell shocked Regan to knot the contest.

Providence created more opportunities but ran out of regulation, then mustered just

one shot on net in overtime. The shoot-out was all Amherst, who outscored the Friars 4-2 to earn the extra point.

"We were pretty happy in the locker room after the game," said PC co-captain Justin Gould, who sat out the weekend with a separated shoulder suffered a week earlier and is listed as day-to-day. "We didn't get that many opportunities in the first two periods. The team came back nicely."

Gould injured the shoulder in the gut-wrenching, 5-4 OT loss to BU on February 16. The Friars equaled and often out-skated the #2 ranked Terriers for 60 minutes before Jay Pandolfo's score with time winding down in the extra session. The next night, the Terriers dominated, winning 8-1. The losses made Friday's match against

Boguniecki's slapshot from the face-off circle deflected off PC goaltender Dan Dennis for a 1-1 tie. Less than a minute later, Friar Joe Hulbig's fire at the net was banged home by teammate Stefan Brannare.

UNH knotted the game 2-2 to start the third. That's the last time the Wildcat's enjoyed themselves, as they were then beaten, battered, and called bad names, victims of a Hulbig led, four goal onslaught.

Moments after UNH tallied the equalizer, Brannare picked up a puck dropped off by Hulbig behind the net, wheeled in front and made Larochelle look foolish, giving PC a 3-2. Two minutes later, Hulbig fired home a nice feed from Kenney. Freshmen Mike Omicioli and junior David Green rounded out the scoring, with assists going to Hulbig and junior Russ Guzior for both scores.

"After last weekend (against BU), no one knew where we stood confidence-wise," admitted Friar co-captain Joe Hulbig, who turned a measly four assists and one goal to lead the victory over UNH. "This was a big confidence builder for me and the team."

"At the beginning of the year, we had no problem putting the puck in the net," added Hulbig.

"Now we're working just as hard, but it's taking everything we have to score. But the coaching, the hard work, the discipline, those three things are there. When they score against you, you just want to come right back at them even harder."

Providence closes out the season at Maine Saturday, and then squares off with Boston College for the Hockey East quarterfinals on Thursday, March 7th at Schneider Arena.



Seniors Jay Kenney and Scott Balboni worked together to help the Friars finish fourth in Hockey East

the Wildcats almost crucial. With momentum and possible home ice advantage for the playoffs slipping, the team rallied, fittingly led by the seniors.

Senior defenseman Jay Kenney started the scoring midway through the first. Kenney intercepted the puck in his zone, and raced down the right wing side on a 2-on-1 with senior forward Dennis Burke. As the UNH defenseman committed to Burke, Kenney flipped the puck over Wildcat goalie Brian Larochelle for a 1-0 advantage.

Midway through the second, UNH's Eric

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6:57.28 and 1:24.98 in the 800 and 200 meter freestyle relays which was good enough for ninth and sixth place. Individually, for the men, Michnowicz also swam well in the 200 meter freestyle with a time of 1:41.21.

The Lady Friars also showed flashes of fast swimming in events such as the 400 and 200 freestyle relays. Senior Nancy Harkins, junior Colleen Doyle, sophomore Keirtin Newell, and frehsman Guerin Anglim combined for times of 3:33.89 and 1:37.40. Newell also placed seventh in the 50 meter freestyle with a time of 24.30. The event was the highest individual finish for the Lady Friars.

The tournament was dominated by the likes of Villanova, Miami, Syracuse, and Pittsburgh. Villanova, who won the Mens side of the tournament, scored a total of 551 points which was only three more than second place Miami. On the women's side, Syracuse captured first place by tallying 639 points which was 48 more than second place Pittsburgh.

At the conclusion of the tournament Miami's Chris Mantilla and Kristel Tellegen were named Big East Outstanding Swimmer's of the Year. Also from Miami, Sid Cassidy was named Big East Women's Coach of the Year while Syracuse's Lou Walker was given the Men's honor.

Providence finishes the 1996 season with a combined dual meet record of 13 and 12 and remained over .500 for the third year in a row.

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Tough, Gutty, and Smart

by Mike Friess '97
Sports Writer

It's getting warm out. The snow is almost all melted and people are starting to wear shorts. You know what that means, it's almost baseball season! While the Red Sox, Dodgers, Cubs, and other major leaguers are warming up in Florida or Arizona, our own Providence College Friars are working out their winter knots and getting ready to defend their first Big East regular season championship.

Last year, Head Coach Paul Kostacopoulos led the Friars to an incredible 44-15 record, 16-5 in the Big East. They lost in the final game of the Big East championship to the red hot Pitt Panthers, but still received an at large invitation to the NCAA's. At the big dance, they lost a heartbreaking 6-2 game to the 7th ranked Wichita State Shockers to end the year. The Friars were ranked number one in New England from the beginning to the end of their season.

This year, the Friars return a large portion of that championship team. Coach K. has high expectations.

"This is a new team," said Kostacopoulos. "We are going to have to be ourselves and not try to top what we did last year. However, we are a fast team with good defense and good pitching and should do well in the newly competitive Big East."

On the mound, the Friars will be led by a pair of southpaws. Last year, the Big East pitcher of the year was junior Mike Macone. He had a 7-4 record with a 3.75 ERA and

set PC records for innings pitched (87.1) and strikeouts (79) and hopes to repeat, or build on those numbers in his senior year. Also looking for another successful campaign is sophomore lefty Todd Incantalupo, who won Big East Rookie of the Year honors and was named First Team Freshman All-American. He was PC's first ever 10 game winner, posting a 10-1 record and a 2.74 ERA. Incantalupo has thoughts on the new Big East. "The new teams make the Big East much more competitive and our schedule that much tougher."



Todd Incantalupo '98

Despite losing Big East Player of the Year Bob O'Toole and co-captain T.J. Delvecchio, the Friar's offense will still

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Wizards?

by Gladys Ganiel '99
Sports Writer

After the 1996 NBA season, the Washington Bullets will be no more. Instead, our nation's capital will support a team called the Washington "Wizards". And although the Bullets aren't the first team to change their nickname (the Cincinnati Royals are now the Sacramento Kings, for instance), they are probably the first team to do so to try, as they say, to discourage violence. Indeed, team owner Abe Pollin decided to go ahead with the change, solely, he says, because guns and shootings have become so common in D.C.

While Pollin's initiative seems admirable, we cannot pretend that it will be anything but useless in the fight against crime. How many drive-by shootings do we think are motivated by the Bullets' nickname? Do we really believe that a gangster will, someday next year, pause with his finger on the trigger just because his home city's NBA team is now called the Wizards? Give me a break. Baseball fans in Atlanta, for instance, cheer for the Braves, and even do the "Tomahawk Chop". But as we well know, the homicide rate by tomahawk in Atlanta is zero. Pollin must know, as the rest of us know, that the nickname change is a smoke and mirrors tactic that may make him look good, but will do nothing for violence in the city.

Indeed, the chief person to benefit from this little initiative will be Pollin. In this age of marketing cute mascots, the Bullets have been left behind. Their current emblem is two strange, long blue arms with two strange, long blue

Bigger East Challenges PC Swimming

by Ken Martin '99
Sports Writer

As usual, the end of February marks the beginning of the Big East Swimming and Diving Championships. This year, however, the Big East got a little bigger with the induction of Notre Dame, Rutgers, and West Virginia to the league. The newly added teams raised the number of tournament participants from ten to thirteen and made the already competitive conference even more opposing.

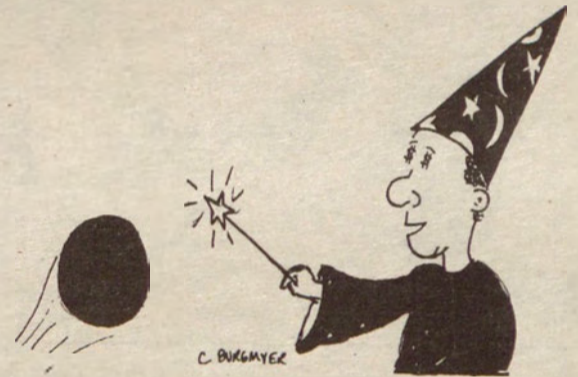
The Providence College Swimming Team, who travelled to the University of Pittsburgh last Thursday to compete in the Big East Championships, were one of the thirteen teams to be effected by the expanded tournament roster. PC placed ninth and tenth overall compared to last year's sixth and seventh place finishes. PC also finished the four day tour-

namment with a combined point total of 288 which left them 165 points shy of last year's 453.

In the men's bracket all three of the new teams, West Virginia, Notre Dame, and Rutgers, placed no lower than eighth and as high as fifth in their first year in the tournament. Likewise, in the women's standings Notre Dame and West Virginia placed third and seventh respectively. The high finishes for the new schools reflected lower scores by veteran members of the Big East — including Providence — than in previous years.

Despite the low point total and tough finish, Providence did swim strong against such perennial powers as Miami and Syracuse. In relay events PC's Mark Tartaglione, Paul Nathe, Sean Walker, and Jed Michnowicz notched times of

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hands with a basketball poised between them. Not a symbol that will sell a lot of hats or t-shirts. But it's easy to imagine cleverly-designed Wizard merchandise that will appeal to a lot more consumers. If marketing is what Pollin really has in mind, he shouldn't try to hide it behind benevolence for the city.

But even if Pollin is sincere about the crime problem,

changing the Bullets' nickname, as we said, isn't going to help matters. Pollin should instead try different tactics, like sending Bullet players to inner-city schools to talk to students about violence. Or maybe donating a share of his team's revenues (gasp!) to anti-crime organizations. Only if he follows up this rather useless act with some useful ones will Pollin realize his stated goal. Right now, celebrating the nickname change is like celebrating a halfcourt shot made after the final buzzer. It doesn't count for anything at all.

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Glory Days

by Rebecca Joyce '96
Sports Writer

The Lady Friars have plunged into February winning their last eight regular season games, climbing to fourth place in ECAC standings with a sparkling 11-5-0 record (15-12-0 overall). Saturday, PC stomped out the possibility of defeat with a 4-1 win over Colby, which helped to verify a home ice advantage for the Black and White in this Saturday's quarterfinal game against Cornell. Sunday was an important 5-3 win against then league leader UNH. With PC's performance, Brown took UNH's position to win the regular season for the second year in a row.

The weekend began with a bit of apprehension because senior Amy Carlson and freshman Katie Lachapelle were unable to

received a McCabe pass and fired in what was to become her fifth consecutive game winning goal. Baker, who along with McCabe, earned ECAC Honor Roll recognition this week, helped in canceling out the disappointment of a controversial no-goal that had been called just minutes before. Coach Barto said, "We took it to Colby looking for our scoring opportunities. We were short handed a little, but we picked ourselves up."

The goal hunger intensified and topped itself off when a controlled setup by freshman Myia Yates and sophomore Catherine Hanson delivered the puck to junior Alison Wheeler, building the Lady Friars to a 3-1 lead. Baker received a penalty in the last two minutes of the game, and Colby pulled their goalie for a 6-4 player advantage over Providence. The White Mules couldn't re-



by Paul Sullivan

Seniors Karen McCabe (16) and Sheila Killion in the open

play due to injuries from the previous week after a 3-1 victory over Dartmouth and a 5-0 shutout against BC. The Lady Friars stepped up to the shorthanded challenge in both games this weekend.

Colby may have had the first goal, but senior Karen McCabe dodged the defense as she rattled her way toward goal from the point to flick the puck for an unassisted goal and tie the game. After having won six straight games, this team was not going to leave opportunities unfinished.

PC returned to the ice after an unproductive second period with an upgraded pace and determination. Freshman Laurie Baker

deem themselves because senior Emilie Turcotte cleared the puck out of the PC zone into an empty net to ice 4-1 victory.

Sunday's game was Senior Day. Before the game, Baker looked toward a victory over UNH. "Tomorrow's the senior game, and they deserve another win. The seniors have been good support for the team, and it's been great playing with them. We'll definitely miss them next year."

PC is fortunate enough to foresee sophomore goalie Megan Smith returning next year. Smith is the leading ECAC goaltender with a 1.70 goals against average, and she

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Lady Friars Win Big East 7!

by Pieter J. Ketelaar '97
Sports Writer

No one ever said life in the Big East wasn't interesting.

Mandy Saunders hit two free throws with twelve seconds left to give the Lady Friars a 73-72 victory in their final game of the season Saturday. The win was the Lady Friars fourth straight win and tied them for second place. Providence still had a chance of winning the newly aligned Big East 7 outright if they got the help they needed from Miami and Syracuse.

Miami defeated Seton Hall, 67-60, at home and Syracuse beat Georgetown, 70-63, to give PC at 12-14 (9-9 in the Big East), the first ever Big East 7 crown. This marks the sixth time in Coach Bob Foley's eleven years that the Friars have finished first or second in the league. Providence has earned the second seed in this week's upcoming Big East Tournament at Storrs, Connecticut. Defending National champion UConn earned the number one seed as winner of the Big East 6 while Notre Dame enters the tournament seeded third. The Lady Friars have a bye in the first round of play as they await the winner of the Seton Hall and Georgetown matchup.

It all began against Seton Hall. PC was 5-9 in the Big East, sputtering towards a lackluster league and overall record. However, a 39 point effort from All-American candidate Nadine Malcolm spurred the team on to a 86-82 key win over a team that is a lot better than their 12-10 record would indicate. With 4:53 remaining in the first half, Malcolm scored her eleventh point of the game and her 1,000th point of her career. She is the fastest ever to reach the milestone, taking only 54 games to get to the promised land. In a total team effort, the Lady Friars ran down the Hall to win their ninth game of the season but, more importantly, also began the climb up the ranks.

Providence next traveled to Boston College to take on the Eagles. The Lady Friars wasted no time in proving their point, piling on the offense and holding their opponent to 36%, while shooting a robust 51% from the floor. Kerri Chatten led the Friars with 23 points, while Mandy Saunders netted 17, and Malcolm was held to just 16 points (a far cry from her 24.6 average which places her among the

top scorers in the country). With the offense on, and the defense gaining confidence, PC cruised to a lopsided 83-56 blowout of the Eagles.

The Lady Friars hosted Pittsburgh last Wednesday as they recognized their four departing seniors: Sarah Miller, Ayanna Walden, Lori Penrod, and Jen Malone. The emotional atmosphere of the pre-game proceedings carried over to the game as Providence dealt the Panthers a walloping 90-63 defeat for their third straight win. Malcolm was on once again as she poured in 27 points, and Saunders had 21 points on the strength of 7 for 13 shooting from the floor.

PC's last game of the season was at Syracuse on Saturday. The Lady Friars had beaten the Orangewomen at home, but now had to beat them on the road if they hoped to earn a decent seed in the conference tournament. The Lady Friars came out hot to build a nine point half-time lead, 40-31.

The second half was a different story as Syracuse stormed back to tie the game at 52 apiece following a 11-0 Orange run. The rest of the game was a defensive struggle featuring two ties and three lead changes, but it all boiled down to PC's Mandy



Julie Wheeler '98 bombs away

Running to the Finish

by Scott Palmieri '97
Sports Writer

The finish line is finally in sight. Like a runner who faces the final lap of a long race, the PC track team faces the last and most important challenges of their winter indoor season. Both the men and women have had success thus far in qualifying for these upcoming events, but now they must complete their season long quest. The men will travel to the IC4A Championships at Harvard University while the women will head to Boston University for the ECAC Championships.

This past weekend the men participated in the New England Championships at Boston University. Junior Steve Myers led the team by winning the mile in 4:09.47. He had already qualified for the IC4As in that event as well as the 800 and 1,000 meter. He has been predicted as one of the favorites this weekend for the mile. There were other strong performances besides Myers. Junior

Nick Kent's second place finish in the 3,000 meter (8:15.71) was good enough to earn him a spot this weekend as well. Freshman Carl Mauro finished behind Kent in third place while sophomore Paul McNamara was fifth. Both of their times were good enough to qualify. Zack Ventress, another Friar fresh-



Steve Myers '97

man, finished ninth in the mile and also qualified for the IC4As. Junior Michael Donnelly, who already had a spot in the 3,000 meter, finished second place (14:35.63) in the 5,000 meter, an event he had qualified for at the Big East Championships the week before.

The men had much success at the Big East meet, which took place at Syracuse University February 17th and 18th. The squad was lead by senior Andy Wedlake and junior David Healy. "Dave and Andy ran very well," said Coach Treacy. "They were on top of their game." Healy won the 3,000 meter title in a time of 8:20.46. It was the only individual title won by the Friars. "It was great to win," said Healy. "It was our last running event and it was nice that Andy won second (in the 5,000 meter) for us too." Wedlake finished second in 14:20.08. Both of these outstanding runners have spots in the NCAA Championships in the 3,000 meter event.

The women had this past weekend off. At the Big East the team racked up a few more qualifying

times. Senior Meghan McCarthy, junior Heather Couture, and freshman Gladys Ganiel all earned spots at the ECAC in the 5,000 meter. Junior Krissy Haacke's fourth place finish in the event qualified her for the NCAAs. "Our 4x800 meter (relay team) did better than I expected," said Coach Treacy. The team of Haacke, McCarthy, junior Susan Murnane and sophomore Maria McCambridge finished third and made the ECACs as well. Murnane gave another impressive performance in the 1,000 meter as she finished second with a time of 2:49.68.

The men and women enter the IC4As and ECACs respectively with many qualifiers to compete. "We've got a very strong team with an awful lot of qualifiers," said David Healy. The same goes for both squads this weekend. Healy and Wedlake as well as several runners from the women's team, are looking ahead to the NCAAs, the finish line of the Friar's season.

Saunders at the free throw line needing to hit two. She did, and PC tasted victory for a season high fourth straight time.

Providence Head Coach Bob Foley said, "We've played well and we didn't give up. When we were 5 and 9 I told the team we were still in this thing. We were not mathematically eliminated and still had a chance. The team really hung in there and played tough down the stretch. At 12 and 14, we need to win the tournament to get a NCAA bid, but we're taking it one step at a time. The first order of business is to find out who we're playing. Georgetown is a young team on the rise that can shoot the three while Seton Hall is a tremendous inside team with great rebounding. We've been stressing defense for weeks now and it's really paid off. It's made a real difference in our game and will allow us to keep teams within striking distance. Our defense won the Syracuse game. They were up by one and we stole the ball and won by one."

The Lady Friars will be watching eagerly Saturday at 5:30 to see which team will advance to the second round. The winner will play them at 6 PM on Sunday in what will surely be an exciting game as the Lady Friars will see just how mad March can be.