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Diversity Forum Opens Dialogue

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NEWS STAFF

Diversity. It is a subject which has been gaining much-needed attention throughout different societies and communities—Rhode Island, the US, the world. It is rapidly becoming a very large part of our lives and is a broad extensive topic which needs to be addressed everywhere.

Here at PC, too, diversity issues are starting to gain a stronger foothold. A student-organized and -run forum was held last Wednesday in the Feinstein Function Room to discuss issues surrounding diversity on campus.

The forum was organized by a group of students who wanted to discuss ethnic diversity at PC, particularly its role in the core curriculum and enrollment. For the forum, a number of students were

asked to give their opinions and experiences about diversity.

A number of students were asked to speak about their opinions and experiences of diversity. Each student talked for approximately 10 minutes to an audience of about 50 students and a handful of faculty.

"Some people spoke about what it's like to be a minority on campus," said Liza Pappas '98, one of the speakers at the forum. "Other people spoke about how they want to echo that they do support diversity and that there's not enough of it."

She added, "I talked about it as being a necessity."

"They [the speakers] were great," said Cara Pavalock '98, an

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Team Visit A Success NEASC Accreditation Team Offers Insights And Suggestions for PC

BY M.F. STAUFF '00
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From Sunday, November 2 through Wednesday, November 5, PC received a visit from a team of the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC) to receive re-accreditation.

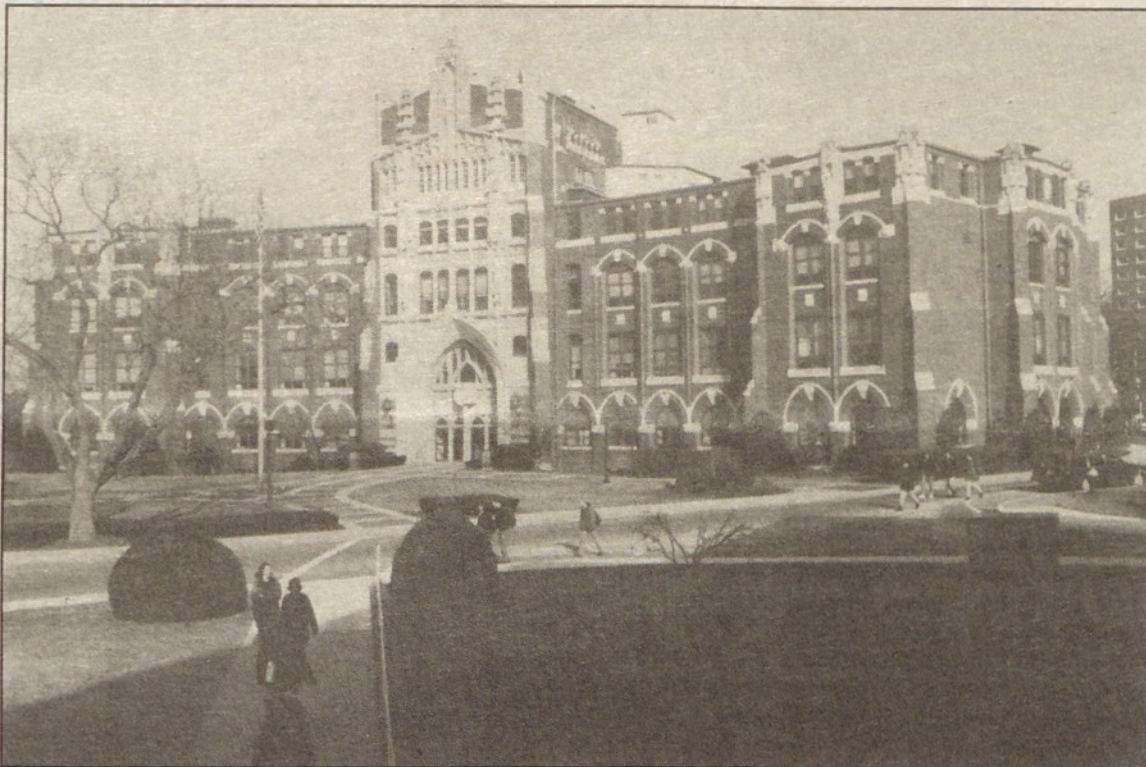
The team, led by Dr. Frank Velaccio, Provost of the College of the Holy Cross, arrived on Sunday

members of the team held an open forum giving students a chance to voice their concerns about PC. It was held so the team could listen to students and get an honest opinion about the College.

One issue brought up by the students was the complaint that the College deceives what it is really like to the outside community. One example of this included catalogues that cite courses which are

students was how their voices are ignored by the administration

From Monday to Tuesday, the ten team members spent their time interviewing and inspecting various aspects of the college. Tuesday night the team reconvened to draw up a rough draft of the report that will be submitted to the NEASC; the final report will be printed and distributed in January. Yesterday morning the team



for an organizational meeting. The team included ten faculty and administrators from colleges in the New England area.

This past Monday, the team invited faculty and staff to a reception in the Feinstein Function room. The reception served as a time for the team to hear how PC's employees feel about the College.

The following afternoon, three

currently not being offered. It was also suggested by the Accreditation Team to include students in order to gain a new perspective.

The three team members who attended—Dr. Susan Ebbs, St. John's University; Dr. Roberto Meinrath, Yale University; and Richard J. Santigoti, Merrimack College—all agreed the most important aspect brought up by the

returned to the Feinstein Function Room to deliver an oral presentation of their findings. The final meeting was open to the entire College community, and while only a handful of students attended, the room was full of faculty, staff, and administrators.

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Safety Discussion Raises Awareness

BY REBECCA PIRO '00
NEWS STAFF

Wednesday afternoon's open forum titled "Safety, Security, and the Providence Police Department" was exactly what the student body at P.C. was looking for: an opportunity to voice their opinions, questions, and concerns. Many of the issues that have been hovering on and off campus finally had the chance to be presented to authorities.

'64 Hall was filled with approximately sixty students and the entire Student Congress, all eager to hear reactions to their concerns. The panel consisted of seven authorities: Father J. Stuart McPhail, Vice President of Student Services;

Carolyn Ryan, Director of Off Campus Housing; Phillip Reilly, Director of PC Security; Attorney James Reilly, lawyer for PC's Student Congress; Officers McGann and Fitzgerald of the Providence Police Department; and Michael Liard, President of the class of '99. Three other Providence Police officers also attended the forum.

The forum was moderated by Dan Connelly, the student chairman of the Off Campus Residents Organization. He opened the discussion by stating the purpose of the assembly: "(We are meeting) so that the students at PC can become more informed about safety

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Many students stopped by the Volunteer/Non-Profit Opportunities Fair which was held this past Tuesday, November 4, in '64 Hall

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Inside Student Congress

The following committees/classes would like to report their current progress and issues to the student body:

Academic Affairs-On Monday, November 3, the Academic Affairs committee proposed a recommendation to revise the existing policy of non-discrimination enforced by the college. This recommendation expands on the current college policy. Among other pertinent considerations, the purpose of the recommendation is to, "... make the policy more positive and active, and hence more socially responsible..." The recommendation was voted on, and supported by the Student Congress.

Course Description-Just a reminder- Class surveys will be distributed in classes during the next few weeks. These surveys will be used to compile a course description book for all students. This book is "by the students, for the students!" Please take time to fill out the surveys.

Student Life Committee-The committee is currently working on a proposal to extend computer lab hours. In order to best represent students, we urge any concerned students to contact the Student Life Committee.

Peaceful Coexistence Committee-The committee has been busy writing a newsletter to distribute to the off-campus neighborhood. Distribution will be Thursday.

OCRO- This week Student Congress sponsored a Security Open Forum in '64 Hall. Panel members included Fr. J. Stuart McPhail, Vice President for Student Services; Carolyn Ryan, Director of Off-Campus Housing; Phillip Reilly, Director of Security; James Reilly, Student Congress Lawyer, and members of the Providence Police Department.

BOSSA- The Sixth Man Society and the Slap Shot Club will have long sleeve shirts on sale soon! More details are coming.

Class of 2000- Every Wednesday, in Raymond Cafeteria the Class of 2000 officers and representatives will be present to address any concerns you may have. They will be available from 5-7 pm.

Also, on Thursday, November 13th, the Class of 2000 will be hosting "Wings and Strings" in Stuarts from 10 -12 pm. We will be serving wings and pizza, while enjoying musical performances by class members. Anyone interested in performing please contact Matt Wells at ext. 3464. Come down and see the Class of 2000 unplugged!

Class of 2001- Sweatshirts for the Class of 2001 are on the way! Our class ordered traditional style navy and gray sweatshirts last week. They should be here by December. This month's meetings will be held on November 6th, 13th, and 20th at 7pm in Slavin 220. Please feel free to stop by with any ideas or suggestions.

Student Congress Persons of the Month- The Executive Board of Student Congress would like to congratulate Kathleen Long, Jeff McCarthy and Pat Salvato. Kathleen and Jeff ran Midnight Madness, and Pat ran the Freshman Class Elections. A great job was done by all! In addition, special thanks to M.J. Connors and Beth Gregory for doing a terrific job as Midnight Madness MC's.

The Student Congress would like to thank the following establishments for their generous contributions to Midnight Madness:

Jimmy Love's Tennessee Fried Chicken & Pizza, Golden Crust Pizza, Frey Florist, Boston Market, Manhattan Bagel, Union Station Restaurant, East Side Mario's Restaurant, Finnegan's Wake, The 99 Restaurant, Ronzio's Pizza, Newport Creamery, Prime Cut's Hair Salon, and the PC Bookstore.

by Maura Sichel '98
President of Student Congress

****Student Holiday****

*** Pottery Sale ***

Thursday, December 4, 1997

9:30 - 2:00 in Lower Slavin

NewsCenter91
WDOM 91.3 FM
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6 pm - 7 pm

Sunday Thru Friday

Friday: Off The Bench

"Celtics, Knicks, and Women's Olympic Hockey"

Sunday: Sports Talk with Nap and the Watchdog

Monday: Let's Talk Love

Junior Ring Weekend

Tuesday: Politics As Usual

Election Recap

Wednesday: From the Hip

Thursday: Entertainment

JRW Evening

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On And Off Campus Safety Issues Addressed By Panel

Know Your Rights

BY JOCELYN KEPKO '99
NEWS STAFF

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issues." Maura Sichel, the Student Congress president, also helped introduce the panel and carry the discussion.

The most frequently raised issues at the forum consisted of on and off campus assaults, the personal rights of students, open container laws, and the relationship between students and the night detail police.

Fr. McPhail was the first of many to stress the importance of reporting all assaults to the college as well as the Providence Police Department. "If you suffer an assault we need to know about it," he said. "If the college is to assist you, (it is very important) that you report it to the college." The major concerns Student Services have about an assault is if the student is okay, what action should be taken by the college, and what exactly happened in the situation.

Questions about the purpose of the off campus police officers on the P.C. night detail (8 pm to 4 am) were handled by Phillip Reilly. He explained that the purpose of police officers is "to ensure safety when there is a heavy amount of student activity off campus," and also for the peace and quiet of the local neighborhood. Reilly also reminded the students that there is an escort service available at any time. The 24 students employed as escorts "are there for your service," he stressed.

James Reilly called to attention an important fact that appealed to the whole room: "The persons most responsible for [the students'] safety and security is not anyone up here; it's yourselves." He emphasized the necessity of walking in groups of five or more people at night. Never walk in

Mike Liard '99 posed questions concerning difficulties with student landlords and asked for advice in dealing with them. He expressed that "more information needs to be given to people who are potentially moving off campus."

These concerns were addressed

resolve the concern before it becomes a problem," said Ryan.

The Providence Police officers confronted questions about alcohol and the open container law. "If you are over 21 an open container on private property is okay," said an officer. "If you are not 21 it's not okay anywhere." He also advised students to obey police officers without protest when in a confusing situation. "Just listen to what we say," he recommended, rather than putting up a fight and getting further involved.

The on campus shuttle was discussed and Phillip Reilly encouraged students to take advantage of the service. However, he stated that a shuttle is never dispatched with direct orders to pick someone up, but that person will be picked up along the shuttle's route.

Reilly was adamant about the shuttle not driving PC students to local bars: "The shuttle will not go to Prime Time or any other bar. If (the drivers) do, they will be fired." He stressed that Providence College will not provide shuttles to the bars, "even though, at the end of the night, it would be best for (the students') safety," because that would promote underage drinking.

Panel members and the student body closed the forum with an agreement to work together in dealing with issues still ahead. The effort, participation, and concern demonstrated by both students and faculty is certainly one step in the right direction.



small groups or by yourself, he advised.

However bleak the subject topics might have been, Attorney Reilly stopped to point out a positive side to the issues. "The level of problems now [at PC] are minuscule compared to what they were six or seven years ago," he said, assuring the students that things are improving.

by Carolyn Ryan. "If you are having problems with your landlord [you should] contact our office," she said. Ryan wanted the students to understand that the Office of Off Campus Housing is there to help students, and is not involved with disciplinary measures. Their goal is to inform the residents if a complaint has been voiced about their house. "What we want to do is

Do you know what to do if a police officer pulls you over while you are driving? Should you get out of the car? Are you required to by law?

This past Tuesday, November 4, the Balfour Center for Multi-Cultural Affairs presented a seminar/ workshop entitled "Know Your Rights."

The workshop, attended by both PC students and faculty, was held at 7pm in Slavin 203.

The workshop was led by Ms. Marisol Garcia, Esq. and Mr. Oscar George, Esq. Both attorneys currently work for the Children's Law Center of Massachusetts, Inc.

The speakers were introduced by Dean Wilesse Commissioning of the Balfour Center. The workshop began with an open discussion where those who attended could raise question to the speakers.

The main issue addressed was that of individual rights. Some other topics discussed were Miranda Rights, search and seizure, and probable cause.

The seminar lasted for almost two hours as the speakers and audience kept up a lively exchange which, at times, even became heated when discussion turned to the issue of individual rights.

One message emphasized dur-

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NEASC Accreditation Team Presents Findings of Visit

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Vellaccio opened the presentation by reminding the audience that what they were about to read would be a rough draft and it may be inconsistent with the final January draft. He went on to say the NEASC has a responsibility to fully disclose their reactions and overall assessment.

There are a number of standards to receive re-accreditation. The report covers each topic in regard to its strengths and weaknesses and gives suggestions on improvement.

The first topic the team addressed was the Mission and Purpose of the College, which was the focus of Vellaccio's report. He said it is unfortunate to have a mission which stresses Dominican tradition while many of those who follow it are ignorant of those traditions.

The second subject was a duel effort by Sr. Patricia Rooney, of the University of New Haven, and Dr. William Sanders, U.S. Coast Guard Academy, regarding Planning and Evaluation. The Association's requirements promote institutions to form plans that are equivalent to their needs.

What the team discovered was

planning has been exclusive rather than inclusive in recent history. Also, there is no systematic way to evaluate the programs involved with the PC.

Fr. Philip A. Smith, O.P., President of the College, was commended for corrections regarding this point made back in May 1997, stating that things are better than in the past.

Sanders went on to say there is no systematic evaluation of achievement in the College. This aspect was hard to evaluate for the team because there is a lack of extensive records for them to study.

However, they did find there is a shortcoming in communications at all levels on the campus.

They commended the College's willingness to allocate resources and produce evidence that realistic time lines are being adhered to.

The team did offer many suggestions as well. The first being that an outside consultant be brought in to oversee a planning and evaluation strategy.

Rooney and Sanders also discovered issues of affirmative action. They regarded the lack of an increase in minority students and faculty. They also heard complaints about how women and minorities are often overlooked when it comes to promotion. However, they found no records supporting

this claim.

The next issue that concerned Santigoti centered around the Advisory Cabinet of the Presidential Council. Santigoti's report stated advice from Student Congress and the Faculty Senate is lacking as a result of general apathy towards participation. In other words, the appropriate channels are not being used to get feedback to their proper destinations.

There is also a difference in philosophy between the Office of the President and the Faculty Senate regarding the Fr. Smith's veto of the DWC reforms from last year.

He also discovered a feeling in the student body of a "lack of responsiveness by the Administration."

Santigoti made a number of suggestions to strengthen this aspect of PC. Communication paths should be developed to aid all the constituencies. Another suggestion was that a council be created that included all groups, from the President of the College to student organizations, in order to create a dialogue for addressing concerns of the PC community.

Santigoti ended his report by saying, "Formalizing of communication channels will only support existing channels."

The fourth item was Programs

and Instruction Standards and involved the review of Dr. Fern L. Johnson, Clark University, and Anthony Costa, Fairfield University.

They found PC to conform to all the standards of the NEASC. They commented the students appear well-suited and they possess an impressive retention rate while having an equally commendable graduation rate, particularly for athletes.

One shortcoming was that PC has not engaged in any systematic review of curriculum, except for the last two years. They said it "was well-timed with the visit of the team."

They also discovered inconsistencies between the viewbook and the academic catalogue regarding majors. The former stated there were 30 majors, while the latter said there were 45.

In regards to the instruction of the College, the team felt PC had some very strong aspects. Such as: the Honors Program, DWC, the Balfour Center, The Center for Teaching Excellence, Committee on Technology, and the advising on students.

Johnson and Costa also offered suggestions. One was the consolidation or updating of literature. The team suggested faculty should highlight their accomplishments

and students should showcase their work.

The next team member, William B. Neenan, S.J., Boston College, studied the faculty. He found the numbers of faculty very satisfactory with the Mission of the College. He found the faculty to student ratio of 13.5:1 very impressive.

One problem he noted was the hiring of Dominican faculty. The current policy states that any available candidate will be hired. The finding was that this policy may hinder the development of various departments.

One thing he suggested was salary be rewarded on a merit system rather than a tier system as it is now.

The sixth concern was Student Services. Dr. Susan Ebbs worked on this subject. She found the Offices of Financial Aid, the Health Department, Residence Life, the Chaplain's Office, and the Recreation and Athletic Board all exemplary.

She discovered among the students at PC overall satisfaction and enjoyment from their stay at PC. However, she did discover a passionately expressed concern over how the College does not listen or

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Knowing Your Rights

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ing the course of the seminar was the need for individuals to fully understand and exercise their rights. It was recognized by many that individual rights are not often recognized, such as in cases of police brutality and harassment. The main message was that individual should take the time to learn their rights so they are not subject to such violations.

Marisol and George have had much experience with such issues in their work at the Children's Law Center of Massachusetts, Inc. It is a non-profit, tax exempt, legal resource center which represents children on matters affecting their civil rights, health, education and

welfare. Created in 1977, the Law Center provides timely and effective intervention for children in crisis.

According to their pamphlet, The Children's Law Center represents young people in a wide variety of legal and administrative proceedings, including abuse & neglect matters; Children In Need of Services (CHINS); custody and adoption disputes; special education and other school matters; homelessness; mental health issues; delinquencies; and severely disabled children or those who are denied services due to bureaucratic red tape- the so-called "Stuck Cases". Eligible clients are children under the age of eighteen, or twenty-two in special education matters.

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act upon the student voice. Ebbs said she has no indication of how widespread this tendency could be within the community.

She quoted one student's fears of nothing being done even after the NEASC's visit, from the open forum held Tuesday in her report, who said "Why would they listen to you if they would not listen to us?"

Commenting on this, Fr. McPhail said, "We are going to follow the suggestions of the report by meeting with student groups to try and get a more focused view. We will need to work on communication so their problems are taken more seriously. We have an obligation to address these legitimate concerns."

There were four concerns which Ebbs felt needed to be addressed. First, she felt Student Development's role had been "blurred" over time and needed to be defined.

The issue of over-crowding in the dormitories also must be dealt with. Ebbs suggested a more active dialogue between the Office of Admissions and Residence Life. She also advised a restructuring of club sports. Currently, club sports report directly to Fr. J. Stuart McPhail, Vice-President of Student Services, while the budget is controlled by Fr. Terence Keegan, Executive Vice-President.

Lastly, she found the judicial system to be "three-pronged" and lacking coordination. She proposes that a clear set of regulations and a well-functioning legal system would solve all the problems.

Library and Information Resources is the next section in the report written and was written by Dr. Peter V. Deekle of Wheaton College. He found the library and technology on the campus to be adequate.

He had great praise for librarians and the library support staff. He commended them for their leadership by serving on various committees, reducing costs, and staff development. He complimented them by saying they are a "highly committed and industrious staff."

There was one problem he uncovered. Many people among the technology staff, he says in his report, feel "PC is approaching a crisis of technology support." To clarify, he went on to say there is not enough hardware for the number of users.

Dr. Roberto Meinrath was re-

sponsible for reviewing the Physical and Financial Resources. He found the buildings exceedingly well-maintained, with many of them being built or remodeled in the recent years.

In regards to financial resources he discovered the school has its priorities identified with the budgets getting final approval from the Board of Trustees, but there is no long-term financial plans. His suggestion included a development of long-term budget plans.

Deekle again took the podium and read the second to last section on Public Disclosure. He commended the Spectrum Digest, the PC web site, and programs like Christmas in April for upholding the image of the College in the community and among Alumni.

The final section of the team's report to the NEASC was on the integrity of PC. Ebbs reported the College adheres to all federal and state procedures while remaining committed to the free pursuit of knowledge.

She focused on two problems: a lack of policy manuals and the issue of priority given to Dominicans. She did say certain things are being addressed, such as new and updated handbooks.

In conclusion, Vellaccio said, "None of the problems are unique to Providence College." He went on to say the problems will be present in ten years when another NEASC re-accreditation team returns to PC if the faculty continues to hold fault with the Administration and if the Administration holds blame with the faculty, making reference to the Presidential veto of the DWC bill proposed by the Faculty Senate.

Fr. Smith then took the podium thanking the NEASC team for their time and how he was appreciative of them. He commented on how they brought objectivity to their task and it "speaks volumes of their commitment to knowledge and higher education."

"We received a lot of constructive comments to improve our quality," commented Carol A. Hartley, Associate Vice-President of Faculty Affairs, who spent the last eight months preparing for the NEASC visit.

Fr. McPhail commented, "It was one and a half hours of intense information. It will require time to digest. We will be looking at areas where we can improve services."

Next Week...



Patriot Battalion Rangers Impress At Brigade Competition

Hey Seniors.. Don't Forget to sign up for Senior Portraits at the Slavin Information Desk as soon as possible!

Students Voice Concerns Forum Allows Opportunity For Open Discussion Within Community

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organizer of the forum, "It's stuff that I know already because I've been hearing this stuff for years...[but] some people went who don't usually attend [such discussions]."

Fr. Philip Smith, O.P. was also invited to the forum, and he addressed questions from students about why diversity was not part of the core curriculum and what the school is doing to promote diversity.

Not all students were fully satisfied with Fr. Smith's answers. Pavalock felt that his answers were "clouded with religion."

"I have nothing against religion or any Catholic institution," she said, "but I'm not talking about that right now. Right now I'm talking about the number of minority students on campus."

The organizers of the forum consist of a group of individuals who are involved in a variety of organizations (or not at all). Sometimes calling themselves the "Coalition for Higher Learning," they share some of the same goals: to promote and discuss diversity at PC, particularly in the core curriculum and enrollment.

Most of the students involved in the forum have a great passion for the idea of diversity and want to express their views to the PC community.

"It's something that I believe in," said Pappas, "I really appreciate the fact that it was student-led, and I was excited to be a part of it."

Living in a diverse society is something which we all need to come to terms with. Supporters of a more diverse PC campus believe that it would be benefit PC tremendously, not only for the students, but for the faculty and administration as well.

"Our goal is to broaden the scope of the people [who are involved], said Alda Farlow '98, who was involved in the forum. "We want to get more of the general population to listen. Trying to teach ethnicity and diversity to a homogenous white class really makes no point."

She added, "Your education is more than just your books. Learning about how to deal with different people with different backgrounds, different sexes, different ideologies, different sexual orientations...That's a lifelong learning process, and college is somewhere where you need to start."

The continuation of discussing ethnicity is seen as important by many. While more forums are not definitely planned by the "Coalition" thus far, there are other forums being planned; there will be another forum on November 24. Through continuing dialogue, many think that diversity issues can be thoroughly discussed.

"Dialogue is the channel through which the students can channel their voice," said Pappas. "We really need to join together and talk about a lot of these issues."

Pappas believes that increased discussion can not only lead to a stronger pro-diversity movement, but also can help students understand where each individual is com-

ing from in matters of diversity. "Diversity is a necessity for growth," she said, "and it is something which has to be closely examined."

"I was very proud of the students who organized this," said Dr. Wilesse Commissiong, Dean of the Balfour Center for Multi-Cultural Affairs. "I just wish that more faculty had been there."

The forum was itself a success. Although not the first of its kind, it was an insightful look on the good and bad issues on diversity from different students' perspectives. It is obvious that for our school to become more diverse (or at least more open to diversity) much more discussion needs to occur between students, faculty, and the administration.

"I thought it was great," said Pappas, "But I definitely think at there needs to be more dialogue."

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It's Okay To Use Your Brain

BY THOMAS K. LYMAN '99
EDITORIALS STAFF

In class, a professor asks a question, expecting hands to go up. She hopes that someone will know something about what she has asked, or at least that someone will give it a try. Sadly, not a hand goes up. Doesn't anyone know the answer, or doesn't anyone want to put himself on the line and try to answer?

More often than not, students at PC know what they are supposed to for class, but are reluctant to answer the teacher's questions in front of the class. This problem stems from two issues: anti-intellectualism and lack of confidence.

Many times, students are afraid to show that they know many of the answers because they may be seen as a "nerd." What is a nerd? The dictionary calls a nerd one who is "unattractive, unpleasant or

insignificant." Observation reveals that "nerd" is usually used in reference to those who spend much time on academics. The use of the term "nerd" at all implies a negative perception of those who may be smarter, have done more work, or have an interest in academics. Somehow, these all seem like very positive attributes. Why would a society condemn these qualities in an individual?

The result is that even those who may be very strong students feel intimidated by fellow students who may condemn them, publicly or privately, for their positive academic attributes. Ideally, nobody should let the opinions of others stop them from doing what they feel is best. If only one student feels confident enough to answer a teacher's query in front of a thirty-person audience with such attitudes, they may eventually quiet down themselves, so as not to seem too enthusiastic. Isn't enthusiasm a good thing?

A spin-off of this dilemma is the student who "pretends" not to know anything, so as to seem "cool." This is ridiculous, and usually quite obvious. Some-

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times it even involves the use of a mocking tone of voice with the professor, as though the professor is "like so lame to be asking me that, like whatever."

Anti-intellectualism, or the hostile treatment of intellectuals, is a bad thing to be starting in college. Now is a great time to stop its rampant spread. A society that does not think about its actions before it commits them, is a brutish one.

Lack of confidence is a by-product of old-fashioned peer pressure. As a student prepares for life as a member of independent society with individual accountability, peer pressure should have little place in the determination of actions and speech. This is not to condemn the importance of a collective group consciousness, but rather to decide one's own path outside of the influence of others and before joining any particular mega-highway of popular thought or action.

In the future, do not be ashamed to display what knowledge you have. Be proud of what work you have done and enjoy the fruits of your labor. If you are not sure about something you going to say, give it

a shot anyway. It is better to give it a try and be wrong than not to make an attempt at all. Risk is involved. In these cases, a loss would hardly register on the scale of failure, and a gain could be beyond expectations.

Another way to view it is to look at the balance of everyone's knowledge. If one person is great in English, but terrible in chemistry, there is probably someone else who fails in English but soars in chemistry. Therefore, if you do know a lot about one subject, feel free to show others, they have no good reason to be offended. They will probably inform you with subject matter that is not your area of expertise. Rather than a community of anti-intellectualism and emotional hurtfulness, we should gain from each others' respective knowledge, and foster a community of interactive learning and respect.

The Youth Are Now

BY ANITA MORAWSKI '98
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We have all been told many times that the youth are our future; that we need to invest in them, for they will take our society into the next generation, the next millennium, as our politicians, parents, teachers, corporate executives, and leaders. The truth of this message is self-evident. The only problem with this image is its focus on tomorrow. One of our weaknesses as human persons is that of procrastination. We put off the things that will be important tomorrow, and concern ourselves with those that need attention today. So I would like to offer a variation on the phrase that tells us the youth are our future, and suggest that the youth are our today.

I heard this new twist on the motto this past Saturday at the "Voices for All Life '97" conference. Its "seamless garment" ideal calls for the respect of all life, from the unborn, to the dying, and all the phases in between. It was an extremely

informative and motivating conference which addressed issues such as abortion, physician-assisted suicide, just wars, capital punishment, and poverty. During a question and answer panel at the end of the day, the issue of youth was raised, but almost as a side-note. I would like to suggest that our society cannot afford to treat its children as a side-note. They must be made a priority.

All too often, we treat our youth as the lowest persons on the totem pole. A look at the impoverished state of our schools, the dearth of after-school activities for all kids, and the lack of ethical heroes which the children may admire, are all a reflection of the fact that we do not pay enough attention to our youth. They must be given the message that they are an important, valued part of our society. Instead, the messages that they are fed from the media - be it TV, music, the movies, internet, or commercial advertising - are filled with images of violence and hatred. Our children are the primary market for pornographic enterprises, by which they learn of a convoluted, ugly

form of sexual pleasure. They are victims of commercial campaigns, by which they pick up the false values of materialism and competition. Often, they are raised in broken families, where wholesome images of love are fractured or missing, and they go to schools where discrimination is fostered rather than hindered. Where is the sense of solidarity and

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purpose?

What we don't realize enough is that children are so very vulnerable to the messages we throw at them. At a young age, our minds are so extremely malleable, so easy to mold into

shape. The minds of kids are like vacuums, waiting to suck up whatever crosses their paths. I am unceasingly amazed by some of the ideas that my 11 year old brother absorbs like a sponge. The danger lies in their inability to distinguish between the good and the bad messages. They take them all at face value. Unless we fill the vacuums with wholesome images, they will be cluttered with the many false images of pop culture.

Children are the same as their elders in that they need a sense of purpose and meaning in their lives. What they do not have enough of is a vision of their futures. This past summer, I lived in an inner-city Mexican neighborhood in Chicago, and I worked as a youth minister. Volunteers such as myself were responsible for organizing programs to keep the children occupied, so that they would not fall prey to the false beauties of gang life. We had activities such as a theater group, a book club, a movie club, a choir, study groups, field trips to museums and zoos, etc. But perhaps one of the most important things I did was also the

most simple: ask each child I encountered what they wanted to be when they grew up. For so many of these children, life is a day-to-day battle, and they often forget that there is anything beyond this daily existence. My asking for a response to this question (and an "I don't know" answer doesn't suffice!) forced the kids to acknowledge that they have a future that awaits them, whether it be one of fire-fighting or becoming a doctor. At least they have a vision of something greater.

Most of us will have children in the future, or maybe we already spend time with them. Let us make it our responsibility to make them our priority. Let us all be positive influences in their lives, fill their minds with wholesome ideals, and be constant reminders to them of the goodness of life. Too often, they are exposed to and made victims of the world's evils. And keep in mind that we cannot put them off until tomorrow, for they are not only our future, but our now!

WONDER WOMAN VS. THE SPICE GIRLS

BY KIMBERLY CUTRONE '00
EDITORIALS STAFF

When I was a young girl I had the good fortune of being brought up in a liberal atmosphere where I was encouraged to make my own decisions and be a "leader" and not a "follower." I didn't enjoy wearing dresses and opted for those good, old, red corduroy Osh Kosh overalls and Velcro sneakers. I enjoyed playing with G.I. Joe and Barbie. I guess I was your average tomboy. The idols I had when I was growing up were strong females like Wonder Woman. She-ra was He-man's equal and both her and Wonder Woman could hold their own against any evil force, male or female. No, this is not a commentary on cartoon characters but one must admit that the image of the female has been quite changed since the days of "Big Wheels" and matchbox cars. The way the media portrays the female sex has a great effect on the way society views the female. It also affects the

way in which generations of females to come will be brought up.

In 1997, the female role models for young girls are scantily clad and waif like women such as the Spice Girls and Kate Moss. This past summer, I was a counselor for ten year old girls at a sleep away camp. I was, no doubt, much like them when I was ten. Instead of Hanson, I had pictures of the New Kids on the Block on my wall. I liked clothes back then too, but it never crossed my mind at that age to be concerned about my weight. I was appalled one day to find a camper that was missing from my swim instruction class in the bathroom, standing on the sink, turning this way and that looking at herself. When I walked in, she asked me if she looked fat in her swimsuit. Another camper had her walls covered with magazine ads of models who were close to, if not, anorexic. I also noticed that many of the girls did not play the sports like soccer and tennis that many ten year old girls during my youth had enjoyed. Is our culture encouraging girls to conform

to a stereotype? Females such as the Spice Girls and models are only known for their beauty and sex appeal. It is sad that girls are encouraged to look up to images such as these.

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girls in this generation. As teenage pregnancy increases and eating disorders become more prevalent among younger ages, must we really ask why? The answer is so very clear. The image

of the female is distorted. Females are being forced to fit into an impossible mold. Most young girls will never be six feet tall and weigh less than one hundred pounds. No girl should have to feel that this is the only beauty ideal.

In the sixties, the woman's movement advanced the female gender in society. I can't help but think that the progress that the women's movement began has been halted. How can a female be equal to a male if she is stuffed into a halter top and is unnaturally thin from starving herself? Just because the female sex is so close to having equality with the male sex does not mean we should take in stride that we have come so far. Girls should be encouraged to be anything they want to be and feel that their strength and not their bodies is what makes them beautiful. How will America ever have a female president if our future generations are too preoccupied with what they look like and reading articles in Cosmo about how to please their

man?

Strong females of the past have left too much history behind to be forgotten. Women like Gloria Steinem who so forcefully helped the women's movement are taking the back seat to the Spice Girls and Pamela Lee, two figures whom most young girls are familiar with. This has to change. The world is too preoccupied with sex and the female is at the center of it. It can only change if females begin to look to the past and take the advice of the women who helped progress the female sex to the point it is at today. Females have to think for themselves or else equality will be impossible. In the words of Geraldine Ferraro, the first woman to be nominated as a Vice Presidential candidate States:

"We've chosen the path to equality, don't let them turn us around."

CAN I EAT THE TURKEY FIRST?

BY KAITLYN PRATT '00
EDITORIALS STAFF

Have you walked into a Walgreen's or CVS lately? How about the Ames store up the street? Matter of fact, have you entered any store within the last few weeks? Seems there is a big conspiracy going on around here. Christmas time already? Last time I counted, Christmas was a few months off. Jeez, we haven't even carved the turkey yet!

When I was a little girl, all of the BIG holidays went in order...New Year's eve (sorry; New Years Day), Valentine's Day, St. Patrick's Day, Easter, Labor Day, Halloween, Thanksgiving, and then Christmas. Nowadays, it goes New Year's, Easter, Labor Day, Christmas.

My friends, we are gypping our other holidays. More importantly, we are not allowing ourselves to wholeheartedly enjoy ALL of the holidays. Don't you feel rushed? Don't you feel pressured? Aghhh!

See, the problem is that the stores are shortening the year. The buck matters more than the spirit of the holiday. Months in advance, retailers, especially the big chains, begin their ad campaigns for the "holiday season." They publish and mail their "Christmas wish books" to our front door step. Commercial after commercial... Isn't there more to Christmas than profit? The religious meaning of the holiday has been demoted to impersonal telephone orders to J. Crew. All in all, the unique celebration of the moment seems to be overshadowed by the

incessant commercialism of retailers. And we eat it up! Why is Christmas more important than, say, Easter? Shouldn't we

celebrate that for two and a half months, like we do for Christmas? Easter is an even more important in the Church year than

Christmas: I guess there's only so many Cadbury eggs you can sell. Maybe they should come out with "Easter Fun Barbie..."
But in all seriousness, don't you think that a certain magic is detracted from each respective holiday as you rush to pick out that greeting card the night before, only to see a store employee putting the cards away to make more room for the next holiday's paraphernalia? The Sunday after Halloween I found myself looking at the leftover candy-corns on the clearance racks at CVS with much sympathy. However, I was startled from my moment of silence for the forlorn niblets by a customer rushing to see this year's selection of Shoebox Christmas cards. How depressing! Time flies when you're having fun, but can I have

my fun (and finish my candy) first without thinking of what's to come?

My main point in writing this article was to bring to the forefront a situation which has caused people much unnecessary stress and disillusionment. Wouldn't it be great to be able to pick up those special turkey paper plates for Mom without tripping over chocolate-covered marshmallow Santas? We, as Americans (yes, I am being dramatic), must stand up now and fight back. Do not let the stores push us around. Do not allow them to run our lives. Stop this premature madness! We can at least wait until the day after Thanksgiving to begin the ritualistic parking-space brawls at the mall, right?

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WHAT IS DIVERSITY?

BY KRISTEN MARTINEAU '98
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Often we are inclined as human beings to look at the negative and pessimistic sides of issues. For some reason it is easier to point out all that is wrong and more difficult to focus on the positive. On Tuesday of this week, an open forum was held for students who wanted to voice their opinions and concerns to the accreditation team. These people have been carefully evaluating Providence College in an attempt to make sure that PC is a reputable institution. Tuesday was the students opportunity to have their voices heard. As expected, the negative comments outweighed the positive.

It would be naive to assert that problems do not exist at Providence College and that everything runs smoothly all the time. However, I do believe that the positive attributes outweigh the negative, and it is unfortunate that these aspects were not brought up.

The issue of diversity continues to be the focus of many heated discussions turned debates. Perhaps one of the problems in discussing this subject lies in the ambiguity of the term "diversity." It seems as though when we talk about diversity, we automatically assume that it means racial diver-

sity. A comment was made about the need for a more adequate Black Studies program because of the lack of diversity in the curriculum. I will not dispute the fact that full-time faculty members need to be hired in order for the Black Stud-

courses in the Modern Language Department that teach about cultural diversity. There are many political science courses that teach about Urban Politics, Chinese Politics and Latin American Politics to name a few. I believe diversity is an insight into the values and ideas of different people, situations and backgrounds. It includes but is not limited to race.

I understand the concerns that students have and find myself possessing some of the same concerns. However, it seemed to me that there were students present at the forum that really do not like Providence College at all and thus can only complain about it. It is unfortunate that people would stay at a place that makes them so unhappy. Life is too short to be miserable.

As a Senior, I am filled with so many mixed emotions about the future. I know that I will leave Providence College in May and enter a world that will challenge me personally, spiritually and emotionally. PC has prepared me for these challenges. I have had the opportunity to meet

some of the most wonderful people, who have so many gifts and talents to share. My hope is that we can all start to focus more on the positive aspects of PC and recognize that change does not happen overnight.

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ies program to expand. However, to assert that there is no diversity in the curriculum is incorrect. After having gone through two years of Western Civilization, I can tell you that I certainly gained an insight into the values of various cultures. There are an abundance of

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To the Editor:

I recently called into a talk show on WDOM regarding the role of the Western Civ program at Providence College and whether it should be expanded to focus more on other cultures and the role of women.

I don't want to be one of those "Civ sucks" people, but I really think there were many other things in college that I got more out of. So rather than change the focus of the program, I'd like to see them dump the whole thing. I went to class regularly, and did all the readings, so I think I have the right to say this.

10 classes that I got more out of than I did Civ.:

- Readings in Literature: J.R.R. Tolkien
- Intro. to Political Ideology
- Logic
- Principles of Economics: Macro
- Intro. to Latin American Gov. and Politics
- Comparative Asian Gov. and Politics (be sure to take Dr. Mood if she ever comes back)
- Modern Political Theory (reading Marx rules)
- International Relations (Dr. Blum again)
- Human Relations in Business (Dr. O'Kelly is a great woman)
- Comparative Revolutions (viva la revolucion!)

You know what all these classes had in common? They were discussion based rather than lecture based. Civ is way too passive.

I do think I was one of those people that was in college to expand myself intellectually. But, I think the Civ program at PC is seriously flawed. I learned much more from my personal conversations with other students and pro-

fessors and my own academic pursuits than I did from 5 days a week of lectures from professors who obviously would rather be teaching something in their own field of expertise.

I spent my freshman year in honors. Honestly, it was a big waste of time: incredibly snotty kids isolated from everyone else and made to feel like they were more important. I have to admit that it did involve more analysis than the abject memorization of regular Civ. But as far as improving my writing or thinking skills, I'd have to say that it weren't in Civ that I done learned that.

I think the attempt to teach The History of Everything is a bit absurd in the first place. Aside from helping with Jeopardy, I don't think that I got much out of Civ. In its place, I think I would have liked to have taken more electives (or perhaps a language). However, I do realize that, given the choice, most people would probably take easy classes. But does that mean that we shouldn't give them that choice? Certainly not.

Now that I am on the other side (or "the real world"), I can safely say that my time in Moore Hall would have been better spent elsewhere. The challenge is to let students find something that interests them. I tried much harder in the classes I chose to take rather than the classes I was forced to take.

Has most of this been said before? Yeah. So why do I feel the need to stir things up? I don't know. Maybe I just miss seeing my name in print. Feel free to add your thoughts.

Pat Canole '97

To the Editor:

Having read editorial writer Kimberly Cutrone's anti-smoking article in last week's *Cowl*, I suggest she be more objective on this issue as tobacco sales tax revenue help to pay for the cost of operating the United States Army.

Since there has been an Army physical presence on the Providence College campus most of the time since WWII (troops were billeted during this era in Aquinas Hall and attended classes in Harkins Hall) and because PC was and still is being compensated for its present ROTC program on campus, then I believe that the college is indirectly receiving tobacco tax moneys that helps to defray the cost of operating Providence College.

This tobacco tax money is a small part but it help to pay the cost of maintenance of good things that Miss Cutrone can enjoy on the campus. This includes the support moneys for BOP, college clubs, Midnight Madness, books for the library, a renovated cafeteria, a windowless office for *The Cowl* to name a few.

This also means that all PC employees receiving a paycheck are being supported, to a degree, by a fraction of tobacco taxes.

Since smokers on the PC campus adhere to designated smoking areas, I believe they should be left alone to do their own thing. Why is it that anti-smoking people never have anything to say about air pollution that is being caused by the drivers of internal combustion vehicles and the residue from industrial manufacturing that have been reported to cause health hazards?

Russell P. Demoe '73

JUSTICE WAS SERVED

BY KIERAN MICHAEL LALOR '98
EDITORIALS EDITOR

The jury that found Louise Woodward guilty of second-degree murder last week did so based on the evidence, after careful deliberation, and in the pursuit of justice. No one else, whether in this country or in England, listened to the entire trial with the same concentrated ear as did this jury. Certainly none of the people expressing opinions about this case can claim to have intensely deliberated for 27 hours on the subject as the twelve jurors did. Moreover, nearly all other people

Woodward's town sobbing has wrongly done the same.

Emotion and the disbelief that a such a likeable young girl would kill an infant have fueled the "Free Louise" movement. The jury however, did not let emotion rule their decision and the evidence in the case proved that this seemingly congenial young woman was indeed capable of ending the life of this baby. Those purporting to seek justice need to break free from the spell of denial and emotion which they have fell under and realize that justice has been served.

Britons and Americans wept upon hearing the news that a 19-year-old girl was being sentenced to life. But where are the tears for young Matthew Eappen whose life ended after only eight months? Where is the outpouring of support for Brandon Eappen who will grow up without his baby brother? Most agree that this child's life is over, and his family's life shattered, because of Louise Woodward's actions, be they malicious or simply reckless.

Matthew Eappen is dead and there are no suspects in his killing other than Woodward. The doctors who actually treated him at the hospital insisted that he had been injured on that day, leaving Woodward as the only possible perpetrator of this crime. The doctors who refute this, hired by the defense at a rate of \$ 900 per hour, claim the injury was three weeks old and therefore could have been inflicted by anyone. However, as the prosecution team pointed out, a baby would not crawl around happy for three weeks with a six inch crack in his skull.

Woodward did not admit to any role in this child's death, an obvious lie considering a child was killed and she was the only person in a position to kill him. This dishonesty is ultimately responsible for the life sentence. Had she admitted to the police, or at the very least, to her defense lawyers, that she was rough with the baby, or simply that there was some chance that she could have had something to do with the infant's death, her attorneys certainly would have included the manslaughter option.

The Jury was given the choice by Louise Woodward and her defense team to find her guilty of first or second degree murder or to acquit her. When the jury found her guilty of one of the options the defense gave them, the decision was dubbed a "miscarriage of justice." However, the unbiased jury correctly decided that justice truly would have been subverted if the person who ended baby Matthew's life was released with no punishment at all. Thus Woodward was given the least severe punishment available to the jury, life in prison with the possibility of parole after 15-years.

Essentially the jury's decision is a simple one: Louise Woodward gave eight-month-old Matthew Eappen a life sentence; so the jury gave her the same because that was the only option she offered them.

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have an obvious bias in forming their opinion about the case - this courageous jury did not. Therefore, it is inexcusable for all those slandering these jurors to claim that they know what really happened on February 4 when eight-month-old Matthew Eappen's life was snuffed out. Public skepticism of this verdict has grown throughout the case and has exploded since the verdict was handed down in part because of the comments made on television by well known defense attorneys. When the likes of Allen Dershowitz and F. Lee Bailey appear screaming that the defendant is not guilty, it seems to many that they are credible sources and that their points are valid. However, such a notion ignores the fact that defense attorneys are prolific liars with a stake in seeing the defense win. Furthermore, those who oppose this verdict as unjust and cite the opinion of defense attorneys to substantiate that claim, are drowning in a sea of hypocrisy because defense lawyers never have any interest in finding justice, and simply seek an acquittal.

The scenes from Woodward's hometown of Elton, England immediately after the jury rendered its decision, were sad, even disturbing. But the opinions of the defendant's friends and family on the verdict are hardly unprejudiced. Like the defense attorneys who have wrongly shifted public opinion away from the jury's verdict, the footage of

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3 Steeple Street and Other Disturbances

BY "SHAGGY" PETE KEENAN '99
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So I get my midterm grades, and see that they're putrid. Actually, some of them were not as bad as I had thought they would have been, but there was one really, really bad one. So, along with this academic thorn in my side, I have to plan two parties, worry about my house for next year, investigate an article about PC lacrosse for an up-and-coming issue, apply for an internship, worry about hereditary male pattern baldness, and figure out a way to get my dad to send me some money. I lost my fake id this past Friday, too. The only thing I really have going for me that the Patriots lost last weekend. Actually, I have two things going for me; Notre Dame has a less than .500 record, and I love watching

bad, but I did not ask you for your opinion. All you cool guys who decided to comment on the stench can walk next time I see you trodding up Eaton Street in the rain with a pack of rabid dingos nipping at your heels.

Back to my car. It is the Shaggon Wagon, a 1987 Lincoln-Mercury Grand Marquis station wagon. It's definitely the coolest car in the city, with its chipped, scratched and rusted dark blue exterior with fake wood panelling. It reeks of burning oil after a couple miles of driving (I was told this was because there is a crack in the oil line, and oil is dripping onto hot engine parts), and to open the rear passenger side door, you must first open the front passenger side door.

My sister just turned 17, and now qualifies for the privilege of driving in my fair state of New Jersey. She gets my car following Thanksgiving break. My car, and

laughter from any saracens. Let me take a moment to defend my state.

I was once told that the best defense is a good offense, so I plan on taking some cheap shots at Rhode Island, hoping you will forget about the fact that I am from New Jersey. Here goes...

Rhode Island has the worst weather of any state in the Union. When I think of Seattle, I think of rain and fog. It is expected, and everyone knows that the Pacific Northwest has a very wet climate. Nobody ever realizes that Rhode Island has the same weather patterns. I think the sun was shining for maybe like, 2 hours last semester. Always raining, always overcast, always hazy; these are the reasons why I believe that God hates Rhode Island.

The 80's are over, Rhode Island. Take your slimy Ozzy Osborne muscle shirts down to the incinerator, people.

Jersey accent? Never heard of it. But yoose guys from Craaanston and Wa-wick need to see a @#\$\$!in' speech t'erapist. What in the hell is a grinder, or a paki, or a bubbla? Go down to Newport Creamery and drink your frappe, you no-good, wicked loser. Coffee milk? C'mon.

I think I have made my point. New Jersey ain't great, but I thank my lucky stars every night that I wasn't born in Rhode Island.

So, let's get down to business and talk about one of the most talked-about bistros in Rhode Island, 3 Steeple Street. I actually don't know if it is one of the most talked about bistros, nor do I know what a bistro is, but I thought it made a good segway. You see, there I was getting Rhodey-trash angry with me, and then I just started talking about a restaurant in Rhode Island. Somewhat funny, don't you think, that I hate Rhode Island, yet I go to school here? Speaking of bistros, Jack Tripper on Three's Company had a bistro, called Jack's Bistro. I am no closer to understanding what a bistro actually is. OK, you catch me, I am just wasting up space.

3 Steeple Street, located on the downtown water front at the foot of College Hill, has a lot going for it. Good location on a heavily traversed road way, with very accessible parking in the area. First thing that struck me was the ambiance. Low lights, contemporary art decour, so on and so forth. Not bad, except for the radio blaring KIX 106 in the kitchen.

Since I just took a crack at the place, I might as well get all the bad stuff overwith before I start praising the place. The waitress was more or less a space cadet. Not a space cadet from a planet in our galaxy. No, our server was a space cadet from some different solar system altogether. She brought me my main course before

I was half done with my soup, and blatantly ignored me throughout the night. She did that ignoring part subtly, but as a former food server, I did pick up on it. She brought me the wrong check, and acted so ditzy correcting the problem, I still don't know if I paid for dessert or not. Going back to the soup (seafood chowder), it was

mer, but hey, I'm no horticulturist. Fresh or not, it was good, though I suppose you really can't screw up asparagus.

Dessert also deserves praise. I don't remember what was ordered, but it was cake and chocolate and good.

Here's a good thing about 3 Steeple Street: the prices are de-

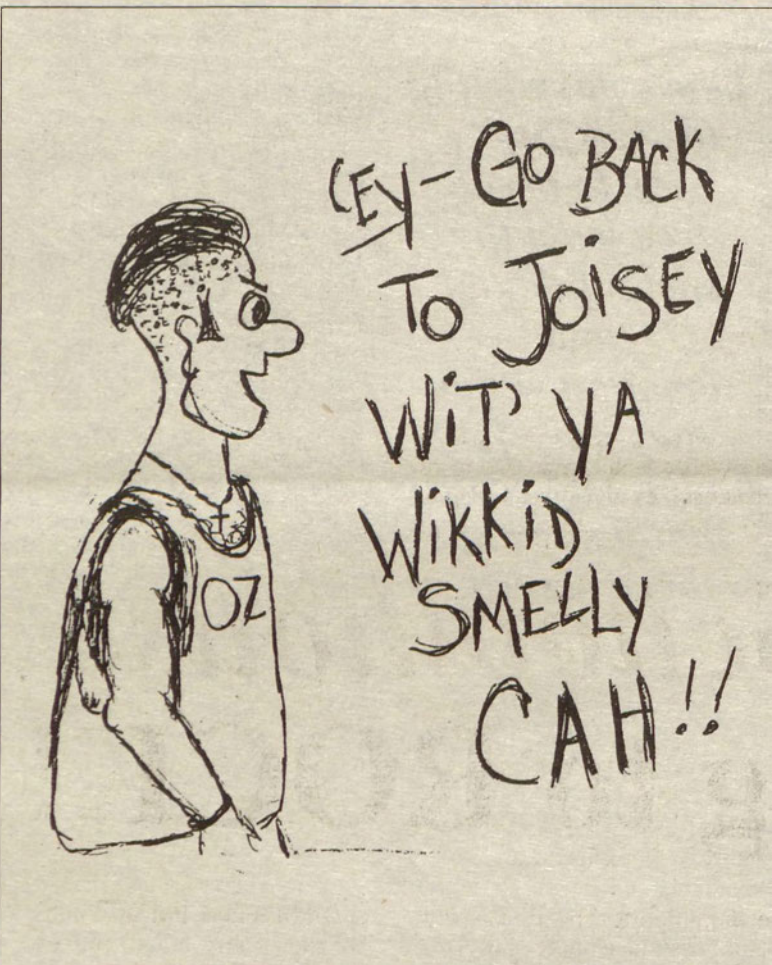
I have come to the conclusion I will never be able to grow facial hair. This will make it especially hard on me when I am racing dog sleds in Alaska, and do not have a beard to ward off the crisp winter wind.

salty and had too many shells in it. Good thing she brought out the main course before I discovered the dead rat at the bottom of the bowl, or whoever else knows what was down there.

Besides these few problems, everything was more or less good. I ordered Faith's Favorite, the daily fish special. I was fortunate enough to hit it on a good day, catfish (I like catfish). The meal came with potatoes-au-gratin, which got thumbs up, and fresh asparagus. I did not know that you could get fresh asparagus in November, being that I thought asparagus came into season at the end of the sum-

ceptively low. If you're crafty, you can go there, spend a couple of bucks, and pretend you are eating at a five-star restaurant.

So, in final, 3 Steeple Street gets good reviews. I am more or less content blaming all of the night's problems on my waitress. You not only have my blessings to eat there, but my encouragement. One warning, if your waitress' eyes looked glazed over, New Rivers is right up the street, and to my knowledge, none of their staff has had lobotomies. Oh, and by the way, in case you did not pick up on it already, 3 Steeple Street is located at ...



Garrigan and Glover get winery.

Appreciate me, for with all my commitments, I have still found the time bring you another article. Yes, I do it for the little people. The big people too, I suppose.

However, I have been asked to write an extra-long article this week, so before I actually start talking about my intended subject, I am going to gab a little. I have realized a new found hobby. I get particular joy going over to DD, Sully, and Crissy's house when I am a little looped, and throwing their undergarments around their room while they sit in the living room in a cloud of naivete. Two down, one to go... Watch out, Santora.

I have come to the conclusion I will never be able to grow facial hair. This will make it especially hard on me when I am racing dog sleds in Alaska, and do not have a beard to ward off the crisp winter wind. So a pox on all ye men who complain to me about having to go out a buy new razors every week. You will never know how much you have until you walk a mile in my shoes.

My car is my life. It smells

she gets it. I am somewhat unhappy, go figure. I am contemplating wrapping the Shaggon Wagon around a telephone pole just to spite her.

Speaking of my car, it now has four outstanding parking tickets on it from the city of Providence. These fines total \$135. I am one ticket away from getting the boot. It I get the boot, I will have to pay the \$135 I already owe, plus I believe \$175 to get it removed.

I recently mentioned I was from New Jersey. I expect that some of you might chortle at those two words, 'New' and 'Jersey.' Apart, they are relatively harmless, but together they seem to evoke

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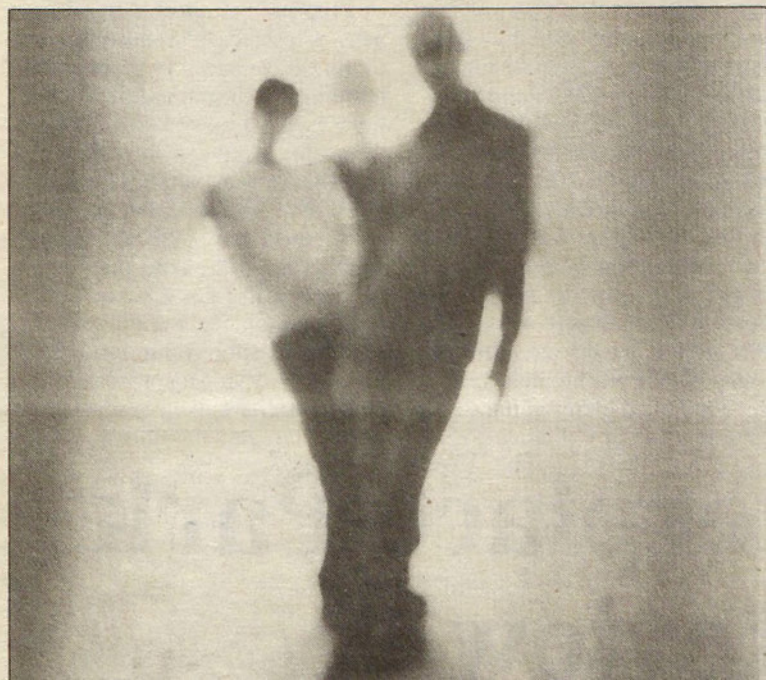
BY MICHAEL SABLONE '98
ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

In terms of titles, it's appropriate: *So much for the afterglow* of their first album, which was both a critical and financial success. Everclear has the sophomore slump to overcome. They went down an easier road: denser songs, yet adding great producing that keeps their songs catchy without the pretension of other modern rock acts.

Produced by frontman A.P. Alexakis, *So Much for the Afterglow's* songs work best when he adds to the usual mix of Greg Eklund on drums and percussion, Craig Montoya on bass and Alexakis himself handling guitar duties. The title track starts off with what sounds like a four-person vocal harmony, something an a capella group would do. As their

darting around conventional thinking. The warnings to one hit wonders don't read well, but sound OK: "he knows if he ever gets the chance / he'd sell his soul / to make the monster dance." Horns are added to the mix, with Alexakis preaching "they can't hurt you unless you let them." It borders on condescending, but since Everclear is working out of that image, you don't find him being stupidly pretentious. Now if someone like Evan Dando sang it, I'd be very angry, because he is pretentious. Alexakis just sounds normal.

"El distorto de melodica" is a heavy instrumental, complete with pounding bass and squealing feedback. It leads well into "Amphetamine" one of the better songs on the album. It continues with the harder edge, but once again is poppy (kind of like some Green



voices build you can start to hear the hiss of a guitar, which then starts in with a vengeance. Since Alexakis produced the whole thing, there is no mistaking it is his record. "Afterglow" continues with adding in handclaps, a great repeating bass line, along with solid drums.

The weird thing is he writes pretty good lyrics, even though they sound cheap: "We never ask ourselves the questions / to the answers that nobody even wants to know." The way Alexakis' voice wraps around the words is very soothing. Although the lyrics can get pretty sappy, it never sounds forced or fake. Just nice and normal.

That's another weird thing about Everclear. Their songs have a harder edge that comes off as straight pop. You know they play loud, but it lacks the grittiness that you used to get with Nirvana. It is definitely better than trying to sound jagged with a produced feel, they stick to what they do well.

The current radio single is a perfect example of what they do well. "Everything to Everyone" has basic lyrics, but the beat is amazingly involved. Adding a synthesizer beat to the chorus, the song verges on being a hip-hop song with a rock feel. Sort of like what the *Judgement Night* soundtrack was supposed to sound like. Especially when he tweaks it to tease you into thinking he's got two turntables with him.

The lyrics to "One Hit Wonder" are another testament to Everclear's

Smells Like Cartoon Planet

BY MICHAEL SABLONE '98
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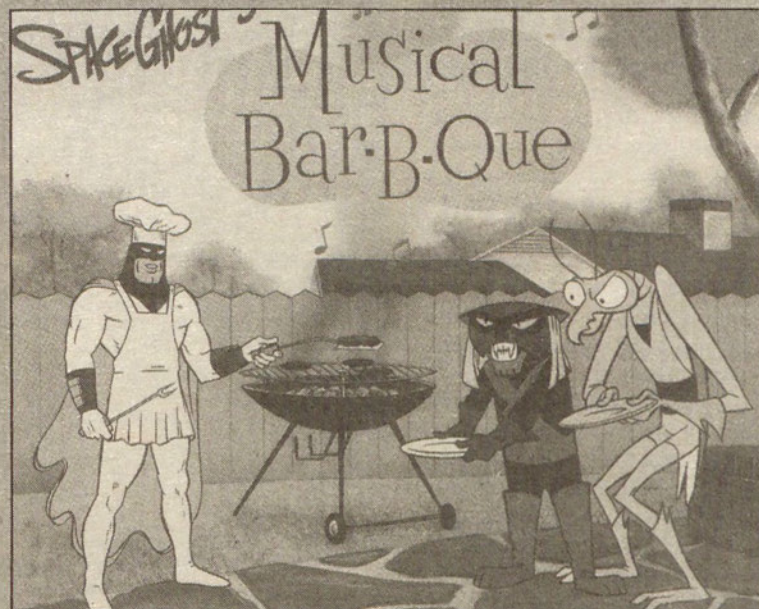
"Then comes 1992. A new Cartoon Network. Suddenly, I'm barking into a cell phone and closing deals on a StairMaster. So what if George Clooney is playing Batman? I've got something no other cartoon superhero has ever had: a burning desire to sing." —Space Ghost

It's not my fault that sitcoms are so boring that one has to turn to cartoons to find quality comedic programming. It's not my fault that you would rather watch boring, horribly delivered GenX crap like *My so called Friends* than non sequitur comedy with a nonsensical feel. It's not my fault that you don't watch Cartoon Planet.

Or is it? After all, I am in a position of informing the masses and I haven't hit inspiration to write about one of my favorite cartoons. But now, I have a reason. The good folks at the Cartoon Network realized that people who watch the show love the songs. They first released a short sampling of songs, and when that sold out quickly, they released a full-length album of greatest hits from the show.

All are represented: Zorak the ever color-changing bug, Brak the blockheaded 5-year old, uh, thing, and everyone's favorite 1960's hero, Space Ghost.

With 38 tracks, you figure



each one can't be longer than a minute, and you're right. But it's short attention spans that the show caters to. Some of the best songs on the album clock in at an un-Rush-like speed of 1:30.

Musically, these songs are sparse, recorded with what was on hand (i.e. handclaps, scat bass lines, that neat farting hand trick), what the songs lack in Beethovenesque structure, they more than make up for in pure comedic genius.

Most of this tormented humor comes from Brak, the stupid as a tin can southern accent bad guy. Whoever writes these lyrics should be given a Cable Ace award, or whatever they give to really funny programming (It sure ain't

Emmy's).

Examine the lyrics to "De Der Down" and you'll start to understand what I mean: the lyrics don't make sense, yet you find yourself singing right along. Never mind that the only lyrics are "De Der Down," it's his inflections that make it funny. Lowbrow comedy hasn't been better since Buster Keaton had a house frame fall around him.

Placed gently around the songs are snippets of dialogue from the show. They are equally as random and just as funny although some songs do shine.

In particular, "Oh Fun Key Bay

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This Schoolhouse is going to ROCK!

BY ERIC CUTLER '98
ASST. ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

Remember watching cartoons on Saturday mornings and seeing those little animated bits about prepositions, verbs, and the Bill of Rights? Well now you can relive the magic of your formative years with *Schoolhouse Rock Live!*, a lip-smacking, knee-slapping helluva good time playing at the Providence Performing Arts Center this Sunday, November 9. With classic hits like "I'm Just a Bill," "Interjections," and the phenomenal "Conjunction Junction," *Schoolhouse Rock Live!* is sure to please everybody from ages 0 to 9000.

Schoolhouse Rock Live! opened in 1993 at Cafe Voltaire in Chicago. It became an instant smash with twentysomethings who didn't want to face reality but instead revert back to the womb by doing things that they did when they were four years old. It soon caught on with the younger crowd (elementary school students would realize it was a way to make learning fun!) The show would tour area schools by day, teaching kids their ABC's with some rockin' tunes, and play the Body Politic at night for the kids whose bedtime was later than eight o'clock. In 1995, the show moved

to the Atlantic Theatre in New York for a quick stint. New York audiences fell in love with the irreverent tunes about grammar, math, and important documents of

are 2 PM and 4 PM on Sunday (two shows only, folks!) and tickets \$15.00, \$12.00, and \$8.00. Tickets are available by calling the Providence Performing Arts Cen-

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our country's history. *Schoolhouse Rock Live!* moved back to Chicago where it stayed until the tour.

The show is directed by Scott Ferguson with music by Lynn Ahrens, Bob Dorough, Dave Frishberg and others. Show times

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Don't beLIEve the Hype

BY DAVE LIFRIERI '99
ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT STAFF

On Monday night 64' Hall was visited by two beings: Ed and Lorraine Warren. The Warrens are self proclaimed ghost hunters who work out of Connecticut. They have lectured at many Universities and Colleges. Their lecture consists of a spirit slide show and first hand ghost testimony by the dynamic duo. The Warrens added a video section to this years program. The audience witnessed its spookiness first.

The video had a distinctly "low-fi" feel which raised a few questions in my mind: If they are trying to document ghosts, shouldn't they have the best possible equipment? I would imagine that college lecture tours and research grants can be quite lucrative...The opening shots of old grave stones shot with a shaky hand at off-kilter angles and cheesy blood effects over macabre images while a familiar gothic chorus (was that the Dracula soundtrack?) serenaded us, left me puzzled. Why were they trying to scare us -- more importantly, why were they failing miserably? Why did they need to sensationalize something they believe as truth?

The next section of the video consisted of taped segments of "Sightings" and a fox video hosted by John Davidson, of "Hollywood Squares" fame. These segments were shown to prove a story told by Lorraine Warren of a case of lycanthropy, or of a werewolf. This case was from... you guessed it, London. "Aoooooo!" and was deemed by the Warrens to be a case



The Warrens would like you to believe that pictures like these are evidence of ghosts. Too bad it's the editor and his friend Dave just messing around for an art project.

of devil possession. The videos just re explained the story, and added scary shots from the "werewolf's point of view." The video also featured testimony of London police officers. Their testimony described a man with super human powers. Testimony from others although interesting, is the weakest source of knowledge. Did these men get paid for their words? Even if they were telling the truth, there are many other plausible explanations before we deem this man to be possessed by the great evil one. The human body is capable of many things which seem super human. The hormone adrenaline, for example, can give a person seemingly superhuman strength. Fur-

ther, the still pictures from the exorcism of this English man showed no claws, fangs, pointed ears, or for that matter hair. Why didn't they bring a video camera? Why didn't the police officers take even a snapshot of this werewolf, for evidence purposes? This had all the makings of a hoax. We were shown no hard evidence of the existence of werewolves.

The slide section of the program was just as shifty. The pictures of supposed ghost globules could be attributed to a dirty lens. The free standing Ghostly projections could have been manufactured by double exposing the film. Using a slow shutter speed can also give blurred images, that one could mistake as ghosts.

Ed Warren asked the audience if they wanted to see a ghost. He described the scene that followed as a forest of arms. - already knew it- They thrive on people who want to believe. Their pictures of ghosts even if they were true phenomena had to be looked into to "see" the image. Try this simple exercise: stair at the dots on any ceiling and try to see an image, one will materialize and the dematerialize before your eyes. Are these Ghosts? No. The power of the human imagination is very strong. People who want to believe in ghosts will see ghosts; where another person would see a blur of white. People want to believe in a lie. They want to be scared. The Warrens made this obvious obser-

vation and have made a living off of it.

The "scariest" moment in the presentation was when Ed described a scene we are all familiar with: You are laying in bed asleep and you wake up to realize that you cannot move and feel cold. The Warrens attribute this "paralization to a ghost pulling psychic energy from you in order to materialize. Biology attributes this to the muscle atrophy that occurs when a person sleeps. (I learned that in Neuroscience, Mrs. Rinaldini, senior year, High School.)

The crowd was set up to believe that it must be a ghost. Ed Warren was tapping into deep fears of humans and giving them they answer that we most want to hear, Ghosts exist. These answers aren't the most scientific or objective. For example the pictures of these spirits were validated by other paranormal organizations some of which Ed and Lorraine were apart of. If they honestly believed in these things why wouldn't they have an objective researcher investigate these phenomena?

I believe that these things happen. Close friends and relatives of mine have had very graphic experiences of the paranormal. I believe them. I don't know if these things are ghosts or psychic projections or whatever, but I believe the stories. I hoped that the Warrens could have answered my questions with some hard evidence, but all I got was more stories with shaky evidence surrounded by spooky circumstances and told by two people who know the fears of its audience and played off them to gain credibility.

The Boathouse at Waterplace Park A Restaurant Review

BY TOM LYMAN '99
EDITORIALS STAFF
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SPECIAL TO THE COWL

The newest gastronomical addition to the Providence Renaissance in the downtown area is the Boathouse at Waterplace Park. Part of the plan to increase activity in the area, the restaurant is tucked right into the granite amphitheater along the side of Waterplace Park and takes in a panorama of water, skyscraper, and city lights. If its

setting isn't already impressive enough, wait until you try the food.

The restaurant is divided into three sections, and eventually will have a fourth. The first floor consists of an informal dining area, the second is formal and rivals the style of The Capital Grille across the street, and the third floor is reserved for smokers of cigars and drinkers of cognac. By next year, an outdoor cafe and snack bar will open on the street level, and vendors along the riverfronts will be purveying the creations of the

Boathouse as well. We were given a superb seat in the informal section by the window overlooking the Woonasquatucket.

The menu is extensive, and covers the likes of appetizers, salads, grill items, pastas, desserts, and especially local seafood. We found the price range quite accommodating as well. Most items were in the \$8-15.00 range, while some grill and seafood could reach into the

mid-\$20 range.

To our surprise, the waitress brought us complimentary crab cakes and french fries. Though crab cakes do enjoy quite a bit of competition locally, these compared well. We tried the lobster ravioli for \$12.95, and a veal marinara at only \$9.95.

The ravioli was presented very artfully, with geometric arrangement of the ravioli on the plate, each one topped by a little broccoli and surrounded by marinara sauce and a drizzling of alfredo too. It combined well the marine taste of the lobster with the familiar one of marinara and pasta. Accompanying the entree were three types of caviar, something which neither of us had ever tried. There were black, yellow, and orange colored caviar, and the last two were far saltier than many taste buds enjoy. Our judgment was that caviar is better to talk about than eat.

The veal marinara was immense in size. It covered two thirds of the plate, and was served atop ziti. The veal was tender and delicious. It just melted in the mouth. Even though the piece was large, there was no problem finishing it. Every forkful was so satisfying and delicious that it seemed sinful to leave any behind.

Service at the Boathouse was top notch. Though the staff was new, they served us without a hitch. Our water was routinely filled, a warm, crusty bread was

brought to us, and when requested, one of the meals was cooked to order without a problem.

The decor gave everything a distinctly nautical feel—a large boat hanging from the ceiling, bar lamps shaped like fish, photos of old Providence in its port days, and dinnerware that had a hand-painted, oceanic look about it. Even the silverware was imprinted with oyster shells.

We were assured that each of the desserts would be excellent, but we were in a mood for good old apple pie a la mode. We had one with a scoop of chocolate ice cream, and the other with vanilla—both winners. Again, the presentation topped it off. Settled into a large, deep dish, the pie was surrounded by a sprinkling of blueberries, cranberries, raspberries,

and a carefully sliced strawberry.

The Boathouse gets five stars from us. The perfect combination of quality food prepared with creativity, service with professionalism, and environment to beat all made our time there a memorable evening. Make plans to go—it'll be a well-rounded Providence experience to remember!

-The Boathouse is located at 1 American Express Way, at the corner of Francis St. in downtown Providence, a minute's walk from Providence Station railroad terminal. There is valet parking at the entrance, or free street parking a few minutes' walk away. No reservations are taken for the informal section, but recommended for the formal section. Call (401)272-1040.

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Bee" stands out for the harmonies made by the characters human beat box coupled with the great lines uttered by Brak: "Oh baby, I bought you present baby, / It's not too big, and it's . . . a plant."

As an extra added bonus, the good people have included two Karaoke versions of songs, so you at home can sing along. Take it from a guy whose roommates sing every line to every song at the top

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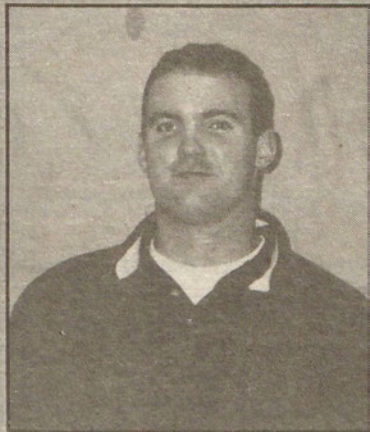
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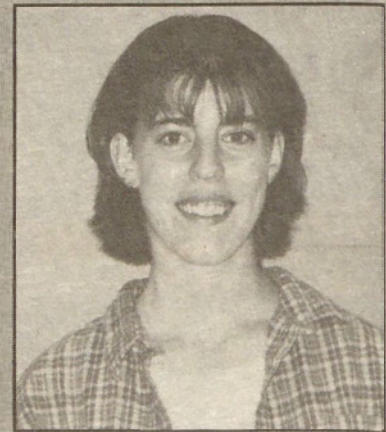
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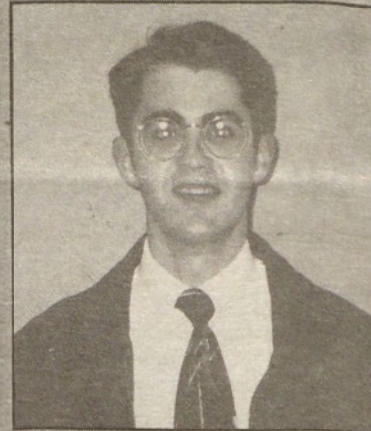
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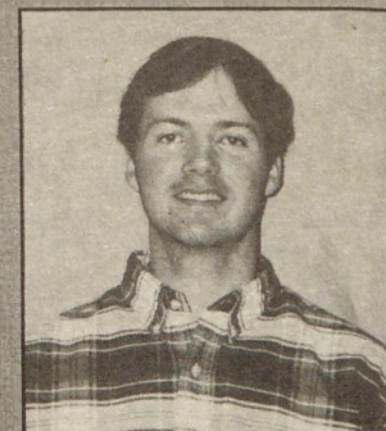
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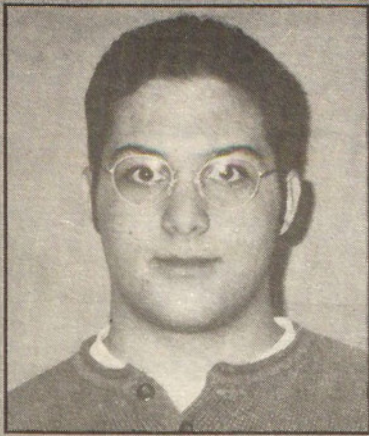
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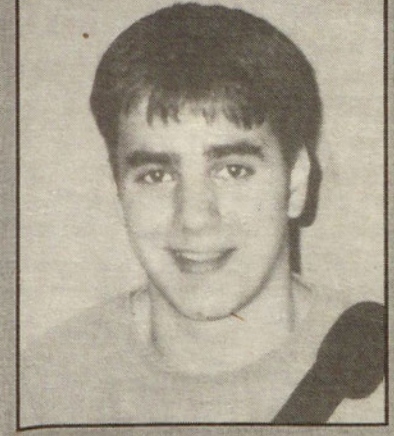
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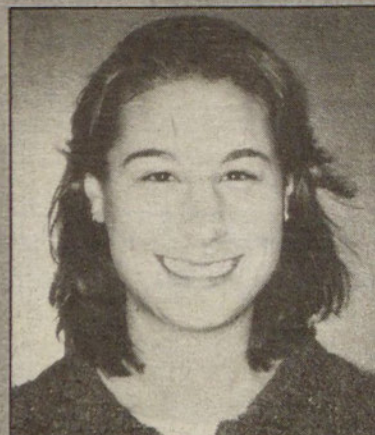
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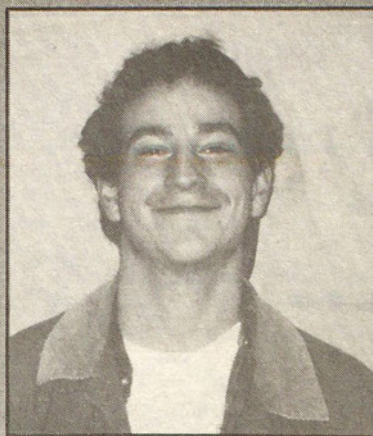
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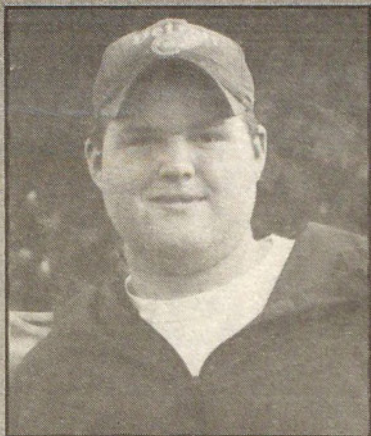
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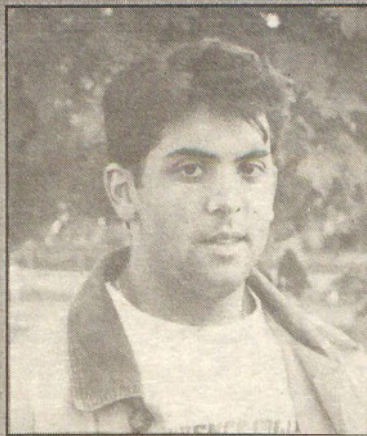
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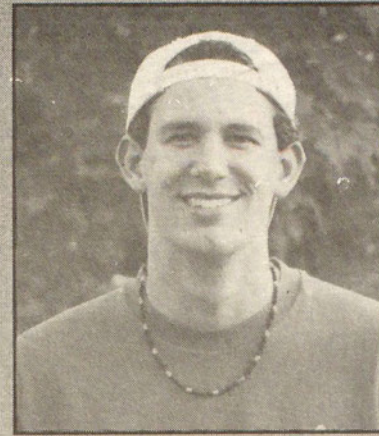
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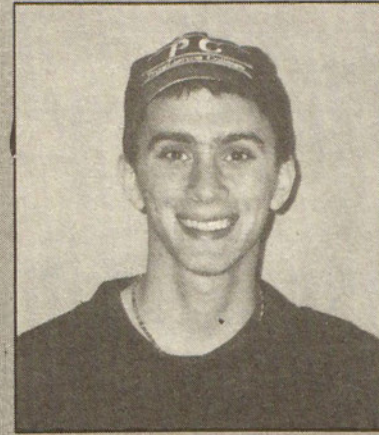
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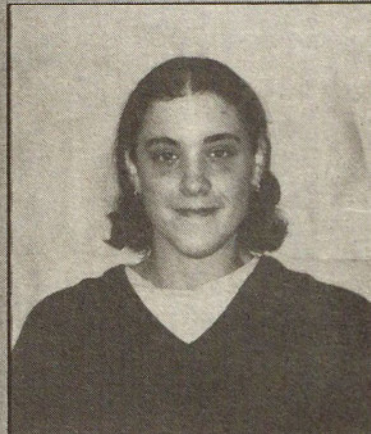
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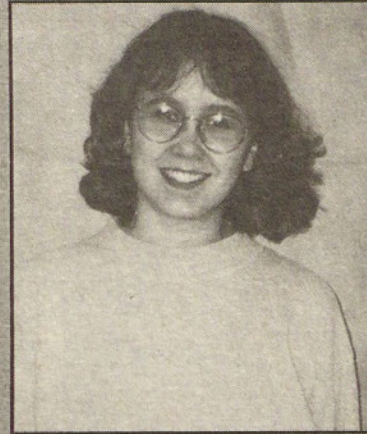
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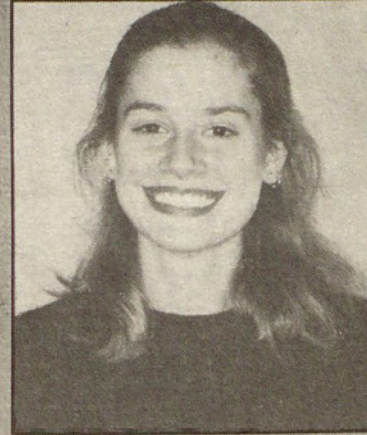
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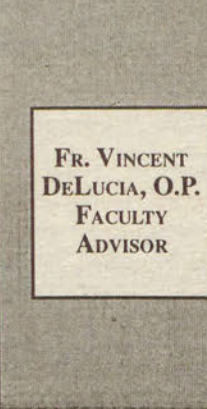
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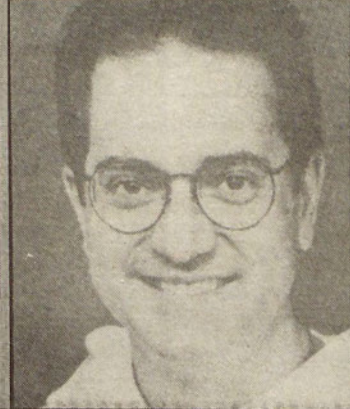
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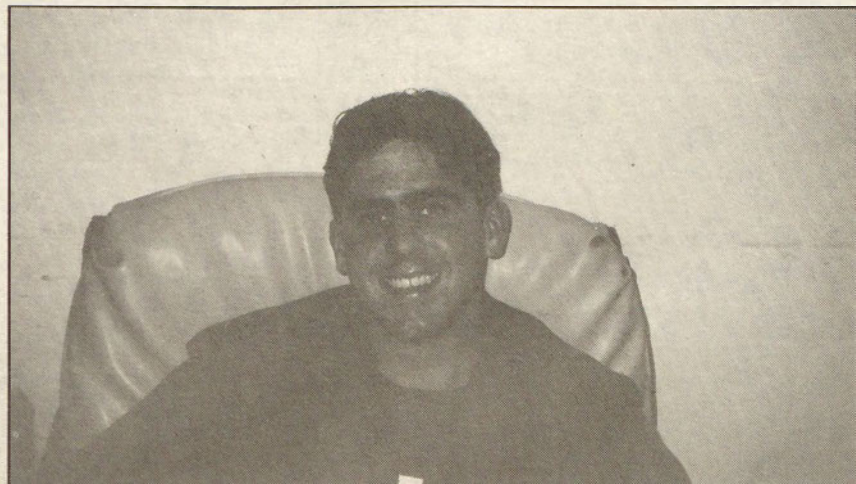




Where do you see your roommates in ten years?



**Julie Moore '99, Brian Marsh '99,
Renee Cormier '99 & Elizabeth Hackett '99**
"Still doing the walk of shame up Eaton Street!!"



Dave Chamberlain '98
"Rehab!"



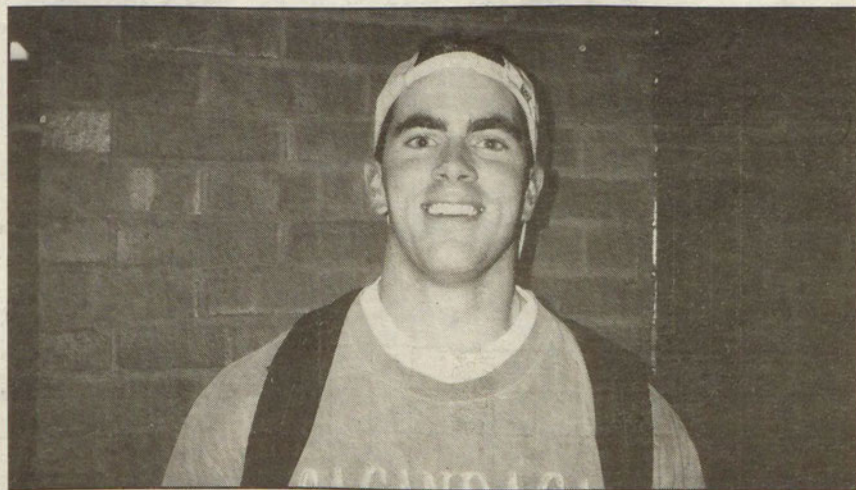
**Hayley Feyre '00, Samantha Lako '99
& Stephanie Stack '00**
"Full-time employees at the Foxy Lady!"



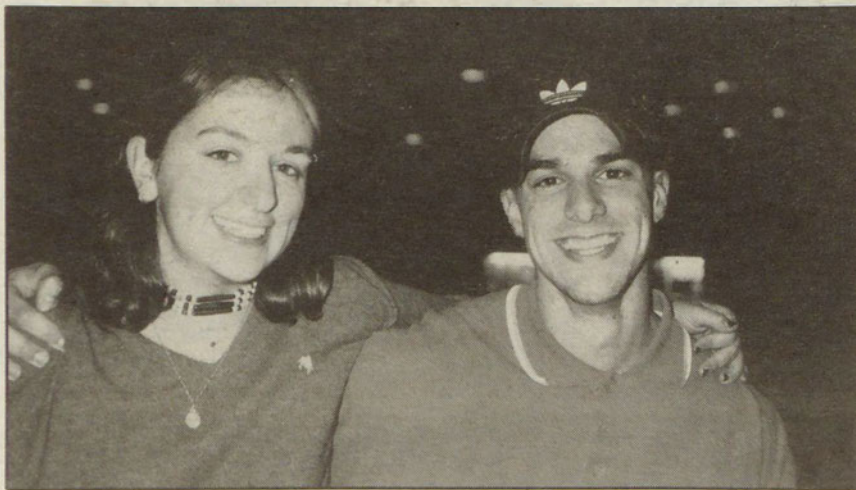
Jaime Babstock '99 & Renee Popavero '00
"Happily married and populating the entire Western hemisphere!"



Nicole Sperdelozzi '98 & Julie Cosio '98
"Performing at Graceland!"



Jason Cromack '99
"Playing minor league hockey in some desolate town!!"



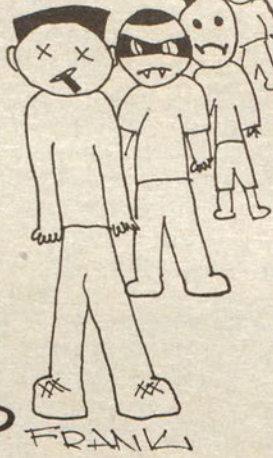
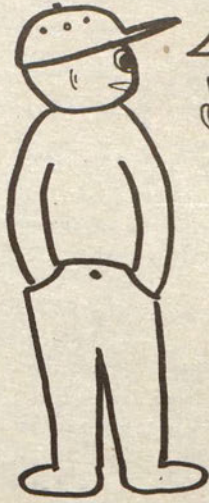
Amy Damore '01 & Carmine DiMascio '00
"Makada will be the only Packers' cheerleader and Greg's going to be the Pope!"



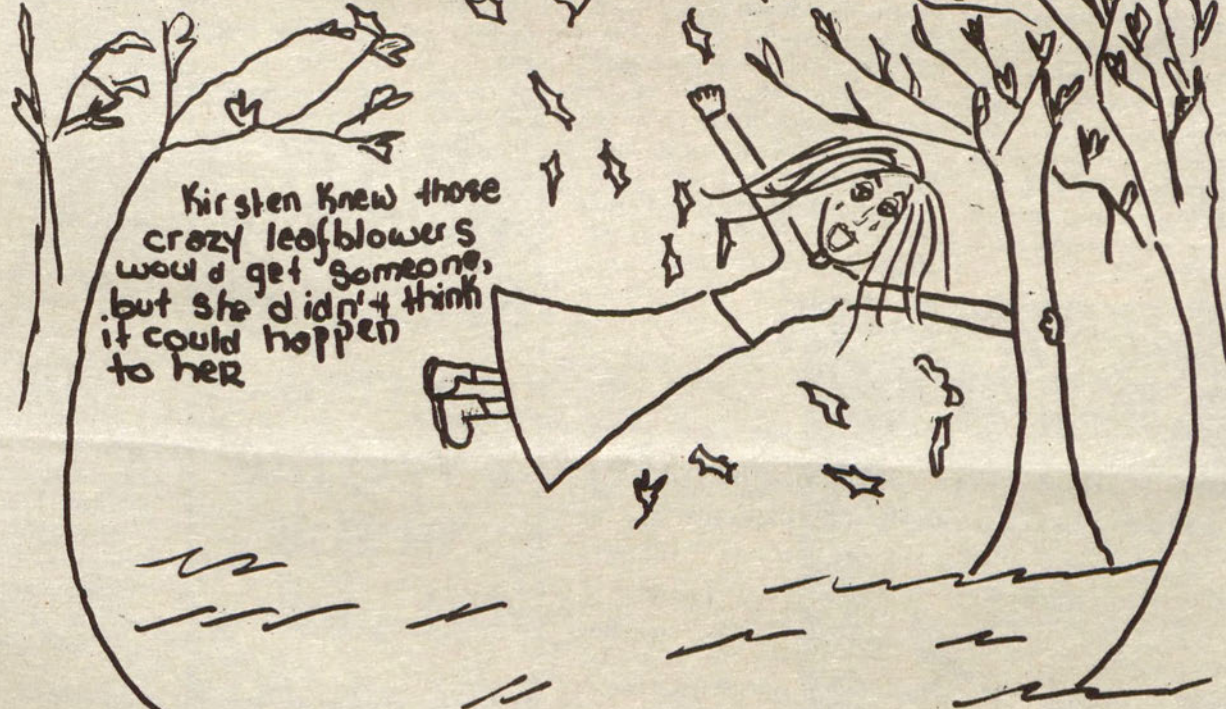
**Karen Jasinski '01, Carolyn Whitney '01
& Amy Bouchard '01**
"Married to a mafia man who's part owner of Clubbies!!"

Matty & Rizzo: "One thing's for sure...Cummo will be in a straight jacket trying to find the corner of a round room!"

Isn't this the Crapateria that everyone hates and is always complaining about?



THE LOST HOPE by: Michelle Cruz



Fishing...

Viengxay C. Duangpanya



"If I get really good... maybe dad will take me fly fishing!"

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Friar Boy's Birthday: A Time For Reflection

By BRIAN KENNEY '99
FEATURES STAFF

There has been an extra oomph in his pounce, a little more friskiness in his assaults on the scavenging squirrels; even his neighbors have noticed more noise than usual coming from his pad. What could be the cause of such raucous behavior? It is nothing other than anxious energy caused by an upcoming birthday!

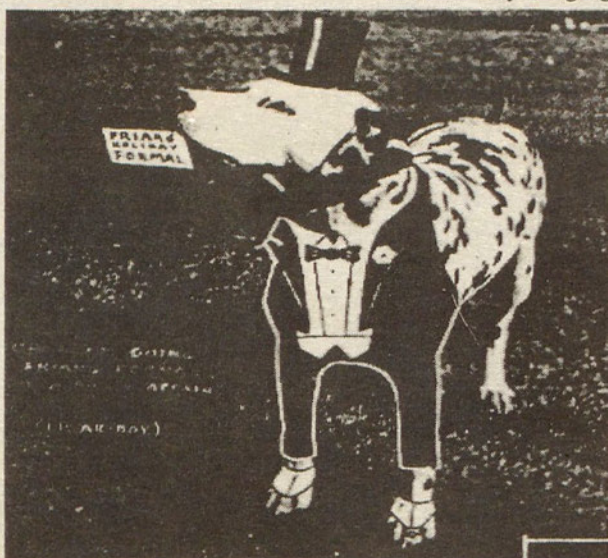
That's right, Friar Boy has asked me to inform you, the reader, that on November 8th, he will be turning five years old — that's thirty-five in dog years. Yes, our faithful mascot is getting up there in age, but don't let him hear you say that. He insists that age is only a number and that he doesn't feel a day past two.

The invitations for his Birthday party have been sent throughout the campus and country. Mayor Buddy Cianci, an old time acquaintance and fellow Big East fan, has already replied with much enthusiasm. The whole cast of 101 Dalmatians is anxiously awaiting the festivities. Even Snoop Doggy Dog and the Dogg Pound are said to be making an appearance for their favorite East Coast dog.



A celebration of this caliber is well deserved. Friar Boy's loyalty to the school, and athletics in particular has been unmatched. Actually, Friar Boy's family and an-

cestors have had a long history with Providence College and the Dominican Order.



It is said that while pregnant with St. Dominic, his mother saw her son, in a dream as a white and black dog bearing in its mouth a torch with which he illuminated the entire world. To this day, the coat of arms of the Order shows the black and white dog holding a lighted torch in its mouth.

The first Dalmatian came to our campus in the mid 1930's, thus beginning the college's long tradition. Among Friar's more interesting relatives was Friar III also known as 'Jiminy Crickets'. His mother was Lady Chocolate of Glenmore. 'Jiminy Crickets' was the longest serving mascot with twelve years at Providence College. Friar Boy V's goal is to well surpass those twelve years set by his relative.

There have also been some major scandals with our mascot in the past. Friar Boy II was kidnapped from the college in 1936. The culprits were never found, but students at PC had a suspicious feeling that our state rivals in Kingston had something to do with it. To put your worries to rest, Friar Boy II was returned safely,

and proudly appeared at the next sporting event. When interviewed about his strange disappearance, Friar Boy II just wagged his tail and barked. Apparently he was

just happy to be back home.

So in the next few days, if you see Friar Boy hanging out around

campus, don't forget to wish him a happy birthday. He is more than just a dog, he is a tradition here at Providence College. As for what Friar is going to wish for when he blows out his candles; well—he shied away from any specifics, but he did hint it would concern a certain Friar win at the Civic Center against a certain state rival.

**Happy
Birthday
Friar Boy!
From
Everyone
at the
Cowl**

By HEATHER ROBIN ROSE '99
FEATURES STAFF

As my roommates well know, I am one of the world's worst spillers. It's weird because I never used to spill things on myself. I think it all started last year. Almost every single day (no, I'm not exaggerating), at dinner in Raymond, I would spill or drop some food or drink on myself. In fact, I was inspired to write this article this morning when, at breakfast, I spilled apple-grape juice all down my sweater.

Usually my spills were no big deal. It actually became kind of a joke. But sometimes I would find myself in very awkward positions. Probably the best example would be at last year's Blind Date Ball. There I was, all dressed up, when all of the sudden it happened: a carrot from my salad dropped off my fork. No, it didn't land on the floor. It didn't even land on my lap. That carrot dropped right down my dress, and I was faced with a true dilemma.

Only one of the other nine people at my table had even noticed (and, boy, was he laughing), but I wasn't quite sure what to do. I had two choices; I could either excuse myself and go to the ladies' room or try to retrieve the carrot right there at the table. Both options required a confession: I had to tell everyone what happened. So I did and you know what? Not one person was the least bit surprised that I had spilled once again.

The weird thing is that I never seem to have this problem at home, only when my friends are around me. Like last year, when my parents came and took me and two

friends out to dinner. I spilled. Or over the summer when my friends came to visit me. I spilled again.

I guess it's all kind of amusing, but with JRW coming I really hope I can contain my spillage at the

Voted "Most Likely to spill something at dinner."

dinner table. (IF YOU ARE ONE OF MY ROOMMATES DO NOT READ THIS NEXT LINE - IT'S SUPPOSED TO BE A SURPRISE -- not like you couldn't figure it out). But, surprise, surprise, my friends did vote me "Most likely to spill something at dinner."

**Thought of
The Week**

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- B. F. SKINNER

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Sick: The Amoxicillin Queen

By JILL YABLONSKI '00
FEATURES STAFF

I am the amoxicillin queen. Last year I got a cold every single month — literally. It actually beat my fourth grade record of strep throat seven times in a row. Currently, I'm on the tail end of my October '97 cold; I'm proud to say it did not have the severity to constitute yet another trip to the Health Center, though it was a rather tempting journey. For some reason, sickness is just a trend in my life that I cannot defeat. Believe me I try. For all the sickly, like me, I can give you your instructions for recovery right now if you like. They have been implanted into my mind without my conscious attempt. Apparently, hearing these words a countless number of times last year has had an unforeseeable and permanent effect on me. Take the amoxicillin (the multi-colored pills) once every eight hours, the Entex (the blue pills) twice every twelve hours or twice a day, and the Robitussion cough syrup every four to six hours. You must finish all of the pills, but you can stop with the syrup as you feel necessary. Oh, and get plenty of rest and liquids, as if the former is a possibility at school. Honestly, if I got a solid five hours of sleep a night last year I would have been a lot better off.

I'm not trying to be flippant; I am **very grateful** to the good

people at the Health Center who are here to nurse me. I just don't understand why I am continually the victim of the common cold. I'm a good girl; I take my vitamins every day. For those of you like me, I've heard a rumor that Vitamin C is the only one you can overdose on that gets safely flushed out of your system. So I say let's stock up and enjoy. Hey, did I mention that I always wash my hands? For

cleanse my hands. I'm willing to go through that minor inconvenience just so we can all be a little bit better off. Please, I beg of you to do the same. Is it really that difficult to cover your mouth and wash your hands? It is a small sacrifice to make for the community as a whole. Understand that I am not naive. I've got the power to speak to the whole campus, but I know few will bother to listen. I

got my flu shot a couple of weeks ago and I've stocked up on extra soft tissues, NyQuil, and (my personal favorite) Dimetapp. I only hope that everyone had the foresight and caring relatives that I did.

It's on — the war that is. I've got my weapons and my temporal cures, but what does the enemy have? A malleable make-up with multiple points of entry into me and what appears to be an uncar-

ing and hygiene phobic society-hah! I've got orange juice. Well, that is not entirely true. I've got access to Raymond OJ. Still, I survived September without any infiltration and although November is still young, I'm strong.

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those of you who don't, you're sick. I'm going to target you as the cause of my suffering. I know you are not the sole reason, but you can't deny your importance as one of the main contributing factors to my ill health. Yes, I know for a fact that the Aquinas bathrooms do not have soap, (I am completely clueless about all the other dorms) but I still manage to thoroughly

Trapper Keepers, Big Wheels, And The Back Seat of the School Bus

By ALI FALLON '98
FEATURES STAFF

So, you want a new car and good grades. Maybe you're trying to figure out who you can bring to the JRW? Or are dying to see if you obtained your desired score on the GREs? Seems like there are a lot of pressures on us college kids, doesn't it? Wouldn't it be nice to return to the carefree days of childhood? The days when there were no worries, and there was nothing to be concerned about except what was for dessert. But wait, just how carefree were they? Sure, our wants were different then those we have today, but even as kids there was always a pressure to have certain "cool" things and certain tasks that had to be accomplished.

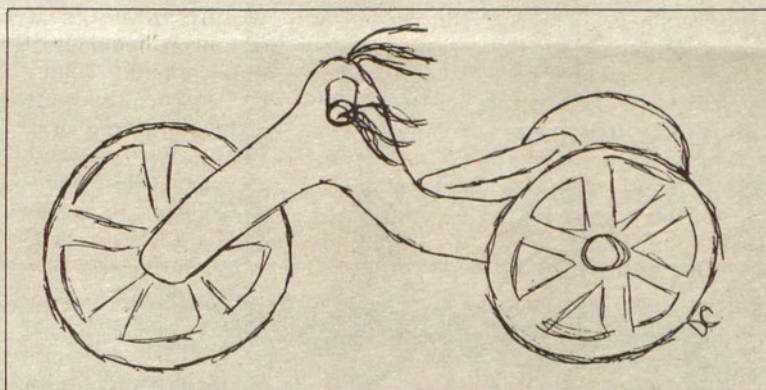
For example, remember how long you had to wait to write in cursive instead of print in school? Or to even be given permission by the teacher to write in pen! What about longing to stay up for a whole evening of prime time television shows! What about going to sleepover parties and desperately struggling to be the person to stay up the latest, despite being truly exhausted? No one can forget how amazing it felt when you finally took a ride on a two-wheeler without training wheels! The cool kids could roller skate backwards without ever falling! It was always a feeling of triumph when you were the one who got to sit in the back seat of the school bus. All the cool kids brought in

whole donuts, not just Munchkins for their birthdays, and some even brought homemade cupcakes with candies on them!

Oh, and those are just some of the things that we really wanted to do. What about all the things that you wanted to have? Like one of those tents on your bed, or for girls, a frilly canopy bed. Of course the Barbie Dream House and GI Joe supplies were standard must-haves for several years of our lives. And, who could forget how important having the right school supplies was? Everything from Trapper

Keepers, to patterned book covers (rather than plain brown paper bags), to huge boxes of Crayola crayons so that you were able to have the box with a sharpener in it, to those little rubber triangle things that you could put on your pencil so that you hold it correctly, were essential. As was it important to have one of those cool swirly straws, a big wheel, a ten speed bicycle, and a birthday party

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BY LORI D. MCCREVAN '99
FEATURES EDITOR

She could be so much, but to her, potential is merely a word. She will always do what she feels, searching for what she considers really matters. Class is something that fits into her schedule sometimes. I would like to think that she sleeps a lot, but I know that she sleeps less than anyone. She sits, stares, and imagines. Her writing is all that is vivid to her, but to anyone else it is nothing.

"It's experimental poetry," she explains, preying on my lack of English jargon.

She suddenly sees herself in a random person, follows it, but discovers that it is someone else. She looks to different people to make herself, failing to see that it could come from somewhere within her. She will never discover herself; she has always believed that she is only what other people tell her. She has come to believe that she is an introverted, shy, quiet, human being that deserves no attention. Now she is running away from the things that matter most — tomorrow.

She tells me that he loves her, but I'm

sure that he is another element of her fictional life. He, tall and handsome, has not called.

"He will call," she promises, mostly when she stares at the fridge, deciding which items have the least amount of fat. I choose not to remind her that he will not be able to see her over the phone.

He is the one that is supposed to save her, but I doubt that he will. I am sure that



he is the one who she sees outside her window at night. She speaks to him, to herself, waiting for the day when there will be someone there who will really answer. She waits for everything, expecting that it will come

to her. I have tried to tell her that she might have to go out and look for something. She ignores me most of the time. Other times, she will tell me about the pretty girl in the park. She wants to cut her hair like that girl: she has a boyfriend that loves her. That girl is happy. I remind her that she has a boyfriend too. She gets quiet and searches for another girl to mold her life.

I often wonder why it is that she does

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not use me as her model. In fact, I am starting to get a little offended. She envies so many people, yet I am not one of them. She pretends to know all the strangers, but makes no effort to know me. We mumble hello,

chew socially at dinner, and say good night whenever necessary. Then I am the one that tells her that she can be herself. I tell her that she is smart and pretty, and that she should not obsess about pounds. I insist that she goes to class. I tell her that love is nothing to look forward to. I understand her even when she doesn't. Yet, she does not want anything to do with me.

I tell her the things that are unimportant.

I think she wants to see me fail. She wants me to gain the pounds I never could, or forget to go to class. She wants me to have to study for an exam. She wants me to stop dating Matt because that would make my life a little less perfect. Is that fair? She lives her life according to her rules, but I need to live by my rules. I cannot change my life because she wants me to.

We will never understand each other, yet we still keep up with each other. She will never see that life is ordinary. She will always want the things that she cannot have, and I will always accept the things that occur. Yet somehow, in the end, we risk it all to find a place in this world. Together.

Erin's Website Of The Week

BY ERIN R. KING '98
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Yesterday, instead of doing my homework, I found something amazing. The "Centre for the Easily Amused" met all my requirements for time-wasting via the Internet: it included tons of links, had cool graphics, and because it spelled "Centre" the British way, it made me feel cultured too.

Apparently visiting this page suits me, too—I mentioned to some pals that I had just visited the "Centre for the Easily Amused," and they laughed. Heartily. I think they

or hit 'reload' on your browser." Gems: the "Actual Factual Headlines," such as "Include Your Children When Baking Cookies" and "Clock Thief Faces Time." Also, the online soap "Cathablanca," featuring *Amused* Webmaster Cathy, is worth checking out if you're stuck in class during *Days*.

Don't miss the "Sites that Do Stuff," either—you can spend hours here. Try sending "Virtual Stuff," like a web postcard of "a bag of flaming dog doo," accompanied your choice of sound files, such as "Hey baby, wanna wrestle?" from Beavis &

work?" This is it, in its purest form. At the Lucent Technologies/Bell Labs "Text-to-Speech" page, you can type stuff in and listen to it. Plus, you can hear weather reports in Mandarin Chinese.

I don't suggest "Converting your IP-address into fractal music," a page which determines where you are and then turns your location into a "fractal algorithmic composition program" unless you are on your own server, because "pcwall.providence.edu" sounds horrible—like something getting run over. I guess Computer Services never thought of that one, eh?

If you like chat rooms you will never leave the Virtual Ballroom at ...amused.com/ballrm.html and ...ballrm2.html. This uses

Java Script (yes?) to show human forms dressed in formal wear accompanied by speech bubbles rather than just text. No more "Scary Spice* anybody wanna talk?" like in your average chat room. The only problem is, there's only one male image and only one female image, so I was wearing the same dress as all the other gals in the room. This page does have some very useful applications—say, if you're going to JRW, you can practice witty repartee in a real-life setting. That is, unless the formal has to be held in a barn or something this year.

So grab your scissors, cut out this nifty address, and run, don't walk, to Accino. Otherwise you may have to fight off all the people sending me dog doo for this crappy article.



thought I meant I had been in some kind of home, though.

Enough of that. To get started, type the magical letters <http://www.amused.com> and watch the fun begin. I recommend the "Fact-O-Matic," which, being "chock full of absolutely useless facts for your viewing pleasure," shows "a new useless fact (or occasional lawyer joke) each time you visit

Butthead, to a friend. I selected "The Bard's Song" by Enya to accompany the dog doo. My roommate loved it so much she threw all my stuff out in the hallway and won't let me back in, just so I can spend all my time in the computer lab.

So you were wondering just what Lucent Technologies meant when they said "We make the things that make communications

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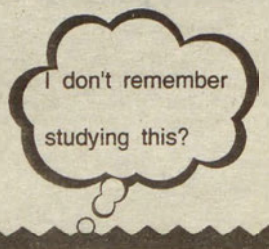
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Pork Queens and Applesauce

By MICHAEL SABLONE '98
ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

When we last left our intrepid reporter Mike, he was running around the fair, eating greasy fries, smelling the livestock, and being called "Miles" by the Rabbit Barn inhabitants. (They thought I had a remarkable resemblance to Miles Silverberg from Murphy Brown. Only one other person has seen this and that was my track coach in high school.)

"Hey, uh, Mike. You're getting off track. Incorporating information no one will understand, or care about."

"Yeah, but isn't that the point?"
"Oh. You've got a good argument."

Fair Queens. Ahhhhh. Now think about it: How would you like to be a nice, somewhat attractive girl, age 18, and go around being referred to as the "1997 Clinton County Pork Queen?" Most Easterners would think it's the kiss of death. One simply equates pork with fat pigs. (I think the Pork Queen is chosen simply because she is the smallest girl who auditions.)

Yes, I said audition. It's not really an audition, it's an extensive process one goes through to be named a Queen. There is an application, and a question-and-answer period in front of a very large audience. Sort of like Miss America, except without the controversy about the bathing suits. They wear overalls. (That's a joke.

Whoa boy. I'm on fire.)

Nevertheless, these girls aren't stupid. Just their names are. There is the Lamb and Fleece Queen, the Goat Queen, the Poultry Queen, and, of course, the Fair Queen.

I became friendly with the Queens, partly because I couldn't wait to run home and tell everyone that I was friends with a Pork Queen, and partly because they were always at the events I was at. If I ever had a question, instead of asking an adult who would scoff at me (which they did at the Hog Barn), I would ask the Queen. Some were nicer than others, but that's beside the point.

What was my point? You know, I've been focusing just in on the Pork Queen. There were other Queens (as I said before), but the one that is the most fun to say is definitely Pork.

Through the Queens, especially the Runner Up Fair Queen who always was at the Rabbit Barn (my default setting), I learned that many of the girls were studying agriculture management of some sort at one of the Ohio state schools. These were not your normal beauty queens. They were, well,

more Midwestern.

Other things I learned at the fair could fill an article. I made it a point to seem like I was watching something, but just listen in on conversations around me. Sort of like eavesdropping, except more

a huge objection to the show:

"You ever watch Rocko's Modern Life?"

"Yeah. I like it. I really like Heifer, he's stupid."

"But, that's so dumb. Why did they name him Heifer if he's a he?"

It took me about five minutes before I realized that heifers are girl cows.

I tried watching harness racing and demolition derbies and antique tractor shows, but somehow the gap just was too big to get over.

I spent a lot of time at the fair, just soaking in local culture and getting to know certain people who looked my age. Some called me Miles, others went with the more popular "Picture Guy" (note absence of word "boy").

All the kids were really nice and helpful, even when I asked really stupid questions. (Such as, why do they have llamas at a fair? It turns out, many counties do and the owners wanted to add llamas to the program, sort of like a presentation sport at the Olympics).

Plus, it was fun to drive in, flash a badge, park my car, take pictures of animals and their owners, run back to the office, develop the pictures and print them all within an

hour. The only non fun thing began to occur when all I could smell were developing chemicals.

That stress was alleviated by my antics in the darkroom. In the dark, scary, cavern was a lab coat, goggles and gloves to protect you from the chemicals. I would put all three on and cackle like a mad scientist when I mixed the chemicals. I'm not sure which is funnier, the vision of myself all spiffed up grinning like an idiot while going "muuuuuuhahahahah," or the fact that it was completely dark and I was the only person there. There is a fine line between clever and stupid and I think I lean more towards the latter. Unless I made up that last part. Believe it... or not.

My coworkers stared in horror at my enjoyment. Upon my leaving, Vickie apologized that they didn't have another fair for me to attend. I think I was labeled a sadomasochist. I'm not sure why I liked it so much—just something new that I knew would give me lots of story material which I would not put to good use here. Who knows, someday down the road you could sit down to watch a movie about a young, idealistic, 1930's reporter who travels to the county fair, and... I think this has been done before. Yeah, well this time there'll be more Pork Queens. And Lamb and Fleece Queens, and Poultry Queens, and Goat Queens, and Queen Elizabeth, and Divine (well, maybe not Divine—I think she's hard to get nowadays.).



PHOTO BY (WHO ELSE) MIKE SABLONE '98

Reflections of Elvis. I didn't talk about him, but, I think there's no reason to beat a dead Elvis

legal. These two kids were discussing the Nickelodeon show *Rocko's Modern Life*, a pretty funny show about a Wallaby (Rocko) and his cow friend (Heifer). Well this young boy had

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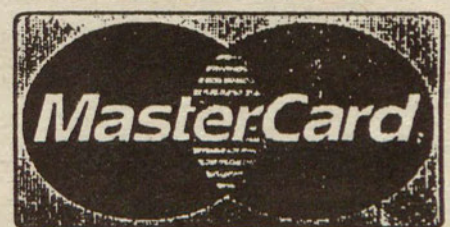
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VILLANOVA	6	1	.857	1-1
CONNECTICUT	5	2	.714	2-0
PITTSBURGH	5	2	.714	2-0
SYRACUSE	4	3	.571	2-1
WEST VIRGINIA	4	3	.571	2-0
SETON HALL	3	4	.429	1-1
RUTGERS	3	4	.429	1-1
PROVIDENCE (OVERALL 19-12)	2	5	.286	0-2
GEORGETOWN	2	5	.286	0-3
ST. JOHN'S	1	6	.143	1-1
BOSTON COLLEGE	1	6	.143	0-2

MEN'S SOCCER

BIG EAST STANDINGS AS OF 11/2

	W	L	T	PTS
ST. JOHN'S	9	1	1	19
GEORGETOWN	9	2	0	18
RUTGERS	7	2	2	16
SETON HALL	7	4	0	14
NOTRE DAME	5	5	1	11
VILLANOVA	4	4	3	11
CONNECTICUT	5	6	0	10
BOSTON COLLEGE	4	6	1	9
PITTSBURGH	3	5	3	9
SYRACUSE	3	7	1	7
WEST VIRGINIA	3	8	0	6
PROVIDENCE (OVERALL 2-7-0)	1	10	0	2

WOMEN'S SOCCER

BIG EAST STANDINGS AS OF 11/2

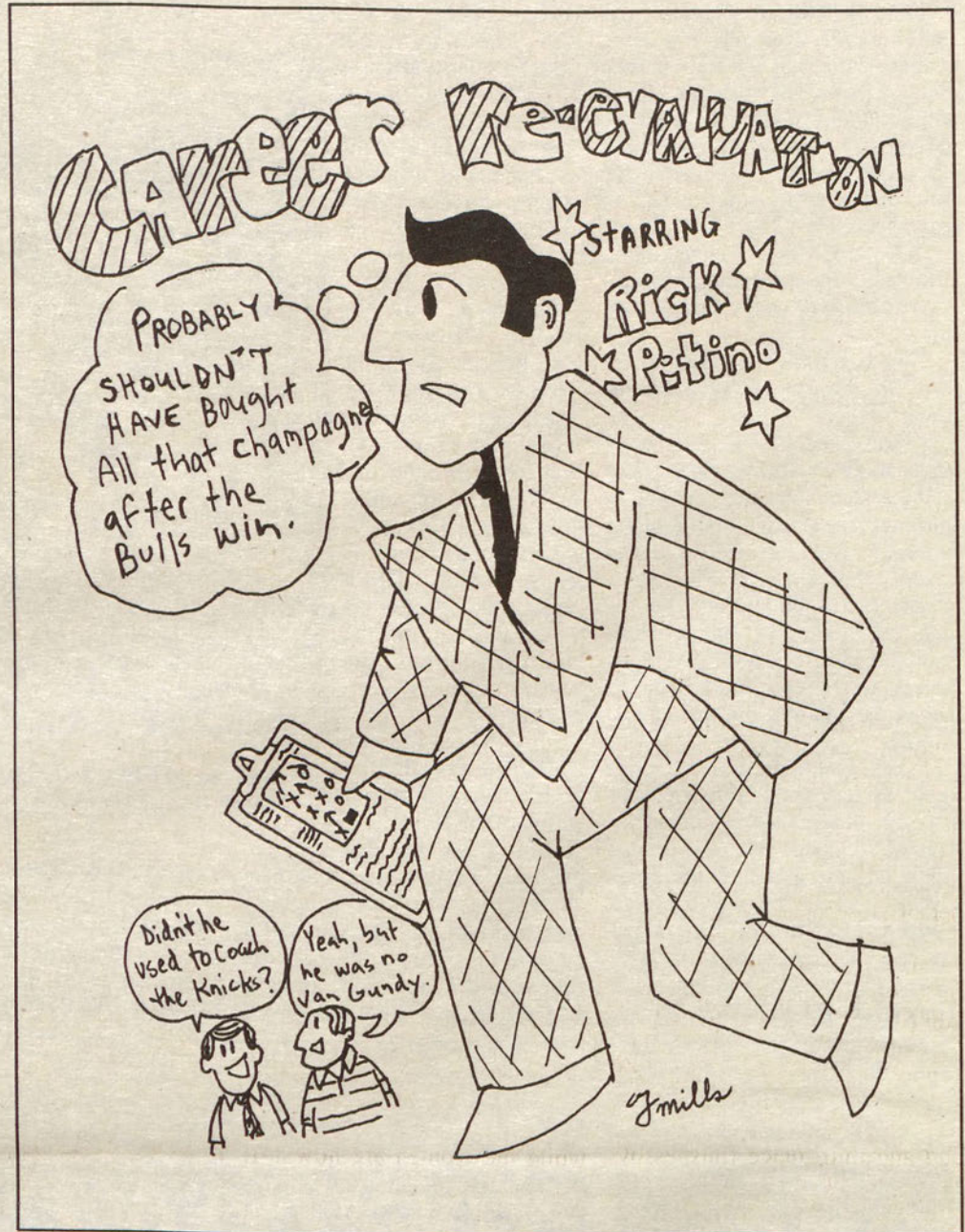
	W	L	T	PTS
NOTRE DAME	11	0	0	22
CONNECTICUT	10	1	0	20
SETON HALL	9	2	0	18
VILLANOVA	6	4	1	13
SYRACUSE	6	5	0	12
BOSTON COLLEGE	5	6	0	10
RUTGERS	5	6	0	10
WEST VIRGINIA	4	6	1	8
ST. JOHN'S	4	7	0	8
PITTSBURGH	2	8	1	5
GEORGETOWN	2	9	0	4
PROVIDENCE (OVERALL 2-5-1)	0	10	1	1

FIELD HOCKEY

BIG EAST STANDINGS AS OF 11/2

	W	L	T	PCT.
CONNECTICUT	4	1	0	.800
PROVIDENCE (OVERALL 11-9-0)	3	2	0	.600
SYRACUSE	3	2	0	.600
BOSTON COLLEGE	3	2	0	.600
RUTGERS	2	3	0	.400
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Men's Basketball vs. Around the World All-Stars
 Wednesday, November 12, 1997
 7:30 P.M.
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The X (Non) Factor

SWIMMING SINKS IN DOUBLE MEET WITH BU

BY BEN NADEAU '00
SPECIAL TO THE COWL

Two weeks ago, the Boston University Athletic Department decided to cut the men's football program due to lack of revenue and fan support. In protest, the BU players decided to cover up the University logo on their uniforms and proclaim themselves as University "X."

Despite the problems on the gridiron, BU certainly doesn't need to invest any of the money they are saving into their swimming and diving teams.

Boston University swam and dove to victory over Providence's men by a final score of 169 to 124.

Despite the loss, the Friars were led once again by junior Jed Michnowitz and senior Kurt Yates. Michnowitz took the top spot in three individual freestyle events (1000m, 200m, and 500m) and was a member of the second place 400m freestyle relay team. Yates also had a pair of first place finishes in the 100 and 200-meter breaststroke heats. PC lost a number of close races, including the 200m medley relay by .016 of a second. Other top point finishers for the Friars include senior captain Steven Brown, juniors Sean Connell and Kevin Kosiorek, sophomore Kevin Reeder, and freshman Michael Frenza.

The men's diving team had second and third place finishes by Mark Harasymiw and Kevin Doyle on the one-meter board while Harasymiw and Adam Letourneau scored in the 3 meter.

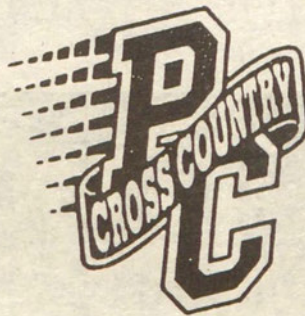
The women were led by seniors Leah McLean and April Amoroso on the one and three-meter boards, respectively. Freshman Amy Somerville battled a back injury, but still competed her heat.

The PC women's swimming team, succumbing to BU in a 213-86 defeat, was led by a number of athletes, including senior captains Shannon Najjar and Kierstin Newell, juniors Jane Thompson and Carla Clemente, sophomore Karen Cardwell, and freshman Lori Cosman. Najjar had a second place finish in the 200m fly, and Newell placed second in the 200m free and third in the 100m free. Thompson had the sole PC win in the 100m backstroke with a time of 1:01.15. She added a third place finish in the 200m back stroke. Clemente and Cardwell each had a second and two thirds. Freshman Lori Cosman has jumped right in and contributed by turning in another strong performance, placing a close second in the 1000m free, as well as a third in the 50m free. The 200m medley and 400m free relay teams placed second.

"Ninety percent of this team is swimming the best they ever have," Head Coach John O'Neill said. "The points will come when they come. They are all working very hard and are swimming very well."

The men's record drops to 0-2, while the women are now 1-1. PC's next opponent is the University of Massachusetts-Amherst on Saturday.

PC ATHLETES OF THE WEEK



The 1997 Big East Champions



The Women's Cross Country Team

The Friars won their third straight Big East Title Friday at Van Cortland Park in the Bronx. PC was led by junior Sarah Dupre (Kingston Ont), who finished 5th in 17:26. Also scoring was freshman Rachel Hixson (Media, PA) in 8th, sophomore Dana Ostrander (Ballston Lake, NY) in 9th, senior Maria McCambridge (Dublin, Ireland) in 13th, and junior Gladys Ganiel (Harrington, ME) who grabbed in 17th.

Ben Noad '99
(Bristol, England)
Cross Country

Ben finished second (25:00) and led the Friars to a second-place finish at the Big East Championship on Oct. 31 in the Bronx.

Cowl Sports Survey

The Student Body

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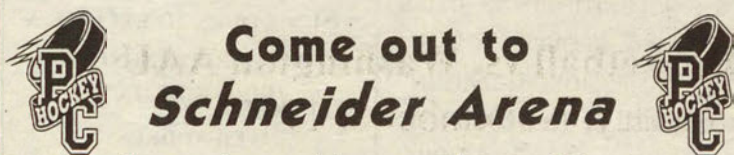
1. Male or Female
2. Year of Graduation
3. On average, how often do you attend a PC sporting event? (Choose One)

- Once a week.
- Once a month.
- Once a semester.
- Once a year.
- Never.

4. Compared to other colleges/universities, how does PC's student participation at athletic events rate? (Choose one)

- Excellent.
- Good.
- Fair.
- Poor.
- nonexistent.

5. If unhappy with PC student participation at sporting events, what is one suggestion you have to bring out a greater number of students?



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In A Bear Trap

Friars Mauled By Powerhouse Maine

By FRANK MILLS '98
ASST. SPORTS EDITOR

Like the Christians of old who were subjected to bear-baiting in the Roman coliseum, the Friars hockey team looked to be sacrificial lambs going up to the University of Maine for the slaughter. You see, the Black Bears are one of the top teams in the nation and are ferocious on their home ice.

The Friars couldn't hold off the Black Bear attack, as they went down in defeat, 6-3. Good news though for the Friars, they picked up their first power-play goal of the season when Jon Cameron buried the biscuit at 19:49 of the second period.

"We can play five-on-five hockey with anybody right now," commented Friar Head Coach Paul Pooley. "But it's our special teams that has to win the game for us."

On the other side of the ice, the Black Bears netted four power-play goals and one short-handed goal making their special teams performance very special indeed.

"Maine just plays very solidly on the power-play," said Pooley. "They move the puck well and find a way to put it in the net."

"That's our problem," explained Pooley. "We're just not getting the puck to the net when we have to. We don't have to be fancy to score goals, we're just not capitalizing."

Friar goaltender Mark Kane made 35 saves in the losing effort. Coach Pooley spoke of the goaltending situation. "Mark played very, very well for us in goal. He made the saves he had to to keep us in the game. He put out a real solid effort."

"I think that both Mark and Boyd (Ballard) have played very well for us so far. They're showing a lot of confidence out there. This weekend, they should split the series. Goaltending is huge and the bottom line is results."

Friar freshman left wing Heath Gordon scored the first goal of his college career at 2:26 of the first period. Gordon is a 1997 sixth-round draft pick of the Chicago Blackhawks and predicted to do big things in Hockey East. Freshmen defensemen Jay Leach and Matt Libby each picked up assists against the Black Bears for their first collegiate points.

Although out-matched by the powerhouse Maine squad, Coach Pooley seemed pleased with his team's effort. "I think this is the best we've played all season, we executed everything we wanted to. We broke down a little bit, but hey, they broke down a little bit too. We had a lot of what we call Grade-A chances that didn't bounce for us—that's how it is."

The Friars play WCHA foe Minnesota-Duluth for a two game series this weekend at Duluth. This will be the 17th meeting between the Friars and Minnesota-Duluth, with UM-D leading the all-time series 11-4-1. The Friar's next home game is November 16 against conference rival UMASS-Lowell.



Mark Kane '99

Men's Soccer Ends Slumping Season; Young Team Looks to Future

The Friar men's soccer team wrapped up its season Tuesday, bowing to power Dartmouth 3 to 1, in New Hampshire. Dartmouth, 9-2-3 and ranked 11th in the nation, was not exactly the ideal team to play at the end of a season like the one the Friars have had, as a rash of injuries slowed PC to a 3-14 overall record.

As in most of the Friars' games, the Black and White started out well, taking a 1-0 lead at 7:04. But the Big Green charged back in a big way, responding with the tying and go-ahead goals just five minutes apart. They never relinquished the lead.

The PC goal was scored by senior captain Juan Acevedo, and was set up with some fancy footwork by sophomore Michael Eisenhut, and junior Bobby Brown.

The loss was the eighth in a row for the floundering Friars, but five of those losses were by one goal. This may prove to be a bright spot, since PC graduates only two seniors, and will return next year with Kevin Jones, a member of last year's Big East All-Rookie Team, who missed this season due to a knee injury.

- Joe Valenzano '00

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Losing Strength

Volleyball Drops Pair to Big East Foes

By **KEN MARTIN '99**
ASST. SPORTS EDITOR

Tucked away, on the top floor of Alumni Hall, Providence volleyball coach Ken Nichols sits in his office behind a mountain of paperwork scattered in every direction across his desk.

Afternoon practice has just ended and Nichols is trying to scarf down a late lunch before starting the usual long night of phone tag with potential recruits—a task that can sometimes end near midnight. Putting down his sandwich, Nichols lets out a sigh of resignation. The first-year coach is visibly tired.

Sometimes losing can do that to you.

Providence now stands at 19-12 overall and is currently tied for seventh in the Big East conference with a record of 2-5.

PC's latest setbacks came over the weekend with a pair of losses against inter-league foes Pittsburgh, 3-1 (15-5, 8-15, 13-15, 12-15) and West Virginia, 3-0 (11-15, 11-15, 7-15).

"It was a tough two days for us," Nichols said. "We really needed to pick up a win."

That need was evident early on against Pittsburgh as the Friars jumped to a quick 15-5 victory in game one. However, the

tide quickly turned as the Panthers were able to hold PC to a .000 hitting percentage in game two, winning it 15-8.

"In the first game versus Pittsburgh we played like one of the top teams in the Big East," Nichols said. "But then in the second game, a different team walked on the floor. We lost our game plan and lost our momentum. When you get the momentum like we did early on, you can't sit back. But we did and they stepped up."

PC was able to circumvent Pitt's powerful, and tall, front-line early on by focusing its offense on the Panther's back corners, the spots on the court in which big teams like Pitt commonly have trouble defending due to a lack of mobility. However, Pitt ad-

justed to the Friar attack and was able to keep Providence's "big

three" of sophomore Colleen Lee, junior Sherryl Jones and senior Heidi Brady in check.

But the trio's containment may have had less to do with Pittsburgh play than it did with the fact that the flu and injury bugs have crept into the PC locker room. Jones and freshman Amy Acuna are both battling the flu while sophomore Rachel Doxtater and freshman Lauren Cerull are each nursing back and ankle injuries respectively.

"It's getting to be that time of the year," said Nichols in reference to his teams' well-being. "We

have a lot of talent but we can't afford to have three of our starters on the bench. Nobody is that deep."

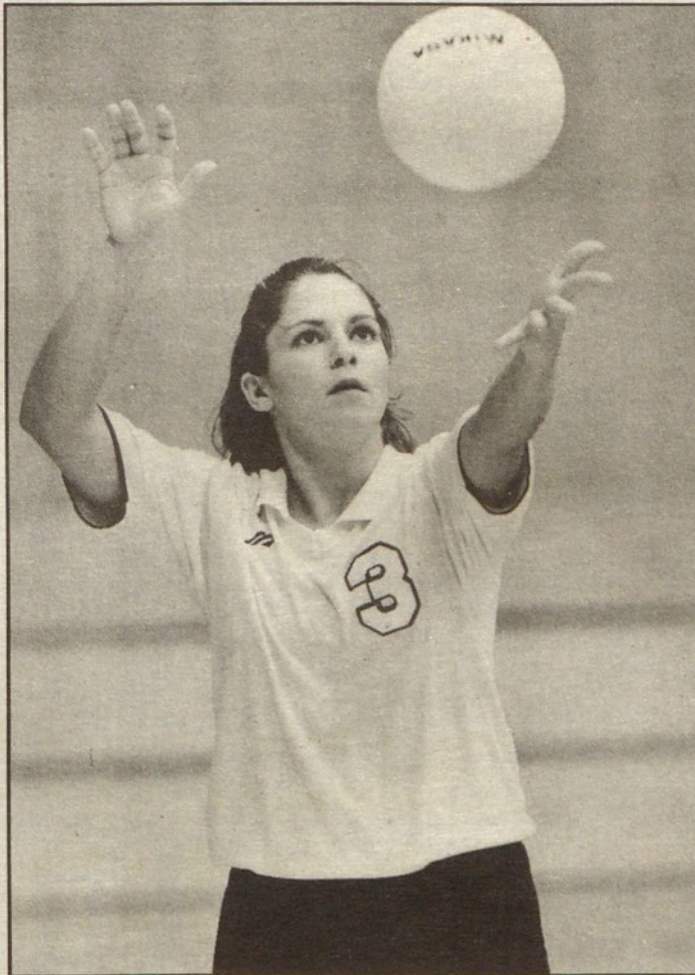
But Nichols doesn't place all the Friars' recent problems on their health.

"We can't play down or have lapses in the midst of our Big East schedule," he said. "We still have a chance of making the (Big East) tournament but we need to win some tough matches."

Two of those matches will occur this weekend as PC takes on Big East rivals UConn and St. John's at home in Alumni Hall. A loss could potentially eliminate PC from post-season play.

The Friars take on the Huskies Saturday at 7pm. St. John's comes to town on Sunday for a 1pm tilt.

NOTES — Heidi Brady, Colleen Lee and Sherryl Jones all recorded double-doubles over the weekend. Brady registered 12 kills and digs, Lee added 25 assists and 10 digs, and Jones chipped in with 14 kills and 13 digs.... PC is 11-4 when playing opponents at neutral sites and is 15-7 in three-game matches. However, Providence is 1-3 in five-game matches and is 3-4 at home.... **Senior co-captain Kristen Kam** tallied 34 assists over the weekend and is currently second on the Friars with 584. The 5-foot-7-inch setter from Buffalo, New York now has a total of 2,408 assists in her career at Providence.



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After losing to Boston University, 2-1 on Sunday, Coach Jackie Barto's field hockey team will return to Boston this weekend for the 1997 Big East Tournament held at BC. Look in next week's *Cowl* for a recap of all the action.

SPORTS

CHAMPS III...



A Bronx Tale

By JOHN CARCHEDI'98
SPORTS EDITOR

"I race not to see who is the fastest, but who has the most guts."
-Steve Prefontaine

The Friar women's cross country team has guts. Entering the final half-mile of last Friday's Big East Championships at Van Cortland Park in the Bronx, the Friars were collectively in second place behind Georgetown.

Then PC turned it up, out-gunning the Hoyas in the last 800-meters to take a nail-biting six point victory over Georgetown and win their third consecutive Big East Title.

"We knew (the women's race) was going to be, very, very close," explained Friar coach Andy Ronan, who has assisted Head Coach Ray Treacy for all three Big East titles.

"Last year the same thing happened—we beat Georgetown

in the last half-mile; our kids finished a lot better and that's what happened again this year. All the kids just finished off better than Georgetown."

The Lady Friars were led by junior Sarah Dupre, who continued an All-America-season with a fifth place time of 17:26.

According to Ronan, every girl had a job to do, a task they were assigned to before the race. And every one of the scoring five did that job. For example Dupre's job was to finish in the top five. Super Freshman Rachel Hixson and sophomore Dana Ostrander were to shoot for top ten. They were on target, as Hixson placed eighth and Ostrander grabbed ninth. Senior

captain Maria McCambridge and junior Gladys Ganiel were charged with placing in the top 20, and they came through, as well, with McCambridge finishing 13th and Ganiel placing 17th.

But don't think the girls were counting the people in front of them. These places were just goals. We mention this bit of trivia for you because these goals were set very high, and the fact that all five girls reached these high marks against a very good conference indicates they are ready to run against the rest of the nation.

Van Cortland is an interesting place to run. The first mile or so is run around a very large field (actually a bunch of soccer fields laid side by side). Then the field funnels into a very hilly and narrow trail through the woods. After another mile and a half the runners reemerge from the woods, with a few more bruises.

The wooded trail that roller

This when guts become a factor. The last half mile of Van Cortland is another race in itself—a half-mile charge down a straight-away. Bodies are beaten from the trails. Meanwhile, the entire field is now in sight, so the runners can see where they stand and who from the rival schools they may have to chase down, while holding off any challengers from behind.

Friday, it was the Lady Friars who handled that test the best.

"Everyone was very aggressive over that last half mile," said Ronan. "And that was the difference. We were aggressive and we ran to the line—we got the edge."

On November 15, the Lady Friars will run in the ECAC's at Franklin Park in Boston. If PC places within the top two of its district, it will receive an automatic bid to the NCAA Championships. Even if they can't earn that automatic trip (freak storm, wild animal stampede, planets realign, they

in the nation.

"We're very optimistic in that we're heading in the right direction," said Ronan. "They're all running very well. Maria has made a big jump in two weeks since the New England and with three weeks until nationals she's going to make another jump. With her continuing to improve, this here is...at worst a top five team.

"But right now I don't think we could be in a better position. We're going in at number five, every one's healthy, the people that we had question marks about—they're back on track, and they're only going to improve over the next couple weeks too."

Things are falling in place for the Providence men's team. The team struggled with injuries and illness for the first to months of the season, so no one knew how good this team could be when healthy.

The team is finally healthy, and

place finish in a blistering 25:00. This, is a very, very good thing. Noad has established himself as PC's number one man, but the Bristol, England native struggled with the flu at the New England two weeks ago. By running so well at Van Cortland, he acknowledged that he is healthy again and he can lead the Friars the rest of the way.

Noad's classmate Zack Ventress remains consistent, Friday, placing ninth in 25:18.

"Zack has always been a solid performer," said Ronan, "but he's doing it at a higher level than he has in the past."

Sophomore Keith Kelly (14th, 25:32), junior Rick Bush (18th, 25:40) and sophomore Larry Morrissey (31st, 26:00) rounded out the scoring.

"We three guys, Larry Morrissey, Carl Mauro, and Paul McNamara, they were fighting for the fifth spot, and they kept each

other going over the last mile to get the job done," added the coach.

Those back three could become crucial. Unlike the female counterparts the men are not in as good of a position to receive an automatic bid to the NCAA's. The injury bug kept them from establishing themselves as one of the country's best. They'll have to finish top two in their districts come Nov. 15, and according to Treacy, one of those back three guys may be the difference.

"If one of those guys makes another jump, we're going to a very good team entering the qualifier."

Who knows what can happen with a little bit of guts?

"Right now, I don't think we could be in a better position. This here is, at worst, a top five team."

coasters through the woods tests the runners physically, as the pack of hundreds of hungry runners beat each other for position while negotiating hair pins, quick drops, woodland creatures, old shopping carts and wicked inclines. But it's the last half-mile where the real test is—it's where you're tested mentally.

The runner emerges from the woods and the finish line seems closer than it really is. Many runners you talk to say that the course, aided by fatigue, plays with your mind. It's natural to think you're almost done when you finally break out of the forest, after what seems like forever. But the finish line is still a half-mile away.

tick off some pagan god who doesn't realize we're a Catholic school, etc.) the Friars have established themselves enough to earn an at-large bid. These girls are going to the National Championships in South Carolina on November 24.

They're in good shape to do damage in Carolina. We'll be able to rub in the Civil War. McCambridge, top five at the NCAA's a year ago and number seven in the big race last year, is speeding back to 100% after missing the first half of the season. She's got three more weeks to shake off rust and get back to top ten form. That would add quite a bit to the number-five ranked team

preliminary indications speak well for their talent level, as the boys placed second at the Big East Championships Friday in Van Cortland, losing only to Notre Dame, the number nine team in the nation.

"Very happy with the guys because they went out there and competed," said Ronan. "Considering where they were two weeks before (fourth at the New England Championships), as a team, they made big step forward and put themselves in a good position right now, a more confident position going into the qualifier in two weeks.

The Friars were led by *PC Athlete of the Week*, junior Ben Noad, who earned a remarkable second