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# Welcome Class of 2001!

## Orientation Leaders recall their fondest memories of freshman year...



**Rosemary Fernandes '98**  
"Coming in early and meeting 100 classmates during Urban Action"



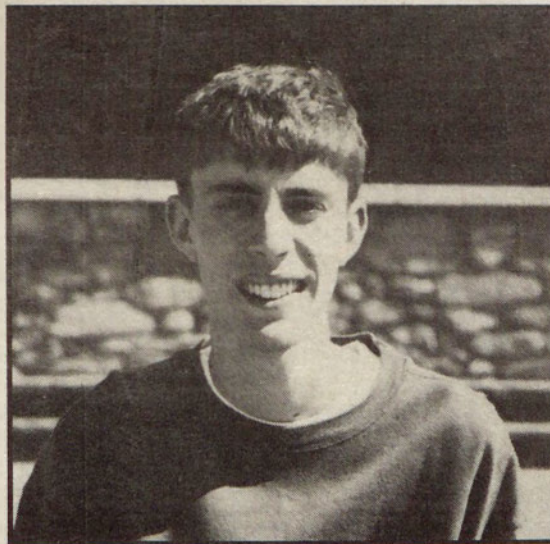
**Karen Oettinger '00**  
"The stags"



**Matthew Metivier '99**  
"Introducing my friends to the origin and meaning of the word 'wicked'"



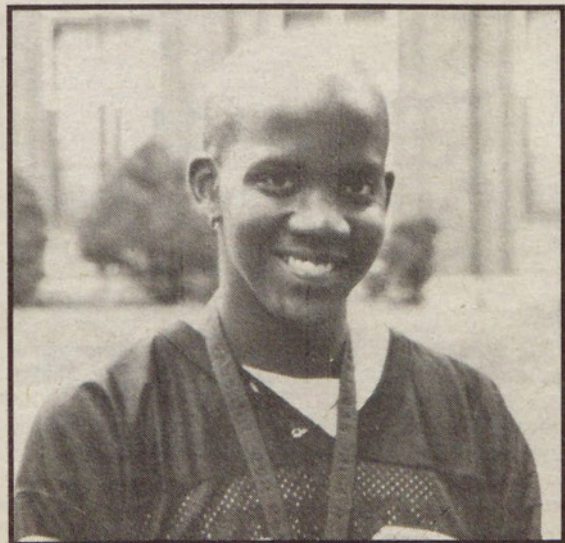
**KaraBeth Drezek '98**  
"Chicken Pa'm for dinna"



**Chris Wethje '99**  
"Friars Club initiation and Freshman Stag in the same night"



**Jenn Campbell '98**  
"The Toad the Wet Sprocket concert"



**Paul Carroll '99**  
"Meeting all my best friends in Dore"



**Jessica Gomez '98**  
"Hanging out with my friends in the Pit"



**Christine Harding '98**  
"Getting elected to Student Congress"



# Packing Your Bags

## What to bring...and what to leave behind

After the hurdle of orientation is behind you, the next step in preparation for your career at PC is to determine what you are going to bring. Looking back, we remember spending far too much time and energy being terrified we would forget something of the utmost importance. First of all, do not stress. After a month of school, Columbus Day will roll around and many freshmen will head home for the long weekend. If you do, anything you may have forgotten can easily be picked up then. Or, the folks can always send it to you.

A few weeks before you arrive here at PC, the school will contact you with the names and phone numbers of your roommate(s). Do not be shy; call them right away and decide who will bring the phone, stereo, computer, word processor, fridge and TV. If none of you own a small fridge, one can be rented when you get to school. Answering machines are not necessary because we have a voice mail system. Remember that space is limited, and you'll want to make the most of it. For the lucky people with big rooms in Joseph. Raymond, Meagher (pronounced Marr) and McDermott you might want to hook yourselves

up with a small couch or comfy chair. These are key for intimate gatherings in your room with your new friends.

Bring lots of things to decorate your room - this is your home for the next year, so you'll want to make it feel that way! So bring lots of posters and pictures of friends and family. As a side note for the women, leave home posters of kittens, the 90210 crowd, and Brad Pitt; and men, try and steer clear of the busty women sprawled out over cars. The Claude Monets and Salvador Dalis look a lot nicer and when people come to visit they will think you are worldly and cultured. Plus you'll be ahead of the game when you learn about them in Civ.

Cardboard storage boxes that can fit under your bed are a good idea since closet and dresser space is very limited. DO NOT bring any plastic shelves or milk crates because they are prohibited under the school's strict fire regulations. Extension cords are also a no-no, but surge protectors with a row of outlets can be bought at just about any Caldor or Kmart and they serve the purpose even better. Leave the candles, incense burners and Christmas tree lights at home, too.

For women, pocketbooks are a sure sign of freshmanhood and are definitely a rare sight on the PC campus. A sturdy book bag with pockets is more convenient. A must for campus life are a couple of warm, rugged walking shoes. Plan on hitting the pavement a lot more than you do at home, and the weather in Rain Island does not always cooperate with your wardrobe. We're not kidding—it rains here A LOT so be prepared for the puddles.

Here are some miscellaneous items you will need:

- buy all stationary supplies at home to save some bucks and save time in the bookstore
- typing or computer ribbon
- computer disks
- stapler and staples
- scissors
- tape (scotch and masking)
- paper clips
- thumbtacks
- rubber bands
- looseleaf
- printer paper
- pencil sharpener
- dictionary
- thesaurus
- ruler
- envelopes
- stationary
- stamps

- notebooks
- address book
- folders
- pens and pencils
- calendar/desk date planner
- towels/wash cloths
- extra-long sheets
- blankets
- pillows
- mattress cover
- clock radio
- plants
- desk lamp
- nails
- hammer
- screwdriver
- adhesive hooks
- removable poster goo (better than tape, doesn't ruin posters)
- detergent/bleach/fabric softeners
- QUARTERS
- big laundry bag/basket
- QUARTERS (no, not a typo, you will need lots of them for washing machines and dryers)
- flashlight
- hangers
- glasses/mugs (the plastic insulated kind with lids are really handy)
- plates/silverware (They will catch you if you try to steal from Ray caf)
- floor lamp (the overhead lights are really bad—but make sure it's not the halogen kind because those are

- not allowed at PC).
- coffee/tea/hot cocoa mix
- a case of your favorite soda
- toothbrush/toothpaste
- shower bucket
- flip-flops for shower
- bathrobe
- shampoo/conditioner
- razor
- a make-up bag for the ladies
- band-aids
- deodorant
- contact lens supplies for the near- and far-sighted
- vitamins
- cotton balls
- Q-Tips
- comb/brush
- blow dryer
- safety pins
- small sewing kits
- wallet/change purse
- checkbook and checks
- umbrella
- snow shoes
- a fan (many rooms tend to get hot and stuffy, even in the winter)
- blank tapes for mixing songs and sending to friends at other schools
- camera and film
- walkman
- an ID
- high school yearbook
- photos from home
- a sense of humor, and a lot of patience to deal with dorm life!

## Just About Everything You Need To Know About PC

by Mary M. Shaffrey '97  
Departing Editor-in-Chief  
and Erin R. King '98  
New Editor-in-Chief

Well, you are here at your Providence College Orientation and before you know it you will be returning with your parents (and everything but the kitchen sink) to move into college for good! We thought that we would take this opportunity to better familiarize you with some of the ups and downs of PC and college life in general. First off, we wouldn't be the least bit surprised if some of you did not care for PC that much during the first few weeks of September and may even considered transferring. Don't worry, this is how most people feel when they come here, or anywhere else for that matter. Rest assured, come May you will love this place and if Harvard, Yale, and Stanford all offered you full scholarships you would gladly say NO WAY!

There are a few other items worth noting:

**Roommates.** Roommates are a central part of college life, and it may take sometime to warm up to the idea, especially if you have never had to share a room. Choosing an orientation buddy as a roommate is not always the greatest idea. Mary's freshman year, there were six serious roommate problems on her floor, and five were between people that decided to live together after having known one another for all of 48 hours. She admits being guilty of this so she knows what she is talking about. Let the college place you. Believe it or not, for the most part they do a pretty good job! Erin is starting her fourth year living with one of the roommates she was paired up with for freshman year. Another thing about roommates is remember that they do not have to

be your best friend(s), rather just someone that you can be civil to in the same living quarters for one year. Not to give you the wrong idea, roommates are great and for many they are your best friends—the ones fifteen years from now you will name your children after!

**Cafeteria.** Perhaps the biggest adjustment to college life. This fall, the entire campus will be adjusting along with you to the new Alumni Cafeteria in Slavin (in PCSpeak, also known as "Mondo"). For the most part, you will be dining in Raymond Cafeteria, on the first floor of Raymond Hall. Needless to say, neither one promises to be as good as mom's cooking, but they are certainly not all that bad either. Raymond has expanded its selection in the past year or so, but as the old saying goes, they have found another meaning for the letters PC - "probably chicken." We apologize for having little advice on Alumni, but it will definitely be something to look forward to. We expect it will be much like it was—they cook the food for you, and you pay cash. A nice change from Raymond, but without the all-you-can-eat atmosphere. Basically, the best suggestion is to enjoy and appreciate your family cooking this summer because once you are here, you won't taste it (or anything remotely like it) until Columbus Day or, for some of you, Thanksgiving.

**Rules.** The rules at PC are pretty fair and as long as you are not stupid you will have no trouble abiding by them and staying clear of the judicial office.

**Bedtime.** You will rarely get to bed before midnight here. Load up on sleep this summer because college is not only the time for learning and having fun, but it is also the greatest gathering of sleep deprived people you will ever meet. Just ask the Cowl editors!

There is always something going on and for one reason or another you will not get as much sleep as you would like, but hey, that's what the weekends are for (Mom and Dad—word to the wise, don't call before noon on Saturday or Sunday unless its an emergency!).

**8:30 Classes.** Avoid taking them like the plague. You may think, well I had to be at school by 8 a.m. this year so 8:30 is not all that bad.... WRONG! When your roommates are sleeping and its cold and snowy, you will not want to get out of your warm bed, the later the class the better. It seems that there is a ploy among those in charge around here to make vital biology, chemistry, and education classes early in the morning to weed out the less serious. If you're a late sleeper, like Erin, switch to something more afternoon-friendly, like History.

**Getting Involved.** The best thing about PC is that there is SO MUCH TO DO!!! There are over 60 clubs and organizations on campus that would love to have you. While the two most visible clubs (Friars and BOP) do not accept until the spring, there are many other activities you can join right now - Student Congress, PC Pals, Camp Heartland, Habitat for Humanity, College Republicans, College Democrats, and SOAR just to name a few. Not only are these organizations a lot of fun, but they give you an excellent chance to meet people outside of Civ. One of the biggest differences between high school and college—at least this one— is that here there is little class distinctions - rarely would you be identified as Jane Smith the freshman or Bob Jones the junior, rather it is just Jane or Bob.

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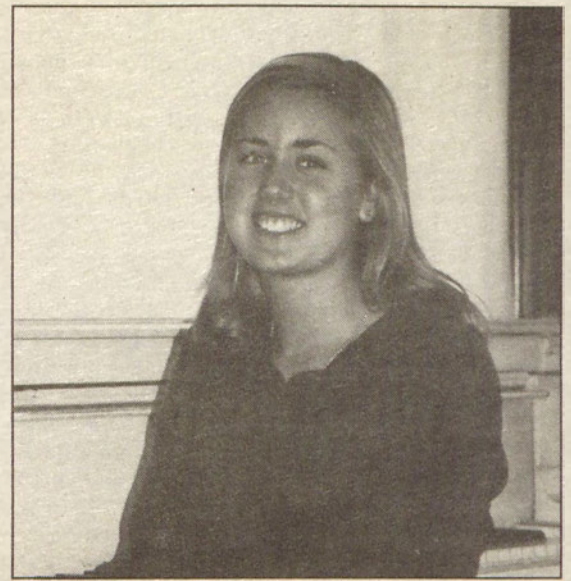
# Orientation Leaders share their favorite memories from freshman year...



**Matt Smith '98**  
"The first of many all-nighters"



**Kim Barros '99**  
"Time spent on our floor in McVinney"



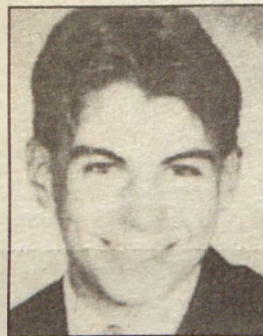
**Michelle Panneton '99**  
"Freshman class trip to Newport"



**Sue Termine '98**  
"Meeting my roommate at Orientation...we've been roommates ever since!"



**Phareth Niem '99**



**Ben Nadeau '00**



**Craig Nicholson '99**  
"The day I moved in and every day after"

## I Wish I Had Known That...

.....I'd have to learn to sleep with the lights on, the radio blaring, and the phone ringing.  
 .....my old car takes twice as much money and time to keep running away from home and that it is not so bad to walk sometimes.  
 .....Catholic colleges aren't little utopias, they have their problems too.  
 .....college isn't all fun and games. It's hard work and takes a lot of self-discipline.  
 .....a Saturday night can get pretty lonely  
 .....I'd need an iron—and the know-how to use one.  
 .....everybody is human and I'd have to learn to live with different kinds of people.  
 .....I could (and should) have learned to type.  
 .....my roommate doesn't have to be my best friend.

.....there would be no one to tell me to do my homework before I turned on the TV.  
 .....I should be more aware of current events so I wouldn't sound so stupid.  
 .....college is not as hard as I thought it would be because it is interesting.  
 .....I should be open to new, controversial ideas—not necessarily accept them, but still evaluate them.  
 .....my prejudices would come out, even though I thought I didn't have any.  
 .....getting used to a roommate is like getting married without being engaged. It takes a great deal of compromise and lots of give and take to live with someone.  
 .....I shouldn't be afraid to ask questions.  
 .....one of the main purposes of

college education is to teach me to express myself well—on essay exams, in class, and as a member of organizations.  
 .....there is no little brother or sister to get mad at when things go wrong.  
 .....the best way to study is without any form of distraction, i.e. music, people, etc.  
 .....to make the best use of my time, I must assess what things are most important and therefore need to be done first.  
 .....everyone complains about the food. They're right, it's not as good as Mom's.  
 .....I shouldn't go everywhere with my roommate or we'll soon be at each other's throats.  
 .....if I keep up with the reading I can avoid the last minute panic.  
 .....the way to remember is to review, review, review whenever

possible.  
 .....I should expect loneliness. It takes time to get past superficial relationships and form close friendships.  
 .....the people I thought at first would turn out to be great friends may not turn out to be.  
 .....I cannot judge people by their looks or beliefs, rather I have to accept the differences.  
 .....dating is practically extinct at PC.  
 .....I could save a lot of money by buying used books from other students.  
 .....if I wait until vacation to catch up on schoolwork or sleep, I'll get neither one accomplished and ruin my vacation.  
 .....what it is like to be completely on my own, and making my own decisions.  
 .....I must take life as it comes and

I shouldn't get uptight before I even know what is going on. Play it cool.  
 .....There is more to learning than what happens inside the classroom.  
 .....I should take advantage of campus activities such as concerts, clubs, and discussion groups. Not only does it round out my personality, but it makes me a better person.  
 .....The best education comes from getting to know people, and not only from books.  
 ..... My values and principles will be greatly challenged.  
 .....The most important thing I should learn is to accept being me.

*This article first appeared in The Cowl Orientation Issue 1985.*

**Have a great summer...see you in September!**



# Divine Providence

## Friars Bury Devils 98-87 in NCAA Tournament

by Cory R. McGann '98  
Sports Writer

Nothing in sports happens according to plan. That is what makes sports so damn interesting. Sometimes teams play above and beyond the level they are capable of. Some go out on the field and fall short of expectations.

Usually, the men's basketball team has fallen short. Blame that on high expectations. The pressure put on the team is unbearable, thus they can never seem to match the wants and needs of its fans.

Yet sometimes, when the stars are shining bright and the planets align, a team reaches down deep and surpasses all that is expected of them. The team takes their level beyond of what people assume it should stay at. They play the game perfectly, showing the games' true beauty.

Sometimes it happens. And in Charlotte, North Carolina on a warm Sunday afternoon, it happened.

Let me say it out loud, just so that I believe it myself. Providence College defeated Duke University

Underdogs everywhere rejoice! Bullies of the world, cease and desist! Believe, everyone believe.

"Nobody believed in us!" yelled sophomore guard Jamel Thomas, rejoicing in the locker room after the 98-87 victory. "Do you believe in us now?!"

The world believes, Jamel, the world believes. We got ESPN's Digger Phelps singing our praises, while at the same time we haven't seen Dick Vitale's mug on our television sets in a while. We have pundits telling anyone who will listen that the small school from Providence is playing the best ball in the tournament.

And it was proven when sophomore point guard God Shammgod scooped up a loose ball, raced to the other end of the court and, despite a Duke foul, dropped the ball through the goal and the stake through the Blue Devils hearts.

That play was key, no doubt. That score and the subsequent free throw made it 81-74. That shot put Providence on the basketball map. Yet that shot was not the story of the game.

The story of the game revolves

microcosm of the team, a microcosm of the school, and a microcosm of the city.

Derrick "Flight" Brown was playing in a very small gym for a very small junior college in the big city of Los Angeles. His future in

ing." Flight isn't the only rags to riches type of story. There are other players. How about Corey Wright, who was the smallest player on the court, yet consistently stopped Duke point man



by Jen Pichler '97

doubt, his life up in the air. In Charlotte, he saw an opportunity, and he grabbed it.

"For us seniors, this could have been our last game," pleaded Flight, hoping the sportswriters with the blank stares and the high school basketball backgrounds would understand. His performance on Sunday was awe inspiring, pouring in 33 points on 12-16 shooting.

"He is the ultimate garbage man," said Duke forward Jeff Capel, "and I mean that as the highest compliment possible."

Capel is right, Flight is a garbage man. Along with the uncanny knack of burying a three over the top of an outstretched arm or the ability to beat his man off the dribble, Flight collects the garbage which doesn't take size, or speed, or skill.

It takes heart.

"In junior college, nobody knows who you are," explained the Brooklyn native who has come a long way in order to go a long way. "There is really no motivation to play. I would be playing when there was nobody in the gym."

So what is it like to be playing in the "Big Dance?"

"It feels good, it's a nice feel-

Steve Wojciechowski just after he crossed the half court line. Consider Jason Murdock, who after coping with his lessened role on the team this year, rebounded to play a key part in the Friar victory with two key three pointers, one of them coming in the middle of a 13-2 PC run. Don't forget center Ruben Garces, who has spent the postseason playing with vicious pain in his legs. Think about Shammgod, putting aside his scoring capabilities and his pride for the good of the team, while at the same time enduring the scrutiny put on him. What about Jamel Thomas, the most talented player on the team, putting on a show against the Devils - scoring, dunking, passing, stealing.

Finally, who is this Croshere kid? Can he really play? Can he take his game to the next level when it is needed? Where was he Senior Day against Georgetown, with the division title on the line? Where was he in the Big East Semifinals against Villanova? What is he thinking?

"I've said it before, and I'll say it again," said the senior forward, a 22 year old kid standing in front of a horde of reporters and dozens of cameras. "This has been the

most fun I have had playing basketball in a long time. We are playing unselfishly. Sometimes its Flight that will be talking to you guys. One game it will be me out here. It doesn't matter."

It sure doesn't. Croshere didn't play a major role in the Duke victory. He was important, no doubt, scoring 21 points and outplaying Duke's inside force Roshown McLeod. But not huge, by any means. He was fine, Providence got the victory. Let Flight step up to the limelight.

Two days earlier, it was Croshere himself who demanded the limelight. Step up and listen, boys and girls, as Austin has something to say. What is it that Stuart Scott says: "Let me clear my throat."

The Friars killed the Marquette Golden Eagles 81-59 in the first round of the tourney for the honor to play the Blue Devils. Croshere scored a career high 39 points in leading his team by a befuddled Marquette team.

The game was decided in the first half. The Friars played perfectly. How perfect? Try 76.9 shooting in the first half, including a shot at the buzzer from way downtown. How downtown? The play by play for the game read like this: Croshere 60' 3 PT JUMP.

"I have never hit a shot like that before in my life. Not in practice, not as a kid, never." How about that for timing.

So now the Friars are in the Sweet 16, set to play the University of Tennessee-Chattanooga on Friday in Birmingham, Alabama. The impossible is possible, dreams can happen. "Where are all my seniors at?" asked Croshere at the impromptu pep rally held on Slavin Lawn. Surveying the crowd, he asked again. "Where are all my seniors at?!!? You remember when we brought the Big East Championship to Providence? Well, we're going to go and bring another championship back to Providence."

It can happen, Providence. Believe, baby, just believe.

This article originally appeared in *The Cowl* March 20, 1997.



by Jen Pichler '97

Many PC students traveled to Charlotte, and later in the tournament, to Birmingham to cheer on the Friars

in men's basketball.

In the second round of the Southeast Regional of the 1997 NCAA Men's Basketball Tournament, the number ten seed in the region upset the number two seed in the region.

around one player who has been overlooked all year (much like Providence has). This story is about a player who came from nowhere to achieve success and to surpass his goals (much like Providence has). This one player is a

## Just About Everything...

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**Rhode Island Lingo and other stuff.** This is specifically for those of you who do not live in either The Ocean State or Massachusetts. Although neither of us lives too far away (Mary is from Maryland, Erin is from Connecticut), we both agree that people here talk differently than we do at times. Sometimes they add many letters that do not belong (i.e. sawr = sawr, call = caw), but after while you get used to it. Even though Connecticut is only a hop, skip, and a jump away, I never can get used to these local favorites: "bubbler" for water fountain, "jimmies" for the little candy thingies you put on ice cream (a.k.a. "shots" or "sprinkles"), and the ever-popular "wicked" as a general modifier. I can recall some heated debates on linguistics around the dinner table in Raymond freshman year. Regardless of their adjective

choices, everyone on this campus is friendly. Once you are here and are registered for Civ you are a part of the big PC family and will for the most part be welcomed with open arms.

**Civ.** Do not stress over this class. Yes, it is a lot of information to digest in two years (by the end of your sophomore year, you will be a champ at Jeopardy and you will never run out of "cocktail tidbits" for the rest of your life), but it really is a worthwhile experience and much of what you learn can be applied in other classes as well, including your major. The most important thing is to get to know your seminar professor soon. If he/she knows you and knows you are trying, come December, an 88 or 89 will most likely be an A. Plus, you will have fun lectures on art, music, and film.

PC really is a great place to spend four of the best years of your life. The Dominicans are truly unique and are always there for

you. Now if you are not Catholic, please do not feel as if you cannot approach them. PC is for everyone and the Dominicans here will help ALL students in anyway they can. Just in case you are wondering, I was not told to write that, it really is true! The friends you make here will be your friends for life. Best of luck to you, the Class of 2001, and remember these four years will fly by so fast so make the most of them while you can!



### Keboid

You know that you have adjusted to college when...

4. When your life revolves around naps. 1 sheep... 2 sheep
3. You can count the number of hours that you sleep on one hand.
2. You consider Ramen noodles a fifth food group.
1. You count the days till you do laundry by counting how many pairs of clean underwear you have left.

Originally by Tara Lynn Hurley '98