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NEWS COMMENTARY

Our Own Ignorance

BY COLLEEN E. PAPPAS '99
NEWS EDITOR

With violent crimes against women on the rise, the designation of October as Domestic Violence Awareness month is a welcome opportunity to raise a consciousness about one of the most pressing issues of our time. The discussions raised at such a time lead one to ask whether enough is being done not only to combat the crimes themselves, but to examine the environment which allows them to occur. This environment is our culture, and the individual is bombarded by social stereotypes on a daily basis. To combat these stereotypes, the most formidable weapon is education. But education cannot just be in the form of a lecture, pamphlets, or fliers. We must also examine where these stereotypes are born in the social consciousness of our culture.

In the case of domestic violence, the education must be taken further than just recognition of the issue. The environment must be examined in order to find the basis of cultural stereotypes. In our society, stereotypes are most blatantly reinforced by all forms of the media. Specifically, for our purposes, television, film, and advertising are worthy examples. The discrepancy between the number of violent crimes against women that are reported and the number that actually occur reflects a society that does not demand justice for such acts. The collective consciousness, therefore, has not reached a point of concern for all the members of society.

This collective consciousness is determined by cultural stereotypes. Therefore, the stereotypes which surround us do not judge all individuals on equal ground. In our

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A Night In The Life

BY CARRIE SPIROS '00
NEWS STAFF

Imagine not going home at night, not because you are having too much fun but because you do not have a home to go to. That is the feeling Habitat for Humanity's Shack City was trying to recreate. Held on Wednesday, October 1, Shack City is a twice-annual fundraiser in which students volunteer to become homeless for the night. It takes place on the lawn in front of Slavin just as the night temperatures are starting to fall somewhere around 30 degrees.

A group of about twenty five people gathered pledges from friends and faculty to sponsor their evening where student housing becomes the four walls of a cardboard box. The number of students dwindled as the temperatures dipped and the hours became later, but the showing was definitely respectable.

The event kicked off with guest speakers which was a new aspect this year. The first of the three speakers was Dr. Hirsch, a professor in the Sociology department, who did extensive work surrounding the subject of homelessness. Richard Grubb, a member of the Board of Directors from the Providence Habitat chapter, spoke about the group and its local accom-

plishments. The third and final speaker was probably the most powerful. A homeowner named Doris spoke about the house that Habitat built with her and the effect it had on her life.

Ann Gawle '98, Co-coordinator of Habitat, felt that the speeches "went really well. However, I wish

more PC students had attended the event to hear them."

There was also a spiritual aspect to the program. Matt Smith '98, president of the Pastoral Service Organization, felt that at times "we do service and lose sight of what is actually happening. This experience helped to show what is

like to be homeless."

Father Barranger O.P. led the group in a prayer vigil. He saw his role as "bringing people together with prayer and meditation to focus attention on the plight of

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Erin R. King '98

Jenn Campbell '98 and Sr. Annette Desmarais, O.P. at Shack City for Habitat for Humanity

WAVE Of Leadership

BY M.F. STAUFF '00
NEWS STAFF

If you happened to find yourself at Bryant College last Friday night for the biannual Ocean State Leadership Consortium you were in for an "R"-rated performance by EmPower X.

In its annual fall "Wave" Conference, the O.S.L.C. provides information and tools for the success of the student leadership experi-

ence.

The Conference provides students with the opportunity to interact with their peers from other institutions - forming friendships, gathering ideas, and promoting intercollegiate cooperative program planning.

The O.S.L.C. recognizes the unique aspects of living in a small state and lends itself to successful cooperative efforts. By pooling financial resources, conference

ideas, and student participation, member institutions provide leadership development opportunities which they could not provide individually.

Established in 1990, the O.S.L.C. is a committee of Student Activities Professionals and Para-professionals from the various colleges and universities within the state of Rhode Island. The purpose of the committee is to plan and sponsor semi-annual leadership experiences for the students of the Ocean State.

The member schools are: Brown University, Bryant College, Community College of Rhode Island, Johnson and Wales University, Providence College, Rhode Island, Rhode Island School of Design, Roger Williams University, Salve Regina University, and the University of Rhode Island.

The Conference began with a talk by master of ceremonies Anthony D'Angelo and a presentation by EmPower X.

EmPower X is a non-profit organization dedicated to finding the best in yourself. They have been on CNN/FM, CNN/Interactive, and Spin magazine. They have also published a book called The College Bluebook. The book contains quotes and other tips which

may be helpful to college students. After dinner, the 75 attendees,

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• Roger Williams • U.R.I. •

Salve Regina • R.I.S.D. •

Johnson & Wales • C.C.R.I.

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1997 FALL STUDENT LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

which included about 20 from PC, split into two groups. One group went back to the auditorium for the second half of EmPower X's presentation. Meanwhile, the other half broke off into "round table" discussions.

The round table discussions were a free-flowing and spontaneous discussion with sharing of information and ideas. Some of the topics were: Building Community, Dealing With "Red Tape", Publicity and Promotion, Motivating Your Peers, Technology, and Budget/Financial Matters.

In the second half of EmPower X's presentation, D'Angelo

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Indian Summer...



Jessica Cotrone '99

Students enjoying themselves at yesterday's Indian Summer Festival on Slavin Lawn, sponsored by the Board of Programmers

News Briefs

Academic Team Search

USA TODAY, in cooperation with four higher education associations, is beginning its annual search for the nation's best college students. Sixty of them will be named to our 1998 All-USA Academic Team.

The word "team" is used to draw a parallel to athletic honors and to send a message that academic skills deserve at least equal recognition to scoring touchdowns and sinking jump shots.

The recognition, however, will be more than equal. The students selected to our first, second and third teams will be featured in a special section of our newspaper.

The 20 first team members will be invited to receive their awards at a ceremony in Washington, DC., on Friday, February 13.

Each of the first team members will receive a \$2,500 cash award.

Any full-time undergraduate of a four-year institution in the United States or its territories is eligible. U.S. citizenship is not required. A full-time undergraduate is one carrying at least 12 credits in pursuit of an undergraduate degree or one who anticipates earning an undergraduate degree at the end of the current academic term.

Criteria for the team were developed in consultation with our co-sponsors, the National Association of Independent Colleges and Universities (NAICU), the National Association of State Universities and Land-Grant Colleges (NASULGC), the American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education (AACTE) and the Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE).

Winners will be selected by a panel of educators, chosen in cooperation with our co-sponsors.

The criteria are designed to find students who excel not only in scholarship but in leadership roles on and off campus.

The key element, to be given most weight by the judges, will be a student's outstanding original academic or intellectual product. The judges will be influenced by the student's ability to describe that outstanding endeavor in his/her own words. They will not read an author's work, see an artist's painting or hear a composer's music. They will rely solely on the student's ability to describe the effort in writing, supplemented by recommendations from the nominating professor and up to three other persons of the nominee's choice.

Please call Carol Skalski at 703/276-5890 with any questions.

OCTOBER SECURITY TIP

Three elements must exist for a crime to happen at Providence College. The elements are:

- 1) Thieves must have a "desire" to commit a crime.
- 2) Thieves must have the "ability" to commit the crime.
- 3) Thieves must have the "opportunity" to commit the crime.

We as members of the Providence College community can't take away a thieves desire or ability to commit the crimes. But, we can take away the thieves' opportunity by not leaving valuables in plain view for an easy theft. For instance, a secretary who leaves belongings on the floor, under a desk, provides a perfect opportunity for a theft.

If we remember not to do this, we take away any opportunity for criminals to commit crimes.

Out With The Old...

It may be the information age, but most students are still more comfortable taking a standardized test the old-fashioned way, filling in circles with a pencil. Even students who consider themselves computer-savvy might panic a little when they learn that they may have to take the GMAT or GRE, admissions tests for business and graduate school, on computer. The GRE is already being offered on computer, and the computerized GMAT rolls out October 11th.

According to Kaplan Educational Centers, the nation's largest test preparation company, the unknowns of taking a test on computer mean that it is even more critical that students familiarize themselves with the exam, known as a computer adaptive test (CAT) because it "adapts" to test-taker's performance. Armed with an understanding of how the test works, new strategies and solid content knowledge, students can make the

test's adaptive nature work to their advantage.

"Most students have never taken a test on computer, and it's a completely different kind of assessment," said Rob Levy, Kaplan's National Director of Business and Graduate School Programs. "Students will do better if they familiarize themselves with the test beforehand. They should understand how the CAT works, rethink the test-taking approach and get as much simulated practice as possible on computer."

On the GRE and GMAT CAT, you see one question at a time, and must answer each one in order to move on to the next question. The first question is of medium difficulty. If you answer correctly, the next is more difficult. If you answer incorrectly, the next is easier. You progress through the test according to this formula, and the level of question difficulty is factored into your score.

From the Off-Campus Housing Office
Students who are current sophomores may not sign off-campus leases until after the on-campus apartment selection process is completed. This should be no later than December 13, 1997.

A MESSAGE OF IMPORTANCE

At 3:30 Sunday morning, a PC student was assaulted by another student in the area of Pinehurst and Huxley Avenues.

A woman student returning from Prime Time Cafe at closing time was assaulted on Oakland Avenue near Smith Street. Again, Fr. McPhail asks students to be aware that the neighborhood around Prime Time is very dangerous.

The Providence College Poetry & Fiction Series
sponsored by
The Department of English

presents

Alison Lurie

editor, Pulitzer Prize winning novelist,
and author of children's books
reading from her work

Wednesday, October 29, 1997
Feinstein Function Room/4th Floor
7:30 p.m.

Refreshments and book signing immediately following the reading.

This event is part of the "Fall Arts Festival."

Disciplinary Measures

No college ID and not complying with direction of college officials.

Charge:

1. No College ID on person (Pg. 37, #5) GUILTY
2. Standards of Conduct established by Providence College. (Pg. 37, #8) GUILTY
3. Complying with the directions of College Officials. (Pg. 37, #15) GUILTY

Sanction:

1. Disciplinary Probation until January 15, 1998

Study Abroad Questions Addressed

BY JOCELYN KEPKO '99
NEWS STAFF

On Wednesday, October 8 a meeting was held in '64 Hall to discuss possible programs of interest to students and to also explain the application process to study abroad. Attendance was overwhelmingly good with about 150 students, mostly in their sophomore year at PC.

Mr. James Flanagan, Executive Director of the Study Abroad program, began the meeting with a brief overview of each program of study. Foreign study opportunities provided by PC include England, Ireland, Scotland, Japan, Switzerland, Spain, Italy and a Canadian exchange program. The program originally deemed "Providence-in-Europe" has since been changed to "Study Abroad" due to its expansion to other areas around the world. "You may also have an alternative area of interest not offered by PC," said Flanagan. "We can, however, work with you if you would like to go somewhere else."

The meeting exemplified an atmosphere of enthusiasm and encouragement. Mr. Flanagan brought to his audience's attention that out of about 15 million students, the United States sends only 75,000 to study outside of its borders. Yet, other countries send about a half million students to study in America.

Dr. Shauna McGovern, Study Abroad's new Associate Director, followed Flanagan by clarifying the application process. "Newcomers" to the process seemed to

have mixed feeling about the procedures they are going to begin and follow until the day they arrive in the country of their choice. "Dr. McGovern explained the process clearly," said Katie Rice '00. "The process did, though, seem very long and somewhat complicated."

"I feel the application process is complicated as well as distant," said Kate Williams '99 in her effort to study at the University of Galway, Ireland. "I don't feel as if anyone is helping me, especially now. Picking classes and trying to find housing is difficult and I would have expected someone to give me more assistance."

Another specific problem that arose during the meeting was the issue of financial aid. For many students who have scholarships or other funds provided by Providence College, the transfer of these student financial aid programs are a must in order to even consider applying.

However, this means that funds outside of PC such as Perkins Student Loans, Pell Grants, Federal, state and local scholarships and awards, may not be used for study abroad.

"No other way around this is possible," said Flanagan. "Unless you apply to The American Institute For Foreign Study. In this case you still would only receive from \$500- \$1000."

A major issue for students going abroad is housing both at Providence as well as in the country they are going to. Margaret Driscoll '99, who is planning to study in Galway, Ireland second

semester, has found that the Study Abroad Program is not entirely reliable.

"I was not guaranteed housing through Providence," Driscoll explained. "I didn't think much of it until I saw friends of mine, who go to BC and other schools, had housing for Ireland already settled through their school program. I had to call Ireland myself."

For those who are just beginning to apply, the December 19 deadline seems too far away. "How am I supposed to decide housing for the following year when I won't know if I am accepted until January?" questioned Rice.

"I literally filled out my application through Providence, sent my application to Galway, received my acceptance, and that was the last I had to do with the Study Abroad office," said Driscoll. "You have to do everything on your own and at the same time you do not know what to expect."

Despite problems lingering in the program the results are worth the hassle, according to some students. Heidi Galenski '98 had only good experiences going abroad, as she fully expressed at the meeting. "You are highly independent. I got to live in an actual house in England. Classes were nothing like they are here—they are more like discussions, and as a result I feel I have learned so much. Take advantage of the culture while you can."

"Right now I am happy with the fact that they wanted everyone to try to study abroad," said Rice. "It sounded like the Study Abroad staff is willing to help you out in any way."

Double-Counting Courses Determined

BY SUSAN E. JAMES '00
NEWS STAFF

The issue of double-counting courses for fulfillment of majors and minors within a student's academic program has been resolved. It was brought to the attention of students and faculty alike last November when Carol Hartley, Associate Vice President of Academic Administration distributed a memorandum which restated the requirements for a minor: "A minor will consist of 6 or 7 courses of at least 3 credits each, outside of a student's concentration." The new definition now allows for the double-counting of classes for majors and minors. The new provisions do not al-

low for automatic double-counting, however. Instead, a student must have his or her program reviewed by those important to a student's curriculum, i.e. academic advisor, director of minor program, etc. Only then can decisions be made about double-counting. This process is essentially what has been occurring in the past.

The allowance of double-counting is seen as an issue for the minority of students who are participating in such minors as Women's Studies, Environmental Studies, Black Studies and Asian Studies. The majority of minors will usually have classes which are outside of a student's minor or core, thus the situation of double-counting does not apply.

Shack City Raises Awareness

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poor people."

Barranger also went on to say that events like Shack City "is a unique demonstration which involves personal sacrifice and experience." He seemed impressed with the small but dedicated group of students who did give up their night to take part in this happening.

Mark Uzzell '99, Co-chair of Habitat, felt that he "definitely got something out of it. It was 30 degrees out, but the feeling and effect was still there." Uzzell went on to say that this was just the first event for Habitat this year and there promises to be much more to come.

Habitat for Humanity is a

Christian-based service organization which helps in local areas to build houses for the needy. At PC, Habitat falls under the wing of the Pastoral Service Organization in the Chaplain's Office. The group has Saturday service days where they travel to different sites in the area and actually build homes with Providence Habitat for Humanity.

Habitat also offers spring break trips to different locations around the country. Interviews begin on Monday, October 20—keep your eyes open for more information. Anyone interested in joining Habitat for Humanity (they are always looking for more helping hands) should contact the PSO office at 865-2440 or stop by their office in Slavin 211.

1997-98 Career Assistants Announced

BY JAIME LEONE '98
CAREER ASSISTANT

A new semester has begun and by now students are already pondering many of the questions college life poses. Whether you are freshman or sophomore searching for a major, or a junior or senior exploring career paths and job options, the Career Development Office can help you through these processes. The office, located in lower Slavin, has again chosen eight Career Assistants to assist you with some of the career planning related choices and decisions of college life.

The Career Development Office, a division of Student Development, is multifaceted and offers services to students from ALL years and majors (so do not wait until senior year to get started!) Under the direction of Kathleen Clarkin and Debra Santostefano, the Career Planning and Internship Service is chock full of valuable resources to aid students in choosing a major, developing an internship, researching careers and graduate schools, and any other future plans you might have. Students can also gain valuable assistance from John McGrath, Linda Ernst, and Kelly Kochis on navigating the senior year process of developing career focus, manag-

ing a job campaign and/or exploring graduate study.

The Career Assistants for the 1997-98 academic year are eager to make your career planning and job search process easier! We are, from the class of 1998: Amy Fanning (Individualized Management and Social Science),

Jaime Leone (Psychology), Maura Keegan (Sociology/Business Studies), Mary Marshall (History/Writing) and Amy Shea (Humanities/Theater). And, from the Class of 1999: Ryan Donaghy (History/Spanish), Kristin Hemmerle (Education/Business) and Jacques Maltais (Marketing). Joining our

efforts this year is also a Graduate Intern, Sadaf Ahmed. Under the direction of Mrs. Clarkin, we are trained to present seminars on topics such as "Getting Started in Career Planning," "Resume Writing," "Interview Skills" and "How to Develop Job or Internship." Feel free to attend any of these

workshops if you need guidance on these topics, want a question answered, or simply need a boost in the right direction!

Career Assistants not only aid declared students in their career planning process, but also help undeclared students by sharing resources on self assessment steps, researching academic options, and finding connections between majors, student skills and possibly careers.

The Career Development Office and the Career Assistants are here to ease your "career on major" anxieties. Take advantage of our workshops and all the information and resources in the office. We will be more than happy to provide you with the materials and information you need to steer you on your way. Whether you want to utilize the computerized services available (SIGI Plus, Top Job, Career Search, Graduate School Locator, CARE and more...) or want to take a skill assessment inventory, or simply need to share your anxieties about the future, we are more than happy to help. Look for our flyers of upcoming events or stop by and see us in Slavin 105. You can also check us out at www.providence.edu/careervd.

We look forward to helping you!



The 1997-98 Career Assistants are, from the class of 1998: Amy Fanning, Jaime Leone, Maura Keegan, Mary Marshall, and Amy Shea. And, from the class of 1999: Ryan Donaghy, Kristin Hemmerle, and Jacques Maltais.

Rachael Watt '99



Colleen E. Pappas '99

The Alumni Office holds phone-a-thons at specific times throughout the year during which student callers receive pledges from Alumni, parents, and friends of the college. The hard work of the students is greatly appreciated by the college.

This Week At The Balfour Center

October 10 at 10:00 in the Balfour Center, Harkins 310

Students are welcome to visit the Center and meet writers, painters, and muralists during this time and get breakfast refreshments. This program will be held under the auspices of the Hispanic Council of the Arts.

At 11:00, there will be a lecture and slide presentation by Latino draw-

ing and printmaking artist Helio Salcedo of Colombia on the fourth floor of Feinstein.

The whole campus is cordially invited to attend!

The Cowl expresses regret that last week Rosario Ferre was referred to as "he" instead of "she." We apologize for this error.

NewsCenter 91 this week...

Tuesday: "Politics as Usual"
Campaign Finances

Wednesday: "From the Hip"
Local Music

Thursday: Entertainment

Tune in to WDOM
for the latest in
News, Sports, and Talk
Providence College Radio
91.3 FM
Sunday-Friday, 6-7 pm

Bryant Hosts Leadership Conference

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stressed the notion that personal leadership will lead to success. He stressed four ideas which can lead to success: commitment; a focus on strengths, not weaknesses; doing what you love, the way you move affects the way you feel; and also the notion "if mind can conceive, the heart can believe, we can achieve." D'Angelo also stressed how possessing a vision of the future will lead to success. He cited a 1993 Yale University study of graduates of the class of 1973. The members of the study were cited because they believed they had a clear vision of themselves for the future. Out of this class, the 3% who had a vision now have a net worth greater than the other 97% of the class.

Paul Carroll '99, who was called up on stage for his dancing prowess, commented on the conference by saying, "It is good for potential leaders but more of a repeat for people already in leadership positions. It is for building confidence in those who are looking for leadership positions."

"It was a very interesting and fun conference. The best part was going with everyone," commented Julie Silvestris '99, who went with B.O.P.

While everyone seemed to have a good time, many felt the focus of the conference was lost.

"There is room for improvement," surmised Abigail Christian '99. "I heard last year's was phenomenal but I did not get a lot out of this year's conference. I did not feel EmPower X made the correct tone for the conference."

Laura Nardomario '99 had similar feelings. "I expected more concrete, leadership ideas but was a little disappointed. The smaller sessions needed to be more structured."

K.C. Ferrara, Assistant Director of Slavin Center, as well as the new Chair of the O.S.L.C., felt the conference went well. She explained this conference was based on the feedback received from last fall's consortium here at PC. Ferrara believes the round table discussions were a result of this feedback, since last year, "people felt they did not get enough time to talk."

Ferrara also felt the message of the conference—"You can not lead anyone before leading yourself"—was very important.

O.S.L.C. will also have a spring conference this year. It will be a different format with outdoor activities such as rope courses. The site of the spring conference has not yet been determined.

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society, for example, there is a obvious double standard between the way sex is viewed for men and women. It is a common stereotype that most have heard; a promiscuous woman is looked down on as a whore, whereas a man's promiscuity is often heralded as his entrance into manhood or evidence to his social status. In this case the woman is judged by her sexual behavior but the man's behavior is overlooked. This stereotype can be seen in movies or even on television sitcoms.

The travesty is that such ideas are not addressed more openly. An individual whether male or female, develops morals from their environment. If the environment is tainted, then it will be reflected in the actions of the individual. When studies show that a large percentage of men cannot define the act of rape, we need only look to our environment to understand why.

Likewise, many films glamorize prostitution and depict violence against women as an acceptable act. The trauma of such stereotypes runs deeper into the consciousness of society than can ever be imagined. As such visually-fixated beings, we take in images and they stay in our minds; when they are repeated again and again the images become a reality. If art reflects society, then the cycle for such ideas continues everyday.

Advertising on a massive scale, a frightening component of our modern age, is yet another example. Declared from billboards, commercials and the pages of magazines, advertising shows our desires and often our supposed "place" in society. For example, despite the Women's Movement of the 1960's, advertising campaigns still target

both men and women for traditional roles in the American family. Likewise, when women are depicted as strong, athletic, or aggressive it is with the understanding that they are taking on a masculine persona. Women are often seen as objects of sexual desire, desensitizing men to the concept that women are their equals.

These trends contribute to the creation of an environment in which acts of violence against women are accepted. When situations of domestic violence are examined, the question most often asked is "Why didn't she leave?" as opposed to "Why did he beat her?" The plight of the woman, the mental and physical damage she has endured is pushed aside. For these reasons, violent crimes against women continue.

Individuals must recognize the societal forces that are acting upon them. In terms of domestic violence, it is not enough that we know so many crimes are not reported, we must understand why women feel they cannot speak out. Further still, we must do what we can to create an environment where stereotypes do not control social consciousness. As it stands, it often seems that criminals are acquitted in the minds of their victims as a result of the impact of damaging stereotypes. It is perhaps a defeatist attitude that has taken precedence in our society. Therefore, education about domestic violence is definitely a start towards aiding women in violent situations. But, currently, the stereotypes our culture identifies with hold an even greater threat to women than any single criminal act.

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Eddie Vedder
From the album As Good As Dead

Featuring the hit "Eddie Vedder" and includes "Fritz's Corner" and "Bound For The Floor"

Appearing at:
LUPO'S 10/12

Household Chores: Whose Responsibility ?

By ANITA MORAWSKI '98
EDITORIALS STAFF

Most of us have mothers that do the majority of the house work. Often we take her "services" for granted and expect her to clean up after us. But few of us really appreciate her efforts, which is why we have to dedicate one day out of the year for saying "thanks for being such a great Mom." Her work is tedious, yet indispensable. But she doesn't get paid for it, nor does she get much credit. The woman can justly be classified as the "invisible worker." Why is this so, and why should she be the only one expected to do such work?

I am convinced that it is the very nature of the work, coupled with society's emphasis on exchange value labor which gives the woman a second-rate position. As monotonous as domestic work is, someone's got to do it. The children have to be raised, the family has to eat, the clothes have to be washed, the house needs to be cleaned. These duties may be reduced to a minimum through inventions such as the television (a quasi-baby-sitter), fast-food restaurants, laundry services, vacuum cleaners and easy to wipe furniture. But the TV will not wash the kids, Boston Chicken won't cook our Thanksgiving meal (not to mention that we'd eventually get sick of takeout food), the laundry service won't sort our clothes and put them away, and vacuum cleaners are not robot maids that work by themselves. Furthermore, these are all luxuries that only a small percent of the world's population can even

afford. Eighty percent of the world still lives in substandard housing and 50% suffer from malnutrition. (World Development Forum, April 15, 1990). Try telling those women to bring their laundry to the cleaners. As necessary as this work is, it is not highly valued because it is not exchangeable. It cannot be sold, it cannot be swapped for something else, it will not put food on the table in and of itself. It just needs to be done. In a capitalistic world that values material products, money, and profit, such work results in little to no status enhancement, power, or prestige. To make such work more reputable, we have added words to our lexicon, so a woman is no longer just a "mom" or a "housewife," but a "homemaker" or a "home economizer." But it will never be deemed as worthy as the type of work which brings home a paycheck. What's worse is that even if a woman works outside the home, be it part-time or full-time, she still has to fulfill her duties in the house, creating a double-day, or a second shift. The irony is that if the woman is lucky enough to hire someone, that person gets paid to do the same work that the woman would otherwise do without monetary reimbursement. Men, on the other hand, seldom participate in such labor, and if they do, they usually expect praises and thanksgiving.

Because it is not exchange value work, women have traditionally been stuck with it, as men are supposed to be "earning a living." Its a vicious circle. Women have gotten these jobs because they are "subordinate" to men, and the quality of the work perpetuates this sense of subordination: it carries a

stigma of dirtiness, and therefore whoever is doing the cleaning is considered subordinate to the one not doing the cleaning.

Furthermore, it is also mindless activity, which is why it has been traditionally relegated to women. It does not take an education to know how to use a broom. So the person doing it is immediately regarded as less worthy, less respectable, as one

As necessary as this work is, it is not valued because it is not exchangeable

who partakes in a mindful occupation. In a society in which men are "supposed" to be well-educated, few would be willing to participate in such labor; it is considered "beneath them." However, we have the reached the point in our culture that women are as educated as men, and often more educated. It is time to catch up with this ideology in our practice. If women are equally as educated, cooking and cleaning are equally "beneath" them. There is no reason for a woman with a career to be more responsible for housework than a man of equal standing.

This is not to say that women who find fulfillment and satisfaction in housework should not be considered respectable. Rather, those who find fulfillment through other venues should not be expected to carry the brunt of housework. It should be divided equally between all the members of a

household, male and female alike.

I'll use the example of my parents to illustrate my point. My stepmother does not know how to fix the hot water boiler, nor does she have enough strength to chop down a tree in the yard. Therefore, my father does these things. But she does participate in gardening, and she fixes lamp fixtures, etc., if she is physically capable. Likewise, my father contributes to washing the dishes, dusting the furniture, and an occasional vacuuming. He will even do his own laundry when he has a whole load. Case in point: my parents share to a large extent the household duties. But for those men who not only do not help with the cleaning, but don't even participate in traditionally "male" household activities, they have no excuse. There is no reason that they should be out golfing while mom is at home slaving over six loads of laundry.

Is there an easy answer to such inequality? Under Lenin's New Socialism, Russian women were to be paid for household work. Such an ideal was never materialized. It sounds like a plan, though, because then domestic work would have a price tag on it and therefore be considered valuable. Perhaps men would then be more likely to participate in such activity, as it could actually earn a living. (A shocking statistic estimates that if such work were price-tagged, the economic productivity of the United States would increase by 25%!) What is interesting is that in many cultures in the past, delivering babies and burying the dead were strictly women's duties. Once they became charged services, men began taking such jobs away from women. Perhaps Lenin's answer could really work if implemented. Imagine if one

day men began to claim rights over women to domestic duties! Unfortunately, in a world that is becoming more and more democratic, it seems unlikely that a socialist policy of this sort would ever be realized.

Plan 'B' would be to simply MAKE it a husband's duty to share the housekeeping responsibilities. (How, you ask? Simply stop feeding them for awhile-they'll catch on rather quickly!) I realize than men cannot nurse babies, but there is no reason that they cannot do the regular cooking or cleaning in a marriage. It is by no means "unnatural", because when forced to, men WILL cook for themselves, pick up a broom and even do the laundry. (i.e.: Men living alone usually don't die of starvation, nor do they live in filth.) Even if they only know how to boil an egg, they can learn to cook, just as women do. There is nothing in our genes that make women better homemakers than men. Interestingly, when a woman tells you she is a chef, she doesn't get nearly as many "oohs" and "aahs" as a man who tells you the same thing. It is ingrained in our mentality that this is "naturally" a woman's domain.

Although we are much more egalitarian than we were even a couple of decades ago, there are still few men that are ready and willing to pick up a broom or give the kids a bath. It is only a matter of time before the view that women belong in the kitchen and men should be earning the money is completely dispelled from our culture. It is already becoming antiquated. One day it will be as obsolete as the idea that African Americans should sit in the back of public buses.

Beauty, In the Eye of the Beholder

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My mom always told me not to judge a book by its cover. "Beauty is only skin deep," she would admonish, advice that was usually offered to me at the Dunkin' Donuts Drive-Thru. It was there that I would occasionally comment on the employee's sour expression, who found it necessary to roll her eyes because I dared to ask for 1% milk in my coffee. I myself worked at "Dunks" back in the day. A pleasant expression usually graced my face, my efforts recompensed at the end of a shift in the Tip Jar. It's true that there may have been something other than my extraneous request that set the girl off. My point? Despite the advice of our mothers to only judge a person by their merits or depth of character, an individual's appearance is what initially decides a response.

Many extensive studies have shown that judging a person by his/her face is an inherent human trait. The proportions or expressions of a face are weighed by strangers as an indicator of openness, warmth, honesty, and intelligence. For some, such conclusions are credible, due to an exceptional instinct. For others, such interpretations are wishful thinking. Just because someone is attractive does not mean that they would be the perfect match for your brother, or the ultimate best friend. A person's worth can't be measured by his/her appearance.

We've all seen the commercials with stunning people proclaiming, "Don't hate me because I'm beautiful" and "It's never too late

to make a good first impression." Handsomeness sells. We pay more attention to attractive faces in advertising, go to movies starring particularly beautiful people, and even get swindled into buying something we don't need by a salesperson with a pleasant, honest babyface. It's how celebrities become celebrities, and supermodels become supermodels. We've been conditioned to pay homage to beauty. Such commercialism sets an unrealistic standard of attraction for everyday humans like you and me.

Studies have yielded that attractive people get more job offers than unattractive ones, are treated more favorably in encounters with police officers, and rise higher in society. If this is indeed true, such findings don't seem just. Why should a particular alignment of genes determine an individual's opportunities in this world? Does hard work and a great attitude fall by the wayside in comparison to the influence of a pair of sparkling blue eyes?

For those who have fallen prey to this materialistic, commercial culture that celebrates the attractive, you're missing out big time. My mom isn't a supermodel, but she is beautiful person, as evidenced by her unconditional love and daily sacrifices for her children. (She can also cook a mean spaghetti sauce and occasionally spurts out some decent advice.) We all love our family members, no matter what they may look like. So why not extend that concept to the general public? Despite what our television programs and magazine models may construe to be beautiful, true beauty lies inside a person.

Help the Cause

By KRISTEN MARTINEAU '98
EDITORIALS STAFF

It seems as though we are constantly asked to give of ourselves to support issues that affect our lives as well as the lives of those around us. We may be asked to participate in a walk for hunger to combat homelessness or attend a prayer service to pray for the unborn. Many times we are inclined to walk away from supporting these and other causes because we feel that we do not have the time to participate in a walk-a-thon, or the issue is not something that impacts our lives greatly at that moment. However, it is important to keep in mind that at any given point we or somebody we love could be diagnosed with terminal cancer or AIDS. Somebody we love could find themselves jobless and penniless. All of the so-called causes that we once deemed not worthy of our time and attention are suddenly becoming important. October 10, 1997 is officially

Lee National Denim Day. This is an event sponsored by the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation in conjunction with the Lee Denim Company. The event is intended to raise money for breast

dence Life to bring this event on campus. Participants are asked to donate \$1-3 and wear denim on Friday to show their support. Statistics show that 1 in every 9 women will battle breast cancer.

The numbers are not very promising. It is our responsibility as students and well informed people to show our support for such issues.

It is so easy to walk away from a situation because it does not affect our lives at that time. Most of us have had family members or loved ones who have battled some type of cancer. In order for research to continue and in order to combat this awful disease that has already claimed so many lives, we need to show our support. Being a silent supporter does not help. It takes everybody's active participation to accomplish goals. Our participation in Lee National Denim Day is testament to the fact that not all young people are apathetic. We all have a voice and together we can make a difference.

cancer research and education. The Providence College Education Club has teamed up with Resi-

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Zero-Percent Harassment

By **KIMBERLY CUTRONE '00**
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Sexual harassment is defined as "unwanted sexual flirtations or propositions, verbal abuse of a sexual nature, graphic comments, and display of sexually suggestive objects or pictures." Before I researched the topic, I was ignorant to the full meaning of sexual harassment. After discovering this definition, one could understand why I was appalled when I also looked in the student handbook and found that PC has a record of 0% sexual offenses.

There are two types of sexual harassment. The type commonly found in the workplace in which a co-worker displays unwanted sexual advances is a classic case of sexual harassment. Our country has been familiar with this since the Clarence Thomas and Anita Hill trials. The second type of harassment which is enormously common on college campuses is

called "hostile environment harassment." This type of harassment causes a hostile environment for another person. Examples of this are "the telling of dirty jokes, certain types of touching, staring and questions about someone's social or sexual life." Perhaps the writer of the PC handbook is not aware of this second type of harassment, sexual harassment. Or maybe the PC students are not aware, as I was not. Since more than 700,000 women are assaulted each year, maybe it's time for the ignorance to stop.

Rape is perhaps the worst sexual offense that can be committed, but it is not the only type. Students should also be educated about sexual harassment. I believe sexual harassment may have a different meaning for different people. What is offensive to me may not be offensive to another female. However, if I am offended, I should be able to report the incident and be confident that my case will be taken seriously. I do not

believe that PC offers this type of protection. I've heard numerous accounts of dismissed cases in which nothing was done and the victim was persuaded to forget the incident. PC makes it difficult for the victim to have any action taken against the harasser. Would you want to have to be reminded everyday of such a humiliating act? Is it more important to have that little 0% printed in the student handbook? Our school should be dedicated to our safety and not so eager to impress prospective students.

I don't know how many times I've walked across campus and heard someone being called a "slut" from a dorm window or various sexual comments being screamed at random people just minding their business and walking past a dorm. These are the obvious incidents which may seem amusing to some but are, in the everyday world, inappropriate and offensive. If students are written up for having kegs in their rooms,

why are they not written up for this type of sexual harassment? I wonder what would happen if I called security at 3:00 a.m. to report someone screaming "slut" out of their window. I doubt if any action would be taken. If our school took reports of sexual harassment seriously there would be a change in that 0%.

"One out of every three American women will be sexually assaulted in their lifetime." It's sad that only about 1/3 of these attacks will be reported. The problem with reporting these incidents is that institutions, such as colleges, make it difficult. Yet, women are not the only victims of sexual harassment. 5% of sexual assaults are committed against males. If it's difficult for females to report sexual crimes, think about how difficult it would be for a male to report one. Society has a distorted view of what types of sexual freedoms are appropriate and that is why there are so many rapes, stalkings and assaults being committed in our

country. If you can easily access pornography on your computer, then what's wrong with grabbing someone? Society is promoting the existence of sexual crimes. It is one thing to have freedom and another to be offensive and inappropriate.

Providence College obviously does not see itself as a microcosm of American society. That 0% is telling the world that our campus is immune to crimes such as sexual assaults as our school contradicts itself and posts warnings that we should all walk in groups so as not to be attacked. Our school is not immune to sexual harassment nor any other type of crime existing in this world. The ignorance has to stop. If you are a victim of a crime, you must report it. If everyone reported incidents of sexual misconduct the school would have to take action. The printing of 0% sexual assault incidents in our student handbook is not a reflection of our school's safety, but a reflection of PC's ignorance.

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We Shouldn't Need Babysitters Anymore

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Three or four weeks ago, I was with some of my co-workers trying to tell a freshman how to get somewhere—I can't remember exactly where, but I do know that you had to go past 7-Eleven to get there. Okay, it's understandable that maybe she wasn't clear on where the convenience store was. But when we tried to explain that 7-Eleven is on Douglas Avenue, just past the stop sign at the end of Eaton Street, she said "Oh, yeah—on the way to Prime Time."

I was pretty shocked that the girl had been here for about six days and not only had she already been to Prime Time Cafe, but she was more familiar with its location than that of 7-Eleven. As a freshman, obviously she does not have a car on campus. I think it's safe to assume, then, that she and her freshman pals are going out with their stenciled IDs and walking down Douglas Avenue at night.

I am sure that when they were picking out their classes, moving into their dorms, and being warned not to walk down Douglas at night, they weren't told "Oh yeah, there's an establishment called Prime Time Cafe where seventeen-year-old college freshmen can go drinking, but sorry, it's on Douglas Avenue, so don't even think about it. Maybe you could sit in your room instead?"

I mean no malice toward the cafe itself; I just think that walking there on foot at night is rather stupid, considering the numerous attacks and the fact that you will most likely be impaired in some way on your return trip. I also am not going to sit here and say "underage drinking is bad! Lock them up until they're twenty-one!" That would be foolish and hypocritical. Unfortunately, the way alcohol works, the most common and effective way to learn how to handle it is obviously first-hand. My opinion is that the earlier people learn about alcohol, the better. For instance, half of my family comes from Italy, where people have been drinking wine for a few thousand years. As far back as I can remember (okay, that's only about two decades), we have had wine at meals. I'm not

saying that this is the reason why I personally did not have an extremely lush streak my freshman year, but I do believe that I have a healthy attitude toward alcohol as a result of being surrounded by it for my entire life.

The point is, most young people are going to drink, or at least try it when they go off to college; it's almost expected. *The Providence Journal-Bulletin's* Froma Harrop, in her October 7 commentary "Child Care for College Students" agrees with this; she makes some

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very good points, such as "Winston Churchill and Franklin Roosevelt saved Western Civilization without ever missing a cocktail hour." She also notes that "our society considers the 19-year-old who has a job an adult while universities see the 19-year-old pre-law student as a child." Okay, I've seen many instances of that in my own life, but when it comes right down to it, some people around here really do not use their heads, and maybe they do need someone to look out for their safety.

Did you know that two years ago, even a basketball player was assaulted on Douglas (*The Cowl*, September 28, 1995)? Does anybody remember when last spring, another male upper-classman was assaulted (*The Cowl*, February 27, 1997)? Yes, folks, it's not just something girls should be concerned about. Guys, it could happen to you too.

Not many people receive almost-daily notes from and have weekly meetings with Fr. McPhail,

Vice President for Student Services. As someone who does, I must tell you—the topic most often discussed is that of YOUR SAFETY! Believe it or not, the administration is not out to get you. Quite the contrary, in fact.

You may not pay attention to those little boxes we include in *The Cowl* each week to let you know that another person got assaulted on the way home from Prime Time. You may not even notice the postings on your apartment or classroom buildings after something occurs. I really don't expect that you run to check the Safety/Security board in Lower Slavin, unless you stop by the Intramural Sports bulletin board first. But Father McPhail is not going to call all 4000 of us personally to let us know that it was dangerous out in the city of Providence last night.

This is where a little thing that probably helped us get this far in the first place comes in handy: common sense. Don't be stupid—especially not in public.

I really don't mean to be condescending. I don't know how else to say it, but you know that a lot of people are just out to get us. You can be sure that the Elmhurst Association is just waiting for an opportunity to pounce on us, like they do once or twice each year. It's the classic "town-versus-gown" scenario: the townspeople basically don't know how to deal with academia. Whether it's envy or misunderstanding, or if it really is the students' fault—it's been going on since the Middle Ages. It's a pretty significant theme in Chaucer's *Canterbury Tales* and it will probably continue long after we pay off our student loans. Why make it worse for yourself? (Thanks, Dr. Delasanta!)

I guess maybe I'm just a little out of touch because I'm twenty-one and I guess I think I can do whatever I want now. I know that nobody wants to hear some old fogey talking about "when I was a freshman, we didn't even have Prime Time. We had to walk three miles, uphill both ways, just to get a microwave burrito..." Please, someone, just tell me this: WHY would you ever invite Channel 10 into your home during a keg party, especially if you are underage?

It's the Least They Could Do

By KIERAN MICHAEL LALOR '98
EDITORIALS EDITOR

In the wake of the grizzly assault and murder of an eleven-year-old New Jersey boy and a Cambridge, Massachusetts youth, now more than ever legislatures have no excuse not to pass the so-called Megan's Law.

Essentially, Megan's Law demands that when a convicted child molester moves into the neighborhood authorities must warn the community of the potential threat. Ironically, the law gets its name from the victim of another New Jersey murder who was sexually abused by a neighbor who had been previously convicted of molesting children.

Megan's Law may not have prevented the abuse and murder of either of the children who were victimized last week because in neither case was the alleged perpetrator a previously convicted sex offender. However, this crime is a cruel reminder of the rippling effects sexual abuse has on the victim, his family and a community as a whole.

State and local officials previously opposed to the protections provided by Megan's Law have no choice but to do everything possible to assure that gruesome crimes like the ones that have devastated two towns in recent days do not occur again. Megan's Law is the best tool available to lawmakers at this time.

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would save children from molestation and even murder, but the pro-pedophilia movement in America is fighting like hell to block this common sense legislation.

Civil liberty groups oppose Megan's Law because of trumped up Constitutional concerns. They claim that such a law punishes an

the right to bear arms, to those convicted of violent crimes. Meanwhile, job applications require felons to indicate their crimes.

Each of the previous practices punishes the felon after time has been served in the same manner that Megan's Law would. A criminal past can keep a person from getting a job or buying a gun;

about protecting children from the horrors of sexual abuse by informing neighbors of the same information that potential employers and handgun shops are privy to.

Unfortunately, Megan's Laws should not be necessary at all. If judges, parole boards and law makers had the safety of children in mind there would be no need

slack and sentence child molesters, and all those who commit sex crimes for that matter, for the maximum prison term that the law allows.

The role of the parole board is then to make sure that these criminals serve at the very least, all of the time they are sentenced to. Instead of the common practice of shortening the sentences of convicted criminals for good behavior, all convicts should serve their entire sentences. At no time should a sex offender, who obviously by the nature of his crime, has deep psychological problems be set free. It may be possible for a sex offender to be rehabilitated. So what! Pedophiles have permanently forfeited their right to live in civilized society. Such a criminal should have to deal with the ramifications of his crimes every day for the rest of his life just as the victims and their families have to.

Moreover, paroling sex offenders is a risk to society as a whole and to children in particular. There is no justification for placing children in harms way because there is the possibility that a convicted sex offender has been cured.

Until we pass a "one strike and you're out" policy, which is wildly unlikely considering a weak "three strikes and your out" policy has trouble becoming law, Megan's Law is the only thing standing between child molesters and children.

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ex-con after he has served his formal punishment.

This ludicrous opposition to Megan's Law ignores the facts that convicted felons, even after their release from prison, maintain a criminal record for obvious purposes. Moreover, the Brady Bill correctly denies one of the liberties granted in the Bill of Rights,

shouldn't it keep an ex-con from molesting and killing a child?

I could understand if there was opposition to say, tattooing "CHILD MOLESTER" on the foreheads of sex offenders after they are unleashed from jail because such a practice might be regarded as cruel and unusual. But there is nothing cruel or unusual

for such a bare minimum statute.

Legislators should do their jobs and protect children by passing "a one strike and you're out" policy to ensure that judges and parole boards can't possibly send a sex criminal back into our neighborhoods.

If elected officials fail to do this, judges need to pick up the

A False Sense of Security?

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A Providence Journal-Bulletin article from last month pointed out yet one more reason to be proud of Providence's progress. FBI crime statistics recorded from 1990-1995 report a 25% drop in crime in general and a 39% drop in violent crime. General crime includes items such as murder, manslaughter, rape, robbery, aggravated assault, burglary, larceny, auto-theft, and arson. Violent crime covers murder, manslaughter, forcible rape, robbery, and aggravated assault. These statistics place Providence at the top of the list for U.S. cities that have experienced crime reduction. Providence has a population of approximately 160,000, and for cities our size, we had the eighth largest general crime drop of the 96 cities in that category, and the third steepest violent crime decrease.

This past Friday, USA Today reported that the U.S. has experienced a 9.2% drop in youth (age 10-17) violent crime. This is the first time youth violent crime has dropped two years in a row since 1983 and a surprise for criminologists everywhere.

What I have just presented is a list of facts. A summary of numbers, frequencies, and rankings. They look great, don't they? What they omit is the unpredictability, proximity, and emotional nature of such crimes, whether they are committed against you, or someone who lives within a mile of you.

As positive as these reports are, they should not provide a false sense of security.

Within the last two weeks, several disturbing crimes have taken place in our immediate locality. On Wednesday, October 1, a 20 year old man was found shot to death outside the Arbor Glen apartment complex, which is only a block off Admiral St. and merely a half-mile from Slavin Center. On Thursday, September 25, two Providence

Huxley Avenue and practically on campus? This was just as shocking as the gunpoint mugging in the parking lot adjacent to the tennis courts last semester. One resident of Arbor Glen reported no problems in the last five years. What ostensible reason had he to worry? The point here is that one can never be too sure about urban safety.

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Many myths grow up around the reality of crime in our own urban neighborhood. I have heard comments from fellow students such as: "It's not that dangerous, I live here!" or "This is not nearly as bad as the area I come from." To respond, bullets do not make the distinction as to whether one lives "here" or "there"—they do not care or even know. To compare one area's crime with another's is foolish—there are far too many unknown and gray-area factors to be able to make a reliable, face-value comparison.

Another favorite is: "It doesn't look that bad here." Well, I have news for you. I have family in an area city who live in what appears to be a very pleasant neighborhood. You would not know about the 50 plus homes, all within a quarter mile, from which drugs are sold unless you asked a local.

The saddest comment of all: "\$7 is too expensive for a cab ride—I'd rather walk back." No dollar amount could possibly be placed on one's personal safety and health. How could anyone prefer to place themselves in obvious danger to save a buck? Readers should note—if it ever costs you more than \$5.75 to get a cab to Kennedy Plaza, you have been ripped off.

A final complaint: "I'm not going to live in fear!" Well, no, of course not, but it is so easy to use a little common sense. A little common sense and adjustment of one's plans could go a long way toward preserving one's life and health in a dangerously unpredictable urban environment. Our general crime, violent crime, and youth violent crime rates may have gone down, but our unpredictability rate is as high as ever.

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College women were assaulted within a stone's throw from campus. As the Cowl reported last week, one woman was assaulted and robbed on Huxley Avenue just steps from her destination of Davis Hall. A half-hour later, another PC woman was attacked and robbed on Pinehurst Avenue not far from Chad Brown St.

These crimes were each surprising and unexpected. Who would expect to be assaulted on

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-Letters-

Democracy Or Aristocracy?

To the Editor:

Hooray for Kieran Lalor!! Finally a voice of reason in the wilderness (Corruption at 1600, 10/2/97). Recently I was working with one of our students here at Providence College on Western Civ and we were talking about Thomas Jefferson and the Declaration of Independence. As the student and I were discussing the profound work, what struck me about that document and all of the issues surrounding the colonies' fight for freedom against England was the role that equality versus privilege played. This great country we live in was founded on the belief that all people are created equal and that the government's rights come from the people, not the other way around. Jefferson spoke out directly against the king and the rank that money and privilege had in England, and in general throughout Europe, in the 18th Century. The Declaration's ideas were considered radical for its times, yet these ideals were filled with truth and thus remain with us and sustain us to this very day. Ours truly was an American "Revolution." many, many countries since then have followed suit and have come to accept freedom and democracy as the only way to go. I get very worried when that ideal of government of the people is infringed upon.

What jumped out at me when we're discussing America's storied past was how the present administration, headed by Bill Clinton, stands in sharp contrast to the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution, and those things that make America great. The funny

part is that in 1992 on the campaign trail then-Governor Bill Clinton often compared himself to that giant of American and world history-Thomas Jefferson. Clinton also likened his own coming to the White House to the famed "Revolution of 1800" that Jefferson ushered in. As a president who stood on principle, Ronald Reagan once said, "I

in a series of Clinton scandals), Clinton and Gore have spit in the face of Americans, much like King George III spit in the face of American colonists in the 1700s. The president and vice president have essentially said to us Americans, "We're above you, you don't matter. Our political future and power is all that matters. All people are not truly equal. People

powerful oil tycoon, Roger Tamaraz said regarding the \$300,000 he gave Democrats in 1996 alone: "It's the only reason to get access" (The New York Times, 9/19/97).

Whether illegal or not, it seems rather obvious that the fund-raising activities of this administration were rather foolish. And then, to add insult to injury, we get the pat-

mysteriously turn up. Sounds rather fishy to me. Maybe it's another case of, "Who cares about the country's political process and the investigation being undertaken by the people. I'm going to do what I want to do and I won't participate until my name is cleared." Maybe it's not, who knows?!?! Al Gore, a potential candidate for the office of president in 2000 and has become quite good at the practice of dodging the truth as well.

The real losers in all of this are the American. We are the boss of Bill Clinton and Al Gore, not a few rich big-wigs!! We need to hold our leaders accountable for their actions. Being president of the United States is certainly a powerful position and we all know that with great power comes great responsibility. If our government officials are not acting responsibly we need to call them on it. The colonists did it did it to their supposed leaders in 1776 and we need to do it to ours in 1997. Let us get involved in our government, call our senators and representatives and take action when we see an injustice on any level. This still is a government of the people, regardless of what President Clinton or Vice President Gore would have you think. Despite its flaws, America still is the hope of history. Let us all take an active role in keeping it this way and always strive to maintain a government "of the people, by the people, for the people."

Joseph W. Polchinski '96

I get very worried when the idea of government of the people is infringed upon. President Clinton and Vice President Al Gore have done just that. Through the various questionable and perhaps illegal campaign fund-raising practices of the administration (just the latest in a series of Clinton Scandals), Clinton and Gore have spit in the face of American colonists of the 1700s.

knew Thomas Jefferson. Thomas Jefferson was a friend of mine. And Governor, you're no Thomas Jefferson." A bit of an exaggeration, but you get the point.

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with money matter more."

The president used our house, the White House which is paid for by taxpayers, for his own personal and political gain. Pres. Bill Clinton also used the office we entrusted to him, the highest office in the land, to further his political endorsements and standing instead of serving us nobly. Could you or I have gotten a meeting with the president? Probably not. Well, not unless we had money, that is. As

ented Clintonesque practice of doing something wrong, covering it up, and then when the facts say something different, changing his story once again. The latest example is the White House's denial of having any tapes of the controversial "coffees" for the past several months. Yet, as soon as Attorney General Janet Reno decided not to seek an Independent Counsel to investigate the president's questionable practices, the tapes

Shout Out for Urban Beats

To the Editor:

Last Friday, as I glanced through *The Cowl* I noticed an article titled "WDOM" in the Arts and Entertainment section. At first I was excited. After all, I have been involved with the station for two years and now I am the Urban Beats Director. Sentence after sentence, I scanned the article for a mention of Urban Beats. There was not even one sentence. No mention of how Urban Beats lost 15 hours of air time, yet the author was kind enough to mention other eliminations. No mention of the fact that Urban Beats can only be heard on Saturdays. No explanations. Perhaps the author could not explain the changes that have

taken place. Or maybe urban beats is not an important enough aspect of WDOM. Maybe people do not want to listen to Rock five days a week for 60 hours. OOPS, that cannot possibly be true. Other WDOM DJs are in disbelief. Our viewers who range from on-campus to off-campus will be truly disappointed. Their years of supportive calls and "shout-outs" and ENDLESS requests will now be heard one day a week.

The article states that "You will get more of a variety on DOM," but that cannot possibly be true either. What variety and for whom? There are many students who listen to OTHER types of music. Maybe it is hard to

believe that an honor student from New Jersey or a freshman from Maryland would actually want to hear Urban Beats. But it is true. Urban Beats is more than just gangster music. It is Rhythm and Blues, Hip-Hop, Reggae, calypso and more. Urban Beats DJs take pride in their music because to them music is more than just a pastime. It is a constant in their lives. On that note I would like to say good luck to the new Urban Beats DJ's. Not everyone has forgotten you. However, to our faithful daily listeners, WDOM has already forgotten you.

Adenrele Abiade '99
Urban Beats Director

The Cowl Cover Controversy Continues

To the Editor:

Since I was taught at St. Pius V school in the 1930s that ordination to the priesthood is not a right; it is a special call from God, and since no one has the right to be ordained, I disagree with Graphics Editor Danielle Casillo '98. Last week's letter in *The Cowl* she wrote: "Until the Church can regard women and men as equals as far as ordination goes, the cover on *The Cowl* will remain a man." Will women receive this special call from God by His divine intercession to be ordained? We do not know. Ms. Casillo and others may hope for a change, but we cannot suspend our moral, spiritual, and good Catholic lives as we await the outcome. Since the Friar in *The Cowl* will remain on its masthead

is fine with me. I did not object to it in my 9/25/97 Letter to the Editor. I want to make it perfectly clear to *The Cowl* readers that I suggested that Ms. Casillo draw a picture of a female saint alongside the Friar. My preference as of now is St. Catherine of Siena. One cannot help but wonder what Ms. Casillo would draw on the cover if women could be ordained during her tenure as Graphics Editor. Since there is a picture of a Friar on *The Cowl* masthead, perhaps some Dominican Friar on the PC campus or anyone in the college community would choose to comment on women being ordained to the Catholic priesthood in the next issue of *The Cowl*.

Russell P. Demoe '73

It's A Dream

BY ERIC CUTLER '98
ASST. ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

Last week I wrote an article entitled "Dreamgirls," which was a preview of a Broadway musical playing at the Providence Performing Arts Center. In the article I referred to the musical *Dreamgirls* as "spectacular." While waiting for the show to begin last Wednesday, I turned to my friend and said that I hoped the show would live up to the glowing preview that I had given it. Well, I was wrong. *Dreamgirls* was not spectacular.

Dreamgirls
At the PPAC
Grade: A

dreams who becomes a diva who longs for the simpler life. With the use of wigs, we see Ms. Hall transform from sixties doo-wop to seventies glamour girl right before our eyes. By the end of the play, I could have sworn that I was watching Diana Ross.

Roz White plays Effie Melody White with such strength and passion that every song she sang re-

Dreamgirls has everything. Theoni V. Aldredge designed the costumes for both beauty and practicality. The costume changes are fast and furious. At one point, the Dreams are touring, and in one city, they are wearing long dresses with feather boas. A large beaded curtain (remember that this is the seventies) comes on stage and the girls walk through. They immediately come back through the curtains in small sequined numbers. It was truly an amazing sight.

Adding to the spectacular costumes were the songs by Tom Eyer



Left to Right: Tonya Dixon, LaTanya Hall, and Roz White, *Dreamgirls* - 1997 photo by Carol Rosegg

It was simply amazing. From start to finish, I was mesmerized by the fast-paced story, the tremendous performances and the sequined costumes.

Dreamgirls tells the story of Deena Jones, Lorrell Robinson, and Effie Melody White, three singers who dream of greatness in the music industry. Their dream comes true when they meet James "Thunder" Early at a New York talent contest. His back-up singers leave him because of his philtering ways and he hires the three girls as last-minute replacements. The chemistry of the four is so right that they soon become James "Thunder" Early and the Dreamettes. They tour for a while until Curtis Taylor, Jr., their manager, decides that the Dreamettes can make it on their own simply as the Dreams. The three girls are thrilled until Curtis informs Effie that Deena will be singing lead, because she is the prettier one. Effie reluctantly agrees and the Dreams begin their path to stardom. Effie's ego, however, will not let her accept the fact that Deena is singing lead. Deena and Lorrell decide to replace Effie with another singer, Michelle Morris. Sound like a lot? Hold on, there's still another act to go.

La Tanya Hall, who plays Deena Jones, has quite a background. She is a graduate of the University of Colorado, with a B.S. in journalism. She is also Miss Colorado 1987 and was third runner-up to Miss America. She has performed with Harry Belafonte, Gloria Gaynor, Jon Secada, and Harry Connick Jr. In *Dreamgirls*, she plays Deena Jones as a small town girl with big

received thunderous applause before she even finished it. Act One ends with her singing "And I'm Telling You I'm Not Going," a plea for Curtis not to kick her out of the Dreams and, consequently, out of his life. Kevin-Anthony plays James "Thunder" Early with such supreme style and comic flair that he lights up the stage everytime he appears.

The real star of the show, however, is the costumes. The sequins do not stop, bell-bottoms are abound, and the leather and lace are luscious and lovely. From short mini-skirts to elaborate gowns with long trains,

and Henry Krieger. *Dreamgirls* is filled with show-stoppers: "Steppin' to the Bad Side," "I Am Changing," "And I'm Telling You I'm Not Going" and "One Night Only" pumped the crowd with a funky energy that electrified the night.

I had no idea what *Dreamgirls* was going to be like when I went to the Performing Arts Center last Wednesday night, but after the show ended, I knew that the only way to describe it would be (I heartily apologize for the cliché, but you honestly cannot say that you didn't see it coming,) to call it a dream.

Kiss the Girls

BY ALICIA MOSKWA '99
ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT STAFF

Kiss The Girls
Rated R
Now Playing Everywhere

Am I the only person on campus who hasn't seen *Seven*? Yes, I know Brad Pitt is in it. I honestly don't know why I haven't seen it yet. I think that when it came to the theaters, I was in the middle of a movie boycott because of the high ticket prices, and because of movies like *George of the Jungle*.

When did the serial-killer movie trend start, anyway? Think about it-*Silence of the Lambs*, *Copycat*, *Scream*-they were all pretty popular. Don't get me wrong, I have nothing against these movies. I'm not even a squeamish person. They're just not my favorite kind of movies. Somehow, however, I was talked into going to see *Kiss the Girls* last week.

The television previews for the movie make it look really, REALLY freaky. Plus, I have heard that the book by James Patterson on which the movie is based is scary. The opening credits of the movie were enough to convince me that I needed to cover my eyes a little: eerie, flashing images travel across the screen in accompaniment to the killer's voice.

The suspense eases up for a moment to introduce us to Morgan Freeman's character, Alex Cross, a forensic psychologist who works for the Washington D.C. police department. Cross' niece is declared missing, and he travels down to Durham, North Carolina to help the investigators of the case, including Cary Elwes' char-

acter. Dr. Cross is told that there have been a number of disappearances of young women in the area from a college campus (!). Meanwhile, the body of a young girl is found in the woods nearby.

Kate McTiernan, played by Ashley Judd, becomes involved in the mystery when she is kidnapped from her own home. McTiernan is a successful doctor and an avid kick boxer. The investigators note that all of

the girls that have been kidnapped are gifted in some way, including Cross' niece, and they begin to question whether the girls that have disappeared have all been murdered, and if not, what the killer wants with them.

While Morgan Freeman is, as always, excellent in this movie, the real star is Ashley Judd. I had only seen her in one movie prior to this (she had a small role in *A Time to Kill*), and I was surprised at how well she played this part. I was also impressed that she actually looks like she has eaten a cookie or two in the past few years. She is very natural looking, and unlike most other actresses in Hollywood, she might weigh more than my cat, which is very refreshing. Judd's best quality is her deep voice, which allows her to convey maturity and strength, two qualities that were essential to this role.

This isn't the best movie I've ever seen, or even the best movie I've seen this year. And if you want to see something unique, you should probably save your seven bucks. There were, however, some different and impressive segments, such as the opening, which I've already mentioned, and one particularly suspenseful chase scene. As far as thrillers go, this one does its job pretty well. I jumped up from my seat quite a few times, and I checked my closet thoroughly before I went to bed that night.

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BY DAVE LIFRIERI '99
ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT STAFF

1987: The delicate wave of a butterfly wing outside of Osaka causes a hurricane to ravish the eastern seaboard of the United States. In *Wrestlemania III*, Hulk Hogan body slams and pins 7'4"

500 lbs. of the now immortal Andre The Giant. October 1997: Karp releases *Self Titled LP* on K records. K is known for dreamy jangle indie-pop. This is the antithesis of Karp. But, as Paula Abdul said, "opposites attract."



Self Titled LP is a fitting title for a band finally coming into their own. They have completely stepped out of the Melvin's shadow. Although they continue to further the tradition of **Heavy Metal**. Don't be scared! Karp synthesizes all the best elements of the bands we love to ...love:

Black Sabbath, MC5, AC/DC. As black metal veteran Liam Colleran put it, "It's awesome! They combine the sludge of the Melvins with the power of Slayer."

The amorphous grinding rhythm section is augmented by molten, distortion drenched, guitar and offset by maniacal lyrics (often yelled) but which surpris-

ingly keep some sense of melody. The content ranges from Marie Antoinette references on "Forget the Minions" to the forms role playing on "D&D Fantasy."

The energy on this disc is unrelenting. The eight-song thirty-minute power dirge of their live show, where they sacrifice tightness for energy and intensity. So, go see Karp on Sunday at the Brown Production Workshop. That way you can vent on all the bullies in high school by living vicariously through Karp.

Karp
Self Titled LP
Grade: B

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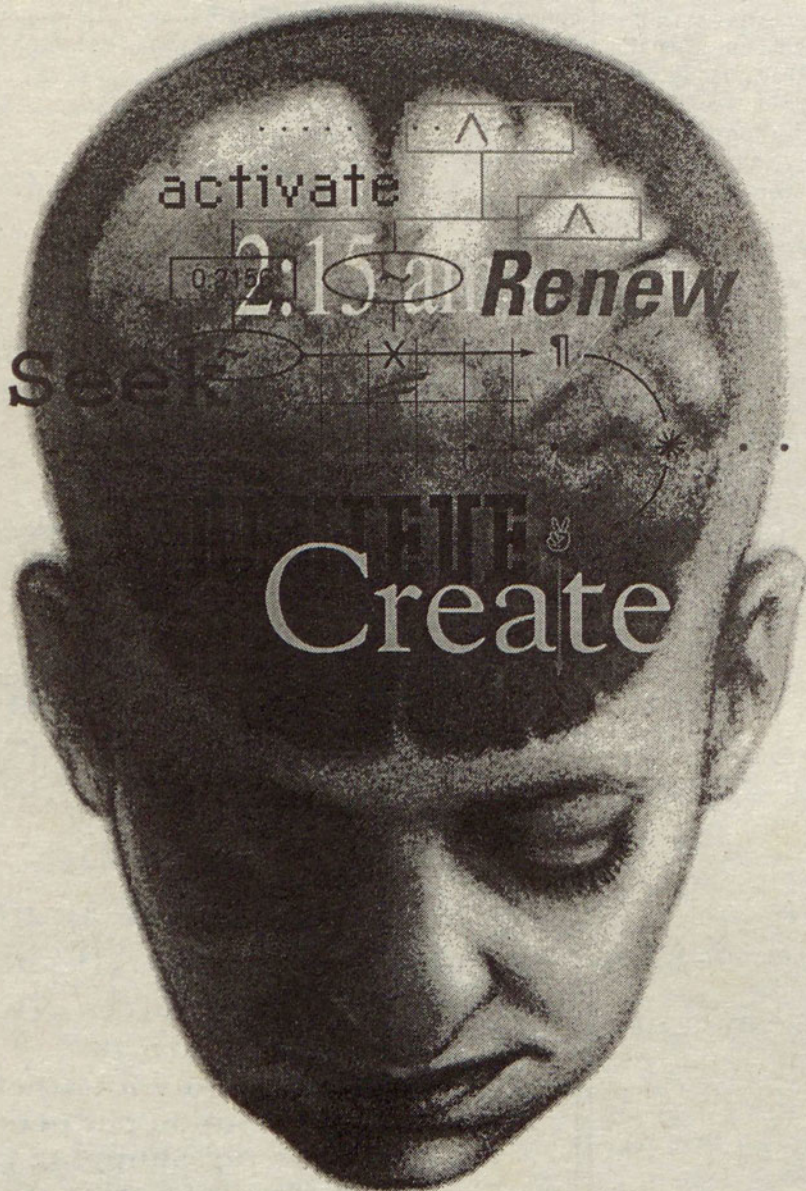
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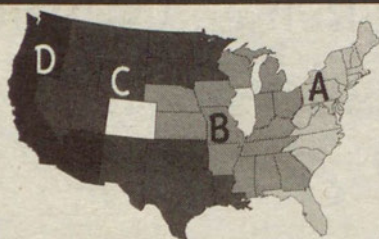
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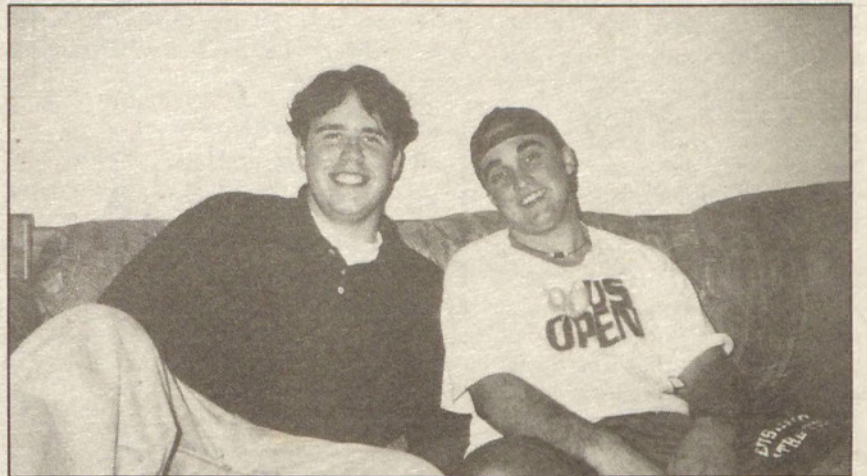
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Nineteen With No Toasters

BY JILL YABLONSKI '00
FEATURES STAFF

Being nineteen years old and (in my case) a sophomore in college is a relatively frustrating experience. This is supposed to be the best time of my life, but I'm still denied access to many things and kept under careful surveillance by the eyes of elders. Many look back on their youth with wishful longing, but view the present youth with suspicion and disdain. It's hard being nineteen. You're already jaded from the wonders and astonishments eighteen-year-olds first get to experience and you're forced to wait a year or two before a new influx of rights is bestowed upon you. 311 wrote these lyrics in some song: "I was nineteen. I'd do anything. That fact scares me right now, but I'd like to do it again." My apologies if I'm mistaken, but that's the basic idea. Well as for me, I'm not the crazy type, but when I get denied from the simple pleasure of a Toasters concert I tend to get a little pissed off.

It was fate that The Toasters, a ska band, were playing that summer weekend at some restaurant/bar in LBI, Long Beach Island in New Jersey. Liz, Julie, Jessica, and I were just down there for a weekend when I noticed, in some free magazine, that they were playing that night. I was (needless to say)

totally thrilled. Liz and Julie were excited and willing, and Jessica didn't seem very pleased. Yet we called to check it out and started on our way. When we first got to the bar (I can't remember its name) we saw a huge letter board that said if you were over eighteen you had to pay a cover. That was fine with us so we went in to see what time The Toasters started: they said

It's not fair that any lush of legal age can get in, but a fan...

about 10 o'clock and assured us that we would get in. So we went to another highly recommended restaurant for dinner and let's just say it was a disaster and probably a foreshadowing of what was about to occur. Still, our hopes weren't completely diminished because we were going to see The Toasters. Yeah!

We went back to the other bar — it was a short walk — and approached the bouncer to find out how much it was going to cost for us to get in. He looked at the four of us and said no one under twenty-one was allowed to enter. Let me reiterate that we were already told twice that we would be let in and that our proof was in writing right above this guy's head, but when we explained the same things to

him he stood his ground. Thanks, man.

It's not fair that any lush of legal age can get in, but a fan, someone who actually respects the band and will enjoy the concert, gets denied because he or she is too young. It's not like The Toasters are some local band that can only get their friends and relatives to come because they have no following: I believe they hail from NYC and if you have any interest in ska you've probably heard them. It's not their fault that the only time I've seen them on TV was on MTV's "Oddville." I swear I was just flipping through the channels. So they had to play after someone who could burp "The National Anthem" or contort themselves into a weird position? (Can I be a wanna-be side show freak when I grow up?) Still, they deserve more than an ignorant audience and beer spills. My friends and I were willing to listen to them, but because we are nineteen we were denied that chance. Think about it. I am nineteen, too old to be a child and too young to be an adult. Please understand that in no way do I desire the responsibilities of adulthood. All I want is to enjoy the simple pleasures of life without any hesitation. I've been alive for nineteen years and I'm sick of my dreams dying. Sorry about the bitter memories everybody, but it's been a rough week.

The Party and the News Reporter

BY HEATHER ROBIN ROSE '99
FEATURES STAFF

Picture this: the camera zooms in on a girl filling a cup at a keg, then spans a small crowd of people laughing and drinking. No, it's not a scene out of *Animal House*. It was last Tuesday's 11:00 news, on location at Providence College.

Now picture a different scene: a good friend is spending the entire year abroad and her friends are throwing a small going away party. Yes, this is the real reason why there was a party on a Tuesday, but the newscasters turned it into some kind of joke.

I was actually at this party, so I have a pretty good idea of what went on. Around 9:00 a news reporter and his partner in crime, the cameraman, showed up outside the house. They called up to the people on the balcony and asked if anyone would mind if they came in and filmed us; they were doing a special about campus drinking in response to the recent death of an MIT student. Of course, everyone was a little hesitant, but the reporter promised that the campus would not be identified and that people's faces would be blurred.

Within moments of getting the okay, the men were in the house, picking out which angle would be the best for the shot. One girl vol-

unteered to be interviewed and the rest of us stood around, still a little in awe that Channel 10 was in the living room.

Several times, we emphasized that, no, Tuesday parties were not the norm. It was a special occasion and that was it. The guys seemed cool about it; one of them even said that he wished he could

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stay for a couple of beers.

A couple of hours later, everyone was gathered around the TV. The news began with several statistics about college drinking: how much money people spend, how much they consume, etc. Then they showed us, no faces were blurred and the campus was clearly identified. There was barely any mention of the going away party, but the reporters made it clear that it was a Tuesday, and that we all should have been home studying.

I'm sure I appear to be quite bitter about the whole thing. I'm really not. It was actually kind of cool to see myself on TV, but the whole thing just served as a reminder that what you see on TV is not the truth. And if any news reporters ever want to come into your house, maybe you should think twice.

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BY ELLEN MASTROSTEFANO '99
FEATURES STAFF

One day over the coffee maker at work, I took part in a very interesting conversation. It seems that a large number of my co-workers have had a brush with a famous person. Whether it was with a Hollywood star, a politician, an athlete or a musician, they all told their story with the same amount of bewilderment and enthusiasm to their eager listeners.

What is the attraction, I wonder, that the American public has with these prominent people? I mean, they put their pants on one leg at a time, right? They clip coupons...well, maybe not that. I think there are a lot of different reasons why they pique our interest. Let's live vicariously through them for a moment. Can you imagine walking into any old restaurant and having a multitude of people running up to you and asking for your autograph? How about stepping onto a stage in front of a stadium of people screaming your name? Pretty flattering, to say the least. They are like the popular people in school: either you love 'em or you hate 'em.

They have money and lots of it—sometimes more than they know what to do with. Case in point, Michael Jackson's Never Never Land. Unfortunately, an oxygen chamber is not on my Christmas wish list this year. Kim Basinger must have realized that buying a town was a tad bit extravagant,

since she is now bankrupt. However, many charities do benefit from the rich and famous. It's nice to know that some of our hard earned cash that we are spending on concert tickets and sports tickets does in fact filter down to people who actually need it.

Another thing that the stars have is respect. You have to respect someone who was crazy enough to take a chance on such an insecure career. The rest of us go to our nine to five jobs, drink our coffee, punch our time card and leave. The stars are off to exotic locations, putting in crazy hours of work a day. However, for every person who makes it to the big time, there are hundreds that are struggling to pay the rent.

With respect always comes influence. The public doesn't always realize it, but they are influenced by the popular culture of the movies, music, etc...Jennifer Aniston's hairstyle is an obvious example of this. Even though the media denies it, the amount of people who smoke has been affected by what we see in Hollywood. Sorry Sprite, image is everything, thirst is nothing.

So, how would you react if you ran into Joe Hollywood buying a pack of gum at your local CVS? Sometimes you aren't even aware of the situation. For example, while on a vacation, my family bumped into the legendary B.B. King as we were trying to exit an elevator. As the door shut behind us, my brother remarked at "how

much that guy looked like B.B. King". Sure enough, when we walked out of the hotel, we saw his tour bus parked out front! You might think you would be all cool

and say a pleasant "hello" when faced with this situation, but reality is an awful thing. At the H.O.R.D.E. festival this past summer, Ben Folds (the lead singer of

the band Ben Folds Five) was standing two feet away from me. We made eye contact, I opened my mouth and there I stood completely and utterly speechless.

Falling Back On Time

BY COLLEEN LEE '00
FEATURES STAFF

The other day I was walking around campus and I noticed orange leaves covering the path. It hit me that Fall was finally here. I was annoyed that I couldn't remember when it had arrived, because, as a kid, I used to count down the days, the hours, the minutes, and the seconds until that first brightly colored leaf would drift to the ground.

Autumn was my favorite part of the year. The change of seasons could not have come at a more perfect time. All the fun and games of summer had become old and boring. The newly fallen leaves offered new adventures and challenge of excitement.

I remember sitting on the front steps, watching my dad rake the lawn. As soon as he finished, I would plead with him to let me jump into the huge mound that he had built up and up and up. Eventually, he would relent, as long as

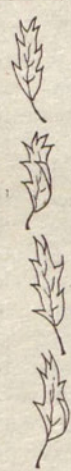
I would promise to gather the leaves again when I was done. Somehow the task of imprisoning those bright reds, yellows, and oranges in garbage bags was overshadowed by the pure joy I experienced while jumping into the monstrous pile.

Even more fun were the days when the neighborhood gang would gather together to build a crazy fort with chairs and blankets, flags and ropes, and whatever else we could get our hands on. We would scatter leaves all over this fort and play Robin Hood. Using metal garbage can covers as shields and wooden broomsticks as swords, we would fend off all evils of the neighborhood, whether it was person or animal. I distinctly remember chasing my dog around as if he were some fire-breathing monster, scaring him with the shield, while holding the broomstick high above my

head, as if I were a mighty soldier ready to swoop down and save the day!

Eventually I grew out of the Robin Hood phase, but that did not stop me from capitalizing, literally, on autumn and its fallen leaves. I was a schemer and had devised more get-rich-quick plots than there are pennies in a dollar. A friend and I trekked around the area offering our raking services for a mere two bucks. Soon we had a regular route on the weekends. The money was rolling in!

It seems that many of the simple pleasures I took joy in as a kid are now seen as taboo. I like to think that is only true for others. So, when the leaves create a huge blanket over the PC grounds, don't be surprised to see someone running across the lawn, sending a shower of them cascading through the air.



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Fall and No Football

BY BRIAN KENNEY '99
FEATURES STAFF

One of the biggest drawbacks at Providence College in the fall is the fact that there is no football team. We had one many years back, but they would lose to teams like Merrimack. I guess the Athletic Department figured it would be better not to have a team at all than to lose to Merrimack; I can't say I blame them.

Even so, there is something to be said about getting up early on a Saturday and tailgating before a game. The crisp autumn air keeping your Natty Light cold (hey, I'm cheap) while you toss the football around and cook on the grill. Spending the day outside in a stadium is far more fun than staying in on a Saturday watching it on TV. Even the best cameraman and sportscaster in the world can't capture the energy of a really close college football game.

My hopes to have a football team in my backyard were roused with all the talk about having the Patriots move to our fair city of Providence. It's not a college team, but beer tastes the same whether you're tailgating at a college or an NFL game. Unfortunately that proposal didn't pass and besides I would have had to find a way to stay in school for the next five years while the stadium was being built.

Intent on seeing a college game and tailgating, I decided to visit a friend and go see a game at one of our Big East rival schools, Boston College. You know- the University that is willing to sell its soul to the devil in order to look like an Ivy League institution. The school that was your first choice and made you cry for weeks because you didn't get in. Well, I am assuming that you have gotten over it by now. Anyway, if it makes you feel any better, their football team stinks.

The BC team looked more like a glorified high school football team as they attempted to do battle with their opponent Georgia Tech. They lost miserably, and the score wasn't even close enough to mention (actually I forgot what it was). The only person who gained anything by being at the game was the vendor who charged me four bucks for a handful of nachos and some fake cheese.

No matter how much I cut on the BC football team (oh yeah, their cheerleaders were awful too), the fact remains that they have a team and we don't. Even better than that — they have a hell of a good time tailgating no matter how bad their team is. As much as I hate to say it, my weekend at BC made me even more jealous that they have a football team and we don't.

Dear Friendly Friar,

We all know that it is JRW season. I've been looking forward to JRW with both anticipation and fear for about two years. Bids went on sale this week, and I know that if I don't buy one simply because I don't have a date at the present time, I'll only be hurting myself. However, even after I buy a bid, I still have to get a date — therein lies the problem. My options are few, but very scary for a date-less female. I could ask someone from home. I could ask a friend from here, but that risks crossing the line between friends and "being more than friends." Or I could ask (Gasp!) my crush. I want these three days to be among the most memorable of my college career, and I'm afraid that if I make the wrong decision about who to ask, I'll only ruin it for myself.

JRW or bust,
E.M.

Dear E.M.,

To begin with, your three options are the exact same options shared by 80% of the JRW date-less population of the class of 1999 (myself included). You're right in saying that if you don't buy your bid this week, you're out of luck. I have been informed from a very reliable source that you can return your bids if you should decide not to go for some reason, or if the person you end up going with already bought a bid. Now that one problem is solved, the second, and most daunting, remains. Let us survey the options.

1. Ask a friend from home.

The good: You know you'll have a good time and there's a better-than-great chance that he'll say yes.

The bad: He won't really know any of your friends, so you'll be stuck entertaining him instead of yourself.

This actually is not a bad option. After he meets your friends and parties with them a little, he'll

probably be as chummy with them as you are. Since that pitfall would be taken care of, you need not throw out this option. This situation leaves you in the same position as you would be in if you choose the second option.

2. Ask a friend at PC.

The good: Everyone knows everyone and there is much rejoicing!

The bad: It's not that bad.

Well, it would not be bad except for the conflict of interest you mentioned in the letter. If you think that you would be crossing "the line" simply because you are asking him, do not fret — that would not be the case. However, if you feel that you need to assert your intentions of going ONLY as friends, do so. If he really is a friend, it would probably not be a taboo subject. On the other hand, if you have deep-seated feelings for this guy and you're afraid that asking him will expose your feelings...get over it! If the two of you are buddy-buddy, he'll be

thrilled he's going with a friend, hence he'll be calm, cool, and collected at the JRW. It's at this stage that you strut your beautiful self, leaving him speechless in your beautifully manicured hands. Understood? Good.

3. Ask your crush.

The good: If he says yes, you'd be the woman.

The bad: Asking him will probably be the scariest thing you'll do for a long time. And, if you do not know him that well, you don't know if you will have a good time.

You really have nothing to lose by asking your crush. Just think of the wondrous sense of triumph you'll feel when you ask him. There is nothing better than knowing you did something that most people only dream about being able to do. This option is definitely my pick. Go for it. There aren't many opportunities to grab the bull where it hurts. Work it girl.

See ya there,
Friendly Friar

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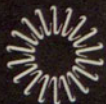
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A Touch of Fiction The Cinderella Story

BY LORI D. MCCREVAN '99
FEATURES EDITOR

She is obsessed with beauty, knowing it is something that she will never achieve. I have tried to convince her otherwise, but it is no use. Even Cinderella's Fairy God Mother couldn't get her to go to the ball. She will always see herself as the girl that is forced to mop the floors, while everyone else chases the Prince. The irony of it all is that I could be her Prince, but she refuses.

She was not wearing a beautiful gown when I met her, but I could see that she was pretty. In fact, she was wearing green sweat pants and a flannel shirt. It was cute. She looked different from all the girls that were trying to impress someone with their short skirts and tall shoes. She was the one that caught my attention. Not everyone dresses up for dinner at a college cafeteria.

"Nice pants," I commented when we met at the toaster.

She gave me a look to kill. She did not comment.

"Sorry," I said, realizing that she had left her sense of humor somewhere else.

"Whatever," she said and stormed off.

She forgot her bagel.

For some reason, I could not get her out of my mind. She entered my dreams almost every night, either for a moment or for an entire dream. However, that

was the only time that I got to see her. I thought that going to a small college meant that you could find the people that you were looking for. She proved otherwise. I wanted to apologize again. I had not meant to offend her. I did not even know her.

I bumped into her again in the cafeteria, but she saw me first. She tried to walk away from me, but she was having trouble walking in her brown platform shoes. She startled me because she looked just like the other girls — Gap khakis and a shirt to match.

haunted me.

As it turned out, we lived in the same building. I never saw her before, but that was due to the Catholic school regulations. She lived three floors up from me. I almost fell down the stairs when I saw her walking up. There was nowhere to go and I was not looking forward to confrontation number three.

I know that she saw me, but she looked at her feet as though she was concentrating in order to get up the stairs.

"Hi," I said.

"Hi," she returned.

She will always see herself as the girl that is forced to mop the floors, while everyone else chases the Prince.

"Is this better?" she said coldly, holding her arms out to display the outfit.

"I didn't..."

"You did."

"Listen," I started. She glared, making me shiver. "I liked your pants."

"Sure you did."

"Believe me if you want," I said and walked away, celebrating that I got the last word. It didn't occur to me that I had lost her again until I sat back down with my friends. There was no way to win. I was ready to give up but couldn't. She

I waited for another cold comment, but there was silence.

"Do you believe me?" I asked.

She nodded, knowing that she was admitting defeat and ending the war.

"Can I call you sometime?" I asked feeling as though I was thirty and desperately trying to pick up some girl in a bar.

She wrote down her number on a piece of paper that she pulled from her pocket. She hadn't made a sound.

She looked like Cinderella to-

night, but she would never agree with me. I have tried to tell her that she is more than pretty. She refuses to accept that she could be even close to beautiful. The long black dress made her look even more slim and elegant. Her hair was hidden in a French twist, but I could still see the streaks of blond. When she smiled, her eyes were as shiny as the emerald on her neck. In a word she was beautiful. And for the night she was mine.

I led her to the dance floor and I could see that all eyes fell upon us. I wanted to think that it was because I was so dashing and handsome, but it was not. It was her. She was the only one that could not see it.

I made her return the dress because it was too big.

"I won't fit into that," she scoffed when I handed her the same dress in a smaller size.

She was right. We had to get a smaller size. I decided not to gloat.

"Thank you," I whispered into her ear as I swirled her around the dance floor.

"For what?" she asked.

"Just because."

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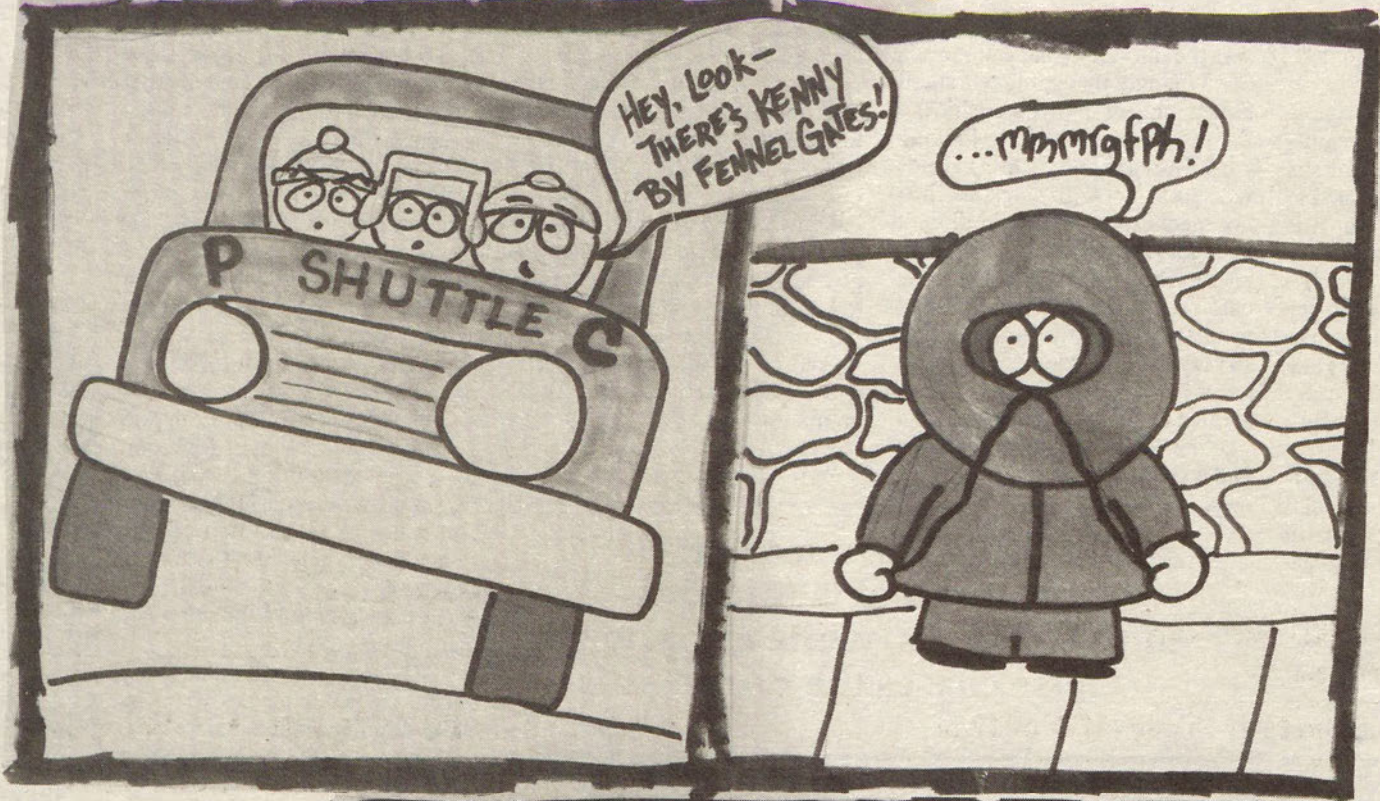
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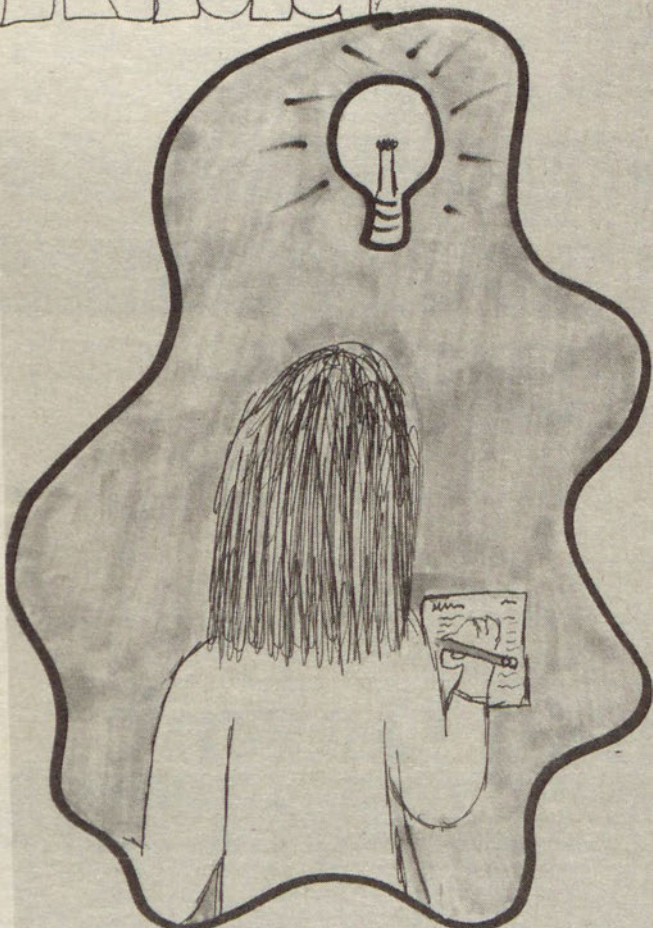
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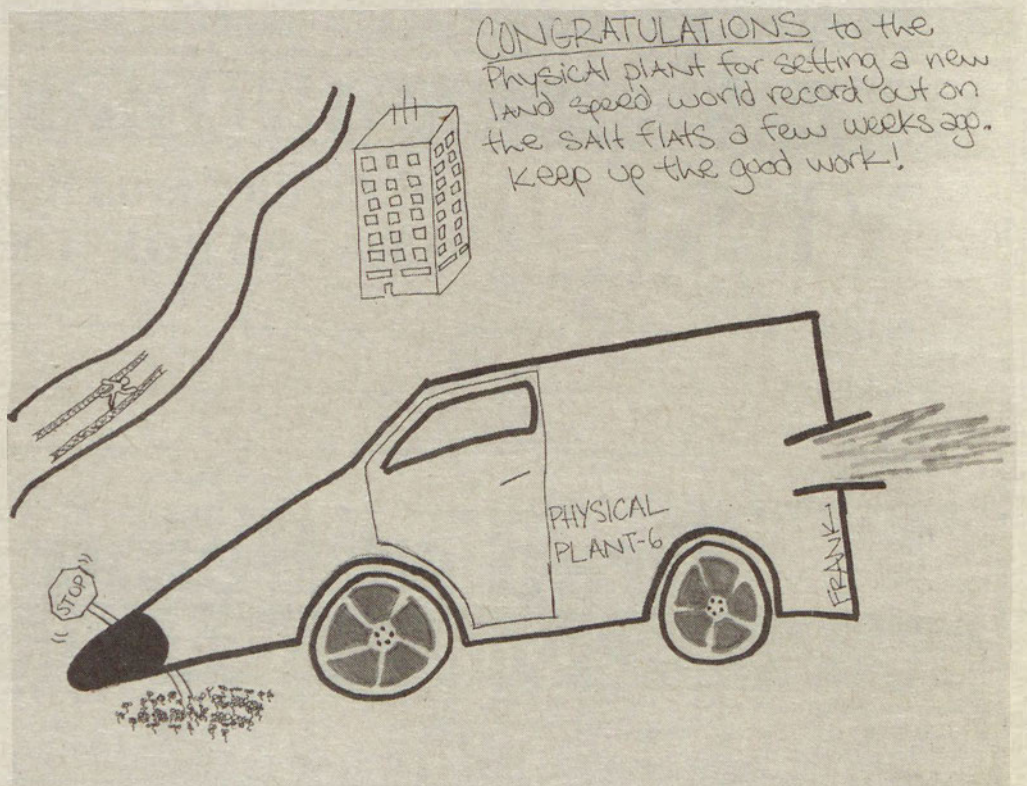
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Daniell Casillo '92



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Mary thanks VH1 PopUp Video For the help on her Music Appreciation exam.



VOLLEYBALL

OVERALL RECORDS OF BIG EAST TEAMS AS OF 10/5

	W	L	PCT.	LAST WEEK
VILLANOVA	12	5	.706	2-0
SYRACUSE	13	6	.684	2-1
PROVIDENCE	15	7	.682	2-1
SETON HALL	12	8	.600	2-1
NOTRE DAME	9	5	.583	2-0
CONNECTICUT	12	9	.571	1-1
RUTGERS	12	9	.571	1-1
WEST VIRGINIA	9	7	.563	1-2
GEORGETOWN	9	8	.529	1-2
PITTSBURGH	7	7	.500	1-3
ST. JOHN'S	6	8	.429	0-2
BOSTON COLLEGE	5	14	.263	1-1

MEN'S SOCCER

BIG EAST STANDINGS AS OF 10/5

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

WOMEN'S SOCCER

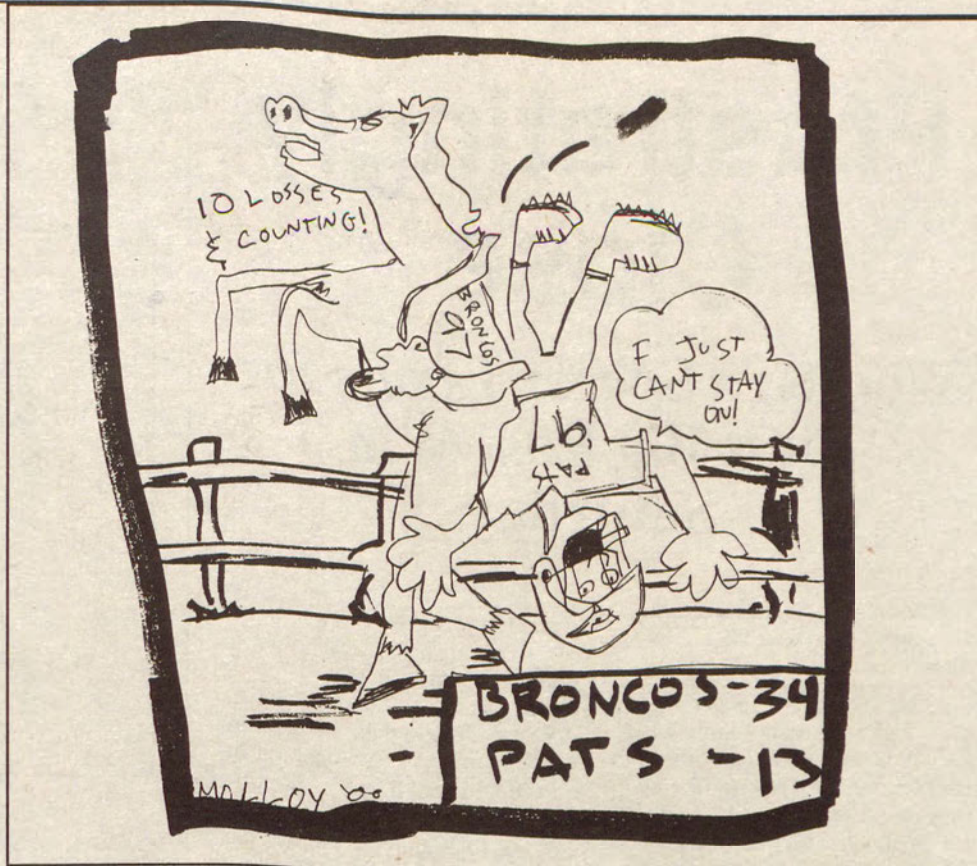
BIG EAST STANDINGS AS OF 10/5

	W	L	T	PTS
NOTRE DAME	6	0	0	12
CONNECTICUT	6	0	0	12
SETON HALL	6	0	0	12
SYRACUSE	5	2	0	10
WEST VIRGINIA	4	3	0	8
BOSTON COLLEGE	3	4	0	6
RUTGERS	2	3	0	4
VILLANOVA	2	3	0	4
ST. JOHN'S	2	5	0	4
PROVIDENCE (OVERALL 3-6-1)	0	5	0	0
PITTSBURGH	0	5	0	0
GEORGETOWN	0	6	0	0

FIELD HOCKEY

BIG EAST STANDINGS AS OF 10/5

	W	L	T	PCT.
PROVIDENCE (OVERALL 9-2-0)	3	1	0	.750
RUTGERS	2	1	0	.667
BOSTON COLLEGE	2	1	0	.667
CONNECTICUT	1	1	0	.500
SYRACUSE	1	1	0	.500
VILLANOVA	0	4	0	.000



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Friar Hockey Ranked Fifth in Hockey East

Briefly

* The Providence College Men's Hockey team was ranked fifth among ten Hockey East teams in the league's pre-season poll. The Friars were ranked fifth in the 1996-97 as well and went 12-11-1 in the Hockey East, their second consecutive year of over .500 hockey. Head Coach Paul Pooley told the *Providence Journal Bulletin*, "That's fine. It's not disrespectful, but it's also motivational. It's a great starting point for us." The Friars begin their season on Saturday, October 18th in an exhibition game against the University of Guelph, the reigning Canadian Hockey Champions.

* Former Friar hockey standout Russ Guzior was sent by the Montreal Canadiens to New Orleans of the East Coast Hockey League on Monday. Guzior, a 1997 graduate of PC, was drafted by the Canadiens in the 1993 Amateur Draft.

* The Providence College Men's Hockey team will hold its first intra-squad scrimmage this Saturday, October 11th at 4:00pm. The annual Black and White Scrimmage is free and open to the public. After the scrimmage there will be a Skate with the Friars session from 5:15-6:00pm. This will be a great opportunity for fans to get autographs and have pictures taken with the 1997-98 Friars.

* The Providence College Golf team finished tenth among 26 teams at the Toski Invitational Golf Tournament held Sunday and Monday in Amherst, Mass. The Friars turned in a two-day, 36-hole total of 627 on the par-72, 6,794 yard course. PC finished 27 strokes behind tournament champion, URI.

* The Friar Lacrosse team dominated a non-conference tournament this Sunday held at Babson College in Wellesley, Mass. The Friars went 4-0 defeating teams from Holy Cross, Eastern Connecticut, Bentley, and UMASS-Boston.

"The team looks very good," senior Mike Wright said. "Very young but very good."

--compiled by Frank Mills '98, with reports from PC Sports Information

Frustratingly Close

Women's Soccer Looks for First Big East Win Saturday

By JOHN CARCHEDI '98
SPORTS EDITOR

The women's soccer team's record of 3-6-1 is not quite where they hoped to be midway through the season. The good news, they're not off by much.

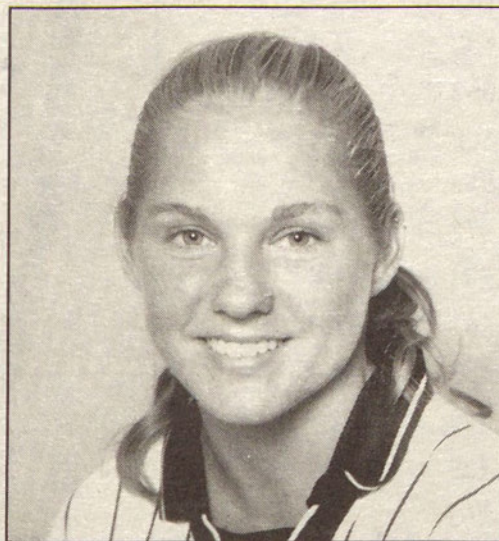
"We are not that far away," said Wynn. "Sometimes that's frustrating, because we are so close to being a very tough team to beat. At certain moments, we play unbe-

lievable soccer. Now it's a matter of stringing more and more of those moments together."

Take a look at the team's losses this year. Four of those losses were 1-0 defeats. The defense, led by converted goaltender Shayna Ross, has been superb. And according to Wynn the offense has been there as well, but has yet to put the ball away.

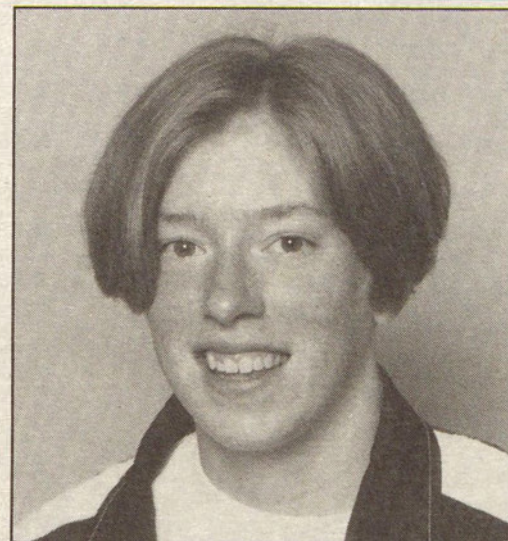
"Now we have to capitalize on our opportunities," said Wynn.

PC ATHLETES OF THE WEEK



Melissa Crowley '01
(Duxbury, MA)
Soccer

Melissa led the Friars to a 5-0 victory over Northeastern on Oct. 1. She registered five points (2 goals, 1 assist) in the team's first shutout of the season.



Colleen Lee '00
(Tonawanda, NY)
Volleyball

Colleen helped the Friars to a 2-1 week including a Big East victory over Boston College. The setter tallied a team high 71 assists while also contributing with 21 kills during the week. Her hitting percentage for the three matches .236, which included only eight hitting errors.



Ali Petretti '00

According to Coach, Kelly McCusker and the rest of the junior class have been the Friars' core.

"That's what we're missing. We have to finish."

That's why this team is close to being a Big East contender. It has handled its non-conference foes fairly easily with a 3-1-1 mark. It's these Big East games where the Friars are falling just short.

"We've done very well against non-conference teams, so well that our expectations of ourselves leaped ahead. But one of our main goals remains that first Big East win. We have six Big East games left, and as close as we've come, I do feel we can cause some damage in this league before the season is over."

But although the team remains winless in the conference standings, the coach is encouraged with the course her squad has taken.

"We've been playing so much more consistently this year," she said. "Last year we were up and down a lot. This year we're on a more even keel."

The Friars have an excellent chance to earn their first conference win this Saturday, as they host Pittsburgh, another team winless in the Big East.

Banged Up

Volleyball

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were each either taken out of games or saw limited action.

Jones suffered a bruised left thumb while blocking, Doxtater re-injured a nagging back injury which dates back to last year and Lee slightly sprained her ankle. Junior Melissa Crotty is still nursing a badly bruised hip flexor muscle that she hurt a week ago against Brown. However, all Friars, except Doxtater, shouldn't miss any further action.

"The injuries have effected us," Kam said. "It's tough to follow your game plan when several of your players are missing or hampered due to injury. But, on the other hand, it shows we have enough depth to be able to put in other players to take the place of those who are hurt. We just have to regroup and concentrate on get-

ting better for next weekend."

The Friars took their normal day off on Monday, and skipped practice on Tuesday as well due to the amount of injuries sustained over the weekend. PC will need to heal quickly, though, as both Syracuse and Notre Dame come to Alumni Gym for another Big East double-header this weekend. Both games are scheduled for 1pm.

NOTES — Sophomore **Colleen Lee** recorded 15 kills, 45 assists, and 30 digs over the weekend for the Friars. Freshman **Heidi Filippi**, who made her first career starts at Providence, tallied 14 kills and 10 digs respectively. For PC, its overall series record against Seton Hall improves to 10-6, versus Rutgers it is now 4-6. **Rachel Doxtater** will receive an MRI for her ailing back within the next week. Doxtater had two disks repaired in the 1996 season.

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Men's Soccer Loses Heartbreaker

BY GLADYS GANIEL '99
SPORTS STAFF

The men's soccer team walked slowly off Glay Field Tuesday afternoon, their faces blank and expressionless.

Juan Acevedo and Andy McConville had the Friars' first two goals. Eisenhut and Holterhoff notched the assists.

The loss came on the heels of Saturday's 2-1 defeat on the road

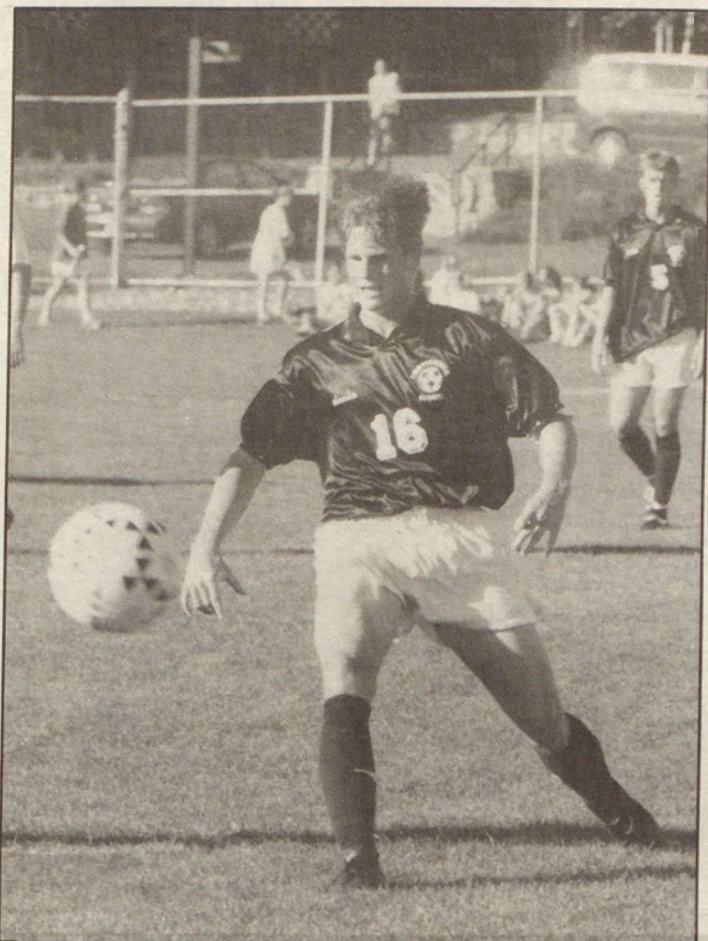
against Big East foe West Virginia. McConville had the Friars' lone goal off a foul kick at the 66:16 mark.

PC did pull out a win October 1 against the University of Rhode Island. The Friars got goals from Brown and Eisenhut to steal a 2-1 decision on the Rams' home turf.

Eisenhut notched the winning tally on a penalty kick at 76:04.

The team returns to action Tuesday on the road at Holy Cross. The Friars don't have another conference game until they host Seton Hall on October 19.

With just one win in conference play and only four more conference matches, PC is all but eliminated from a spot in the Big East tournament.



Chris Holterhoff

Ali Petretti '00

With 54 seconds remaining in their match, cross-town rival Brown had scored a goal off a rebound and had pulled out a 4-3 victory over the Friars.

"We were counting on the time running down," said freshman Matt O'Toole. "We lost track of our men."

PC dropped to 3-9 in a season that just seems to get more frustrating with every game.

"We have practice Thursday," O'Toole said matter-of-factly. "We'll try to regroup again."

The Bears set up the winning play off a throw in with 1:11 left in the contest. The ball had rolled out of bounds to the right of Brown's goal as Friar Andy McDonald tangled with a Brown player.

McDonald was roughed up on the play, and the officials stopped the clock as he tried to recover. The pause allowed the Bears to regroup and get good field position.

Just 10 seconds after the throw in, Brown had a good look from the left side of the goal. PC goalie Dan Pires deflected the first shot, but that left him off balance and helpless on the rebound.

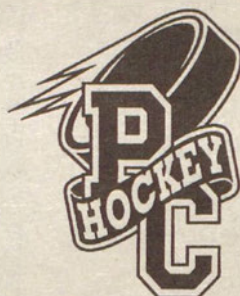
The Friars were not able to set up a decent shot in the remaining time.

PC trailed 3-2 at half-time but had tied the game at the 49:41 mark when Mike Eisenhut scored off a pass from Chris Holterhoff. Midfielder Bobby Brown started the play with a good feed to Holterhoff.

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Marvelous!



Off the Bench

I grew up with Marv Albert.

It was a simple time, back then, when I first started falling in love with basketball. I remember fondly shooting hoops in my front driveway in the cool, but sunny, fall days. Every once in a while I would stop only to check the score of the game on television. NBC always televised

great games on Saturday afternoons. Marv Albert, Mike Fratello, Bill Walton. These guys were like family to me. And after I would hear them call the game, giving the play-by-play on one of Michael Jordan's amazing moves to the hoop, I would run outside with my ball, trying to imitate the move, imagining that Marv himself was saying "Yesss!" when the ball went through the net.

However, while I was falling in love with basketball, Marv was falling in love with the idea of himself in French Cut panties.

As all of you probably know, Marvelous Marv has recently pled guilty for biting a mistress during a liason. While this is truly a terrible offense, during the three day trial before the guilty plea, it was revealed (no pun intended... well, okay maybe it was...) that he enjoyed wearing women's underwear.

Hmmmm. "Yesss!" indeed.

As if the truly atrocious hairpiece wasn't enough.

Marv how could you do this to me? Here I was thinking that you were the consummate professional, now I have thoughts of you kicking it over to Ahmad Rashad at the studio while wearing a thong.

Did your fiancee know about this fetish?

More importantly, did Dennis Rodman know about this?

Marvelous Marv is a marvelous idiot. If you know you are guilty of the crime, why did you not simply plead guilty before the trial went to court, thus saving the embarrassment of private matters being revealed (there's that word again!) to the world?

Now the world knows that you prefer silk and satin to boxers and briefs.

I did not need to know this.

Marv, do you think Bob Costas would get himself into this kind of situation? Of course not! Not that I think that Costas wears women's underwear, mind you (although, it would explain a lot). I just know that he wouldn't have gotten his little bunyans in this kind of a mess.

What really scares me is that the trial only went for three days. In only three days we uncovered a major Marv mystery. He pled guilty pretty quickly after that. What else is he hiding? That he and Rick Derris once turned Alyssa Jones into a pair of Chinese Fingercliffs?

This gives new meaning to "Czar of the Telestrator."

Oh, Marv. I will never look at the word "yes" the same again. My roommate Bud Andolfo called me right after the news of the accusation surfaced. He hit the nail on the head: "My entire childhood is ruined." I guess it just proves the old adage, while many superstars do not want to be heroes, the rest that do end up wearing women's underwear anyway."

For those of you who haven't given up on Menage A Marv, you can visit his web page at <http://www.msgnetwork.com/host/malbert.html> or you can e-mail him at malbert@msgnetwork.com. However, since he has been fired from the Madison Square Garden network, I assume he won't show up to the offices to often to check his mail.

Cory McGann '98 is a Sports Writer for The Cowl.

Friar Field Hockey Bulldogs Yale



Senior goaltender Jamie Soteriades has dominated between the pipes for the Friars.

The Friar Field Hockey team continued its winning ways Wednesday in a 5-1 triumph over Yale. The Bulldogs opened the scoring early in the first half until PC countered with a tally from senior captain Paula Wagoner. The Friars went on to score four unanswered goals in the second half from freshman Amy Depietro, junior Miranda Balg, senior Heather Koopman, and junior Jamie Shipman, respectively.

The Friars were backstopped in goal by senior Jamie Soteriades. "It wasn't a '5-1' game," said the netminder.

"We didn't win handily. Yale was a good, fundamentally sound team. We got some breaks."

Wagoner led the way with a goal and three assists in the winning effort. The Friars extended their overall record to 10-2. Their next match-up is this Saturday against intra-state rivals URI at PC's Hendricken Field.

"(URI) rises to the occasion for us," Soteriades said. "We can't take them lightly."

-Frank Mills '98

Wicked Garden

Ailing PC Volleyball Splits Big East Weekend

By Ken Martin '99
Asst. Sports Editor

New Jersey is supposed to be the Garden State, but as the Providence women's volleyball team found out this weekend, that Garden has as many thorns as it does roses.

After winning its conference opener in straight-games against Seton Hall on Saturday (15-2, 15-11 and 15-6), Providence gave one back on Sunday, losing to Big East foe Rutgers, 3-2 in Alumni Gym.

"We were really excited about starting our Big East schedule," senior tri-captain Kristen Kam said. "Overall we played well against Seton Hall, but against Rutgers we could have played a little better."

Against Rutgers, PC jumped to an early lead, winning game one, 15-2. But the Scarlet Knights answered with a 6-15 game to tie the best-of-five match at a game apiece. Rutgers followed suit in game three, winning 10-15, but

PC forced another tie as it took game four, 15-6. In the end, however, Rutgers proved too much for the Black and White at the net, and won the fifth and deciding game, 9-15.

Rutgers snapped a nine-game Friar winning streak and moved Providence's overall record to 15-7, 1-1 in the Big East.

Junior tri-captain Sherryl Jones tallied a team high 12 kills against Rutgers, while Kam chalked up 22 assists in the setter position.

"We could have beat them," Kam said. "I think the injuries to several of our starters hurt us a bit and they took advantage of our mistakes."

Providence lost three major contributors on Sunday as Jones and sophomores Rachel Doxtater and Colleen Lee

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