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## PC Students "Break" Ground

BY SUSAN JAMES '00  
NEWS STAFF

As the end of February approaches, most students are connected to one collective thought: spring break. One whole week without papers, classes, even Ray Cafe. This is the week that many of us students cut loose and run rampant somewhere other than campus or home - Aruba, Colorado, you name it. Spring break equals one whole of total freedom, and many take advantage of the opportunity. But besides either blowing hundreds of dollars or sitting at home, there is an incredible "alternative" for those who are broke, like to have a good time, and enjoy helping others. That's right - yet again, the PC Chapter of Habitat for Humanity is sponsoring the Alternative Spring Break. This is where groups of students, not knowing each other very well, dive in a van for several hours to a different part of the country to help build homes for people in need.

This year, the destinations for the eight groups include urban Milwaukee, rural South Charleston, West Virginia, and Moorhead City, South Carolina. Usually the PC Chapter travels to cities in West Virginia and South Carolina, and groups will either go to rural or urban areas. Working with local Habitat for Humanity volunteers such as retired carpenters, and students will actually help build houses for others to live in.

"Depending on how far along the site is, [groups] can do anything from drywalling, siding, or even just clearing lots so people could then build the houses," said Julie Rand '99, a Habitat for Humanity veteran. She adds, "By the end of the day, you are really tired, but it is a good tired."

This year, over 100 people signed up to take part in the Alternative Spring Break, but only 80 could be accepted. Maura McCarthy '99, a member of the Habitat Core, is pleased that so many want to get involved, and regrets not being able to include

all people who signed up. The Core tries to organize each group to be as diverse as possible - for example, they avoid putting roommates in the same group.

"[We] try to make the groups as diverse as possible," she said, "For variety and in terms of experience." She adds, "You jump into a van for 16 hours with people you don't know, and are forced to get to know them. By the end of the trip, you've made 10 new friends."

The entire experience is something which students cannot fully describe to one who has never gone. Many wind up resorting to hand gestures, and in-complete sentences that end with, "It was just so great - but you have to do it to understand."

"It gives me an opportunity to reflect on what I have, and how lucky I am," said Sarah McCarthy '99. "You are put in a position where you can have a direct im-

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## A Very Brady Lecture

BY REBECCA PIRO '00  
NEWS STAFF

On Tuesday night at 7:00 pm '64 Hall rocked with laughter, dancing, and favorite Brady memories. Barry Williams, the actor who played Greg Brady on TV's "The Brady Bunch" was the star of the show. An entertaining hour and a half was devoted to catching up on Brady history and delving into backstage secrets.

An audience of enthusiastic fans and curious students filled the auditorium to welcome Williams to the stage. Williams' presentation was a very open, relaxed performance with lots of audience interaction. He agreed to disclosing some of his most embarrassing

Brady moments only because he "consider(s) all of you friends now," he said, gesturing with open arms to PC students.

Williams traced Brady history all the way back to the original shows, which did not last long on the television network. After the first Brady series was canceled, he began moving away from show business and looking into other career options. However, the Bradys were not destined to fade away so quickly. In 1977 the Brady Bunch was brought back to life with the creation of a one-hour variety show.

"The Brady Bunch Hour" was a takeoff from the original show, which included skits, songs, and dances. Williams reminisced

about the flashy costumes the "family" wore during performances: "They were the tightest, most form-fitting, polyester suits you've ever seen," he laughed.

As an addition to his presentation, Williams showed several television clips including dance moves from "The Brady Bunch Hour." He joked about the endless afternoons the cast spent attempting to master the "complicated" routines. "We actually were all trying to do the same dance steps at the same time," he insisted with a smile.

Laughter rolled through the auditorium when Williams mentioned the return of the Brady se-

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## Rosewood Remembered

BY KIM BOOTH '99  
SPECIAL TO THE COWL

On Thursday, February 19, BMSA and BOP's Lecture Committee, with the help of various other departments, co-sponsored a lecture by Arnett Doctor on the Rosewood Massacre.

Starting with a brief clip from the movie "Rosewood," Doctor exposed the PC students and community to some of the horrific images of Rosewood. As the "spokesperson and leader" of his family, Doctor revived the story of Rosewood through a "trust in God, prayer and a positive attitude" which he believes ensures victory over the memory of the tragedy.

In January of 1923, Rosewood - a predominately black middle class area in Florida - was tragically destroyed: its houses burned, men, women and children killed. The massacre was set off with the cry

dren who had to hide in swamp palmettos, draping themselves in palms for warmth in the cold of January. Moreover, he described the Sheriff and Governor of Florida's full awareness of the Rosewood massacre and refusal to do anything to prevent the killings.

Doctor, with the help of lawyers Stephen Hanna and Martha Barnett, has appealed to the state of Florida asking for various forms of retribution for the murders. Their first request is for the state to formally acknowledge the Rosewood massacre. In addition, the survivors and victims are to be given financial compensation for their losses. Another important concern is for the families of the deceased receive monetary compensation for their pain and loss.

Doctor, Hanna, and Barnett have experienced difficulty in gaining government cooperation. In fact, when Arnett asked to erect

*"Dr. King taught me one thing: one person can make a difference."*

—Arnett Doctor,  
son of Rosewood survivors

from a white woman who had been badly beaten, falsely accusing an "unidentifiable black man" as her attacker. The woman's cry was followed by the tears of hundreds of black men and women who were murdered at the hands of the white mob in her defense.

Over time, the tragedy of Rosewood seemingly disappeared until Arnett Doctor, a descendant of Rosewood survivors, brought the legacy of the massacre to the forefront of society's conscience.

Doctor told shocking stories detailing the murders of numerous Rosewood men and women. His great-grandmother, Sarah, was shot to death by the white mob. He spoke about the women and chil-

a memorial statue for the Rosewood families, the state of Florida refused.

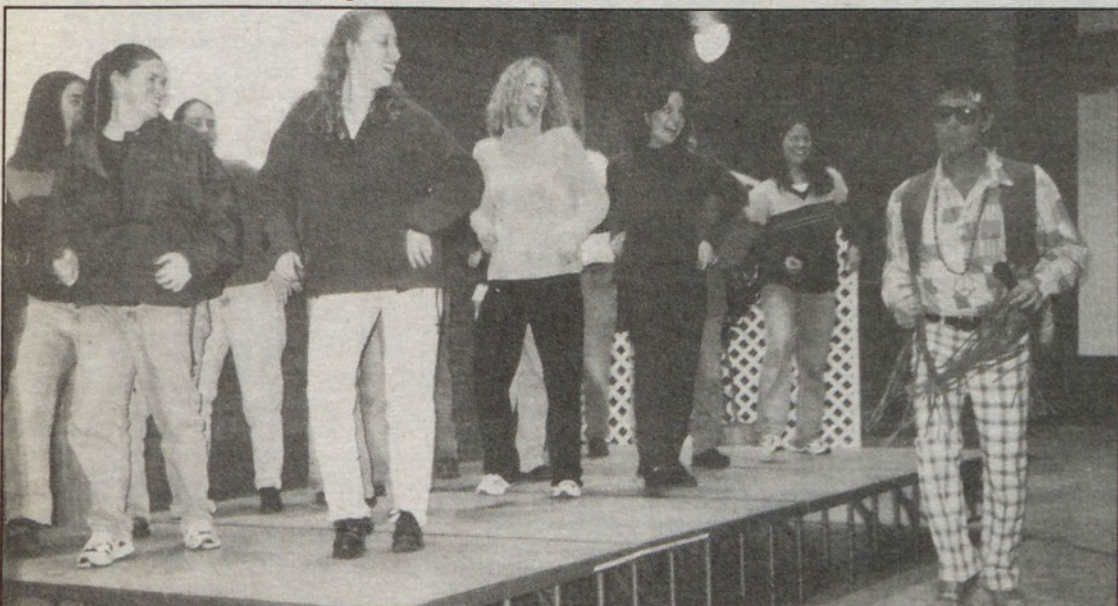
Arnett Doctor still fights the battle of Rosewood with the belief that "what happened legally wrong in the past, is legally wrong today." As Doctor spoke about devastating occurrences in history such as the Holocaust and Bosnian war, he asserts that the human person must challenge the false information history produces.

"Dr. King taught me one thing, one person can make a difference," stated Doctor.

Arnett Doctor's ability to bring forward the true history of Rosewood had made an undeniable difference.

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Former star of the Brady Bunch, Barry Williams, entertained students in '64 Hall yesterday, February 24th.

Laura Humann '99

# News Briefs

## A Message From Chief Reilly

On February 19, I met with Honorable Frank Caprio, Municipal Traffic Judge of the city of Providence, and Tom Blissington from the Civilian Traffic Control Bureau. We discussed the parking on Huxley Ave, from the Huxley Gate to Eaton Street near Accino and Guzman Halls.

The traffic regulations are such that vehicles are required to park eight feet from the property line which provides sidewalk for pedestrians to walk on rather than walking in the street. The area in question is dirt and not a properly fixed sidewalk, and therefore most students park on the dirt area close to the walls and leave no area where students and neighbors can walk safely.

Judge Caprio advised that the area in question will stay as is until the traffic engineers can investigate the situation and come up with a proper solution. The Traffic Control Bureau will not issue any further parking tickets until the matter can be resolved. All previously issued parking tickets were turned over to Judge Caprio.

It is requested that the students that park on Huxley Ave. try to line their cars with the existing curb stones and leave a six to eight foot walking area between the wall and their cars so that students and neighbors can walk by safely. It is permissible to have part of the vehicle on the Macadam roadway.

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-Violation of the standards of conduct established by Providence College  
-Physical and verbal abuse of rescue personnel  
-Disorderly conduct  
-Under-age drinking  
-A pattern of repeated violations

Having been found guilty of all the charges the student received the following sanctions:  
Immediate dismissal from Providence College

-Violation of the standards of conduct established by Providence College  
-Disorderly conduct

Having been found guilty of all the charges the student received the following sanctions:  
-\$250 fine  
-Disciplinary probation until May 12, 1998 with the following stipulation:  
-any violation of the standards of the college will result in immediate dismissal  
-10 hours of community service per week for the remainder of the semester when the college is in session

-Violation of the standards of conduct established by Providence College  
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Sunday, March 8... 12 noon - 1:00 am

March is National Nutrition Month. Look For and Learn About the "Nutrient of the Day" in Raymond Lobby and Alumni Hall.

## A Very Brady Lecture

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caped their watchful eyes, he said. Consequently, Greg and Marsha's relationship never got far past the flirting stage. "The relationship never really developed into the fireworks I once imagined," he said.

"The Brady Bunch" was much more successful when it finally came back as the show everyone remembers. When asked what his favorite episode was, Williams admitted it to be one which starred his character: "Greg had turned Mike's den into a bachelor pad... it had the black lights, the love beads, and a white guy with an afro," he laughed.

Williams concluded this segment of the presentation by appearing on-stage fully decked out in '70's garb. "I was wondering if anyone would like to learn a little Brady choreography with me?" he invited the audience.

The result was about 25 PC students crowding the stage, all swinging their hands and bodies in synch (sort of). Accompanied by the Brady theme song, Williams led the participants through "The Brady Break," and "The Brady Sway," which he referred to as the "staple" of Brady choreography. At the end of the dance lesson, Williams pronounced all the participants "honorary Bradys for life" for successfully completing the "very complicated" Brady steps.

Williams recently appeared in "The Music Man" which was performed in California. He will soon be performing in "Pizazz" at the Palace Theatre in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. "My life's passion has been in musical theater," he said, referring to his latest career aspirations.

Williams brought the presentation to a close with a performance of "Bring Him Home," a song from the musical "Les Miserables." Williams' singing completed the outstanding presentation, and earned Barry Williams a standing ovation from the entire audience.

# Banquet Ends Black History Month : "Breaking The Chains"

BY M.F. STAUFF '00  
NEWS STAFF

To bring a close to Black History Month, the Balfour Center for Multicultural Affairs held their annual Black History Month Banquet on February 21st.

The purpose of the dinner last Saturday evening in '64 Hall was to serve as a time of reflection for the entire month of remembrance and learning. All members of the campus community, staff, faculty and students, were invited. Combined with Balfour scholars, over 150 people joined in the celebration.

After opening remarks by Soamoya Rankins '99, Mistress of Ceremonies, the crowd was greeted by Rev. Philip Smith, O.P., President of the College. Rev. Vincent DeLucia, O.P., Assistant Director of Campus Ministry, then delivered a blessing.

While dining, those in attendance were serenaded by the sounds of the Robinson Family Gospel Singers. The Robinsons are a family of nine, with seven children who range in age from four to fifteen, accompanying their parents.

The food itself was not your normal Sodexo fare, but instead was catered by Mr. "Red" Thomas and was described by Leonardo Watson '99 as "soul food that tasted damn good."

Following the dinner, Dr. Wilesse Comissiong, Dean of the Balfour Center, and Ms. Diana Cruz, Interim Director for the

Martin Luther King Scholarship Program both addressed the audience.

Dr. Comissiong spoke in depth about the theme of the banquet: Breaking the Chains. It was the image on the program that had been designed for the banquet. Around each program was a chain on which a link containing such words as racism, sexism, and ignorance were written. Dr. Comissiong told each member of the audience to break the chain, impling the symbolic experience of freeing not only people but minds as well. As well as the chain, each program included a copy of the poem by Ernest J. Mulbah '98 called *La Amistad*, based on the motion picture that depicted the fate of the now famous slave ship.

According to Ralph Tavares, Jr. '01, "The best part of the evening was the symbolism of the breaking of the chains."

"I still have mine in my room," said Tavares.

"The whole theme 'Breaking the Chains' was fascinating," said Watson. "The diversity of the people and the unity the breaking caused all contributed to the moment," he continued.

"The most important thing was it left it up to the individual to choose what chain to break," Watson stated.

Following these remarks were the personal reflections of students, which concluded with an original poem by Tia Carroll '01.

Then a musical interlude took place where various Negro Spi-

rituals were performed.

The final speakers, Heather Washington '98 and Dr. Maxine Moore, then addressed the audience.

Dr. Moore is the James B. Duke Distinguished Professor of English, Director of Integrated Studies and Dean of the Honors College of Johnson C. Smith University.

Over the next two years Dr. Moore hopes to devote more time to research. She also hopes to complete her book on Gwendolyn Brooks and articles on other African-American writers. She has already published an article on Langston Hughes and has completed several soon to be published manuscripts on other African-American writers.

Her speech culminated in the statement, "Black History Month should not just be one month but every day of the year."

To conclude the evening some final remarks were delivered by Rankins and a final benediction was given by Rev. Fortunato Ojiako.

Terza Lima '00 felt the entire evening was a success, "I am really happy with the turn out. I saw faces of people outside of the College community as well as many friends of the Balfour Center."

"It was the best Balfour event in a long time," Lima said, "Through the reflections I learned you do not have to be black to get something out of Black History Month."

## Stir-Fry Crazy At Raymond

New Additions to Ray Met With Approval From Students

BY LORI D. MCCREVAN '99  
FEATURES STAFF

Szechuan? It is a word that would rarely be used in a sentence, but it makes a great addition to a stir-fry. Last Wednesday, February 18th, Raymond Hall Food Court opened a new area in the dining area. For lack of a better name, it is being referred to as the Stir-Fry Area. The purpose behind this new addition is to provide the students with something new, something different, and something spicy. It is available to the students for both lunch and dinner Monday through Thursday, during the first two weeks. After that, it will be open just for dinner.

The Stir-Fry Area features individual woks that allow the students to create and cook their own meal. The students are given a variety of vegetables, spices, and sauces from which to choose. The vegetables range from your usual carrots, mushrooms, and broccoli to the not so usual water chestnuts, choy, and tofu. Szechuan, soy sauce, and even orange juice are used as sauces. The spices include brown sugar, garlic, basil, and ginger.

The overall variety is interesting and enticing, guaranteed to make a dinner that is beyond ordinary. The materials provided can make up to thirty combinations of stir-fry, some of which will be printed as a daily recipe. Also,

step-by-step instructions are provided for the inexperienced cook that is not so sure what to do.

The concept of the student-oriented stir-fry began at Stonehill College, another college for which Sodexo provides food services. The idea originated with three men who are now currently working at PC. The idea spread to other colleges, and it is now fairly common in most schools. The team found that it simply works. The area has been in planning for some time, but the space was not available in Raymond. Having opened up a wall in the far end of the cafeteria, the Sodexo team designed an area that is both accessible and manageable. The woks are not dangerous, but as expected they will get hot. The only hazard would be due to the fact that some food, like garlic, will pop when it is introduced to heat.

The feedback from the students thus far has been positive. The success of this area depends on the response from the students. The new meal is something that is created and controlled by the students. The comments so far have been directed towards the addition of meat to the all-vegetable stir-fry. This will in fact be possible after spring break. The meat will be added on a rotation, and any meat served during the meal can be used in the stir-fry.

The only restriction is that there will be separate woks for the meat

and vegetables. Another change that has been made from the opening is that a low sodium soy sauce is being used because the first was said to be too salty. The important thing to remember is that this is new, and there are still changes to be made. Those changes are dependent upon the students. Also, for those that are not quite sure what to make, a recipe book is being compiled to be on display at all times. This too will be available after spring break.

The Sodexo company is always interested in the comments and concerns of the student body. There is a suggestion box set up across from the stir-fry room. The students are encouraged to voice their opinions about the Stir-Fry Area or any other aspects of food services. Also, Sodexo believes the area could use a more interesting name. So, the task is opened to the students to name the new area, using their own creativity. Any suggestions can also be dropped into the suggestion box.

The new Stir-Fry Area is made for the students. It is aimed towards those that really enjoy stir fry and are maybe more familiar with it, but it can be enjoyed by everyone. If you haven't been to Raymond for a while, try it again. You will not be disappointed. As it was said, they can make an awesome stir-fry.

## PC Chapter of Habitat Prepares for Spring Break

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impact on someone else's life. It's something I believe in."

Students who go have a variety of reasons for doing so. Some are simply plain broke and feel like doing something fun. Others get involved because they heard that it's a blast, while still others go because they truly desire to help others. Some, like Julie Rand, have specific reasons for going. Right before Christmas in her sophomore year, her own house burnt down. Thankfully, no one was hurt, but virtually everything was destroyed.

"It was such a horrible time in my life. I know what it's like not to have any clothes or pictures or anything," she explained. "The people in my community were so kind - they donated so much. I just

wanted to give back in some way." Those who go on the trips come back realizing that in reaching out, they get a great deal back in return.

"I went on Habitat to make a difference in the lives of others," said Heather Oberg '00, "and in turn it changed my own."

Meeting people, having a good time, and helping others -who wouldn't want to do it? All you need is a sleeping bag, some grubby clothes, and a little bit of enthusiasm. The Alternative Spring Break program provides a wonderful experience for all of those involved. Each year brings on new people, experiences and memories. By this Friday, the campus will be cleared out. Some to warm and sunny places, some to home, and some to make a difference in the lives of others as well as their own.

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# A Braver New World

BY KIMBERLY CUTRONE '00  
EDITORIALS STAFF

Cloning is inevitably included in the future of human biology. Richard Seed, an American scientist, announced last Friday that if his experiments on calves and monkeys prove successful, he will have gained enough knowledge to clone a human child within the next two years. Does any human being have the right to play God? As research accumulates about cloning, the concept that human beings will be able to make duplicates of themselves may soon become a reality. Human cloning will alter the face of society and our everyday lives dramatically and unpredictably.

Scientists around the world will not cease their research on human cloning despite the fact that several countries have banned it. Numerous countries see human cloning as "a violation of human dignity and a misuse of science." Ever since the cloning of Dolly the sheep in July 1997, human biology has been the focus of much attention. After Seed's claim that he will clone a human child in two years, countries are taking the possibility of human cloning seriously. Yet nothing will stop Seed. In two years we may be given a glimpse of the first cloned human.

It makes a person wonder what it would be like to live in a world where there would be duplicate people. Many people hold the opinion that cloning

would be a good way to give infertile couples a chance to have a child of their own. Clones would be made from all different types

mother's womb and in nine months the couple's dream child would be born. What is this world coming to? I cannot conceive how any couple could be comfortable knowing that a carbon copy of their child exists somewhere else in the world. Why not adopt? It is unacceptable for any human to feel that they have the power to play God. Has anyone thought about the effect cloning would have on the duplicate individual? The clone will have no identity of its own and no sense of human autonomy being that someone else had decided all of its physical attributes. Imagine the psychological problems a cloned child would have knowing that they are not unique, but a copy of another person. There will be no value to human life. The world will become a manufacturing plant for human beings.

Human creation is a miracle not to be tarnished by petrie dish wielding scientists. It is a sign of profound disrespect to our human race to produce duplicates of individuals. Human beings are more valuable than that. It is appalling to think of the possibility of humans beings catalogued on pages like sweaters in a J. Crew catalog. It is immoral and against the laws of nature and religion. If our uniqueness is taken away, then so is our way of life as we know it.

As technology escapes the control of humans and scientists call themselves God, I am forced to question if our world is ready for the future. "O brave new world that has such people in't," do we really want to give up who we are?"



of DNA and the embryos would be catalogued. The couple would be able to choose the child which they wanted with characteristics which they find desirable. The embryo would be implanted in the

To The Editor:

I am writing to respond to Daniel Blanchard's letter, which appeared in the February 12 edition of *The Cowl* entitled "The Pro-Choice Position." Although Blanchard brings out some interesting points, he made several inaccurate statements in his article. First, he made reference to the idea that "With Vatican II, the divine authority of the Pope was revised." Blanchard seems to think that the Second Vatican Council revised the Dogma of Papal Infallibility to include only religious matters. As the Church's councils never have changed dogma, this is impossible. In fact, the Second Vatican Council affirms what previous councils have said about the authority of the Pope in its Dogmatic Constitution on the Church: "The Roman Pontiff...enjoys this infallibility in virtue of his office, when, as supreme pastor and teacher of all the faithful...he proclaims in an absolute decision a doctrine pertaining to faith and morals(emphasis mine)" (Lumen Gentium, #25).

Secondly, Blanchard also maintains that the Church should stay out of others' affairs, and that "forcing ones own thoughts and morals on others is primitive Catholicism reminiscent of Holy Roman Emperors." But what Blanchard fails to realize is that the whole point of the Second

Vatican Council was for the Church to deal with the affairs of modern society. The Council's Pastoral Constitution on the Church in the Modern World states clearly that "the Church is able, indeed obliged, if times and circumstances require it, to initiate action for the benefit of all" (Gaudium et Spes, #42). The Church, then, has the obligation to speak its mind and try to convince others of the truth that it professes (which is far from "being primitive" or "forcing ones own thoughts and morals" down people's throats).

Blanchard also goes on to say that people should be allowed "freedom of conscience," and that "By the very constitution of this country, such freedom as been deemed as an inalienable right never to be restricted." Here, we have another inaccuracy. Nowhere in the US Constitution, the Declaration of Independence, or any other of the founding documents of the United States is the freedom of conscience or the freedom of choice stated as "inalienable" by our Founding Fathers is now stripped away from the most innocent and vulnerable of all; our unborn babies.

If we indeed followed Blanchard's logic of "Freedom of Conscience" to its natural conclusion, then anything can be justified, and all law is useless (for all law is morality). For example, in the early years of our nation's history, slavery was (correctly) known by many to be a horrible

injustice. Yet this practice continued. The main argument that was given for the continuance of the slave practice was that each person had freedom of conscience. Many Southern slave holders honestly believed that holding slaves was morally just. Yet we as a nation restricted their freedom of conscience to prevent this horrible injustice from being released on yet another generation of African-Americans. Again, in the 1960's, many people's consciences wrongly told them that racism was morally acceptable because blacks were inferior to whites. However, the government, at the pressure of many activists, pushed for the changing of this unjust law. According to Blanchard's theory (taken to its extreme), these anti-racism laws are a terrible injustice because they restrict the freedom of conscience for the many people who hold racist ideas and attitudes.

Today, we as a nation would never think of tolerating such institutions as slavery, or other such horrible crimes against humanity as racism. We see them as moral injustices and crimes against the dignity that is inherent to the human person. Abortion is another such injustice that does not respect the dignity of each individual human life. The African Americans of the 1960's fought for their own civil rights. Who will fight for the civil rights of the unborn, those who cannot fight for themselves?

Michael Salinger '00

# -LETTERS-

## Journey Of A Champion

To the Editor

As most know, the USA Women's Ice Hockey Team won the first ever Gold Medal in that event last Tuesday in Nagano, Japan. 7 of the team's 20 members had some sort of ties to Providence College—being either graduates or current students. Let us all take a moment to revel in this victory. Although I know several of the gold medal winners, I can only write candidly of the individual whom I have been privileged enough to develop a relationship with—Sara DeCosta. In the past several weeks, much has been written and spoken about Sara in the media, so I do not want to be at all redundant. But what can we at PC learn from this person who is "one of us"??

My friendship with Sara DeCosta ironically began when her time here at PC was coming to a temporary end. From the start, Sara was a quality person who was dignified, yet humble, fun-loving, yet caring. What I didn't realize in May was that Sara was about to embark on the final and most crucial legs of her Olympic journey. I was told by others, "Oh, Sara's trying out for the Olympics." I don't know much about hockey and I couldn't get very excited about all of this. I guess part of me was an unbeliever. I thought to myself quite skeptically, "Best of luck to her." During the summer, Sara traveled to Boston everyday to play with the best Women's Hockey players America has to offer. In speaking with Sara during the summer months, it became apparent to me that Sara meant business. Others may not have had confidence in her, but Sara sure had confidence in herself. Sara's confidence paid off when she found out in late August

that she made the U.S. National Team. Score Round 1 for DeCosta.

Sara now had 4 months to prove to Coach Ben Smith that she deserved a spot on the Olympic team—that she should be one of the team's 2 goalies and take the place of an experienced veteran. It was clear Sara would have to play her way onto the team. One problem, though—an injured hamstring sidelined Sara for 2 months and forced her to rehab virtually alone in Lake Placid, NY, while the team toured the U.S. How do you play your way onto a team when you can't play?? Once again, many outside observers were betting against Sara, saying, "She's only 20, she'll still be around for Salt Lake City in 2002. Might as well wait 'til then." In speaking and e-mailing back and forth with Sara it became clear to me that the young woman believed she was down, but that she certainly was not out. Sara was determined to overcome the injury and fight on. And fight on she did. Sara fought her way right back into action. Round 2 to DeCosta.

Sara rallied in the weeks of November and December, particularly against the U.S.'s seemingly unbeatable nemesis—Canada. Her near-flawless play forced Coach Smith to pick her for the Olympic team. Sara gave him no other choice. Sara DeCosta was going to the Olympics. Round 3 to DeCosta.

The rest of the story, we're almost all familiar with—Team USA traveled to Japan and swept through its early games. In the final 2 games, the U.S. handily defeated its arch-rival Canada, first 7-4 and then in the gold medal game, 3-1. While the USA Men's Team was destroying hotel rooms, the Women's Team was destroy-

ing all opponents. The first ever USA Women's Ice Hockey Team, and Sara DeCosta, had a gold medal. Winning the medal was the fourth and final round in the journey I had watched Sara embark on in late May. Throughout this quest, I was always impressed at how Sara kept her class and dignity intact. Along with stopping pucks, humility is clearly a strong point of Sara's.

What Sara and her teammates have taught me more than anything else is that dreams do come true. There are so many today who are cynical and doubtful and incredulous. But doubt got Sara DeCosta nowhere in chasing her Olympic dream. While many spoke, Sara acted. Now she has a gold medal.

You and I may never win a gold medal, but that is not really important. What we need to remember is that anything can happen in life if we have the vision to dream great dreams, the courage to stick to those dreams, come what may, and the determination to work hard toward those dreams.

There is a saying, "The only place where success comes before work is in the dictionary." How true this is. The gold medal Olympians we saw on TV last week were the direct result of countless hours of hard work and sacrifice, a finished product of much blood, sweat, and tears.

Let us all draw inspiration from Sara and her teammates and renew our commitment to whatever it is we do in life.

Nothing great has ever been achieved by not believing. But who knows where dreaming great dreams and believing in them will take us?? Sara DeCosta has shown me that the sky truly is the limit!!  
**Joseph Polchinski**

## Amateur Status Symbol

By **KRISTEN MARTINEAU '98**  
ASST. EDITORIALS EDITOR

Though the Winter Olympics are officially over, the US Women's hockey team still cannot rest. No doubt many of the team members will be signing advertisement contracts soon and most of the team will appear on the Wheaties box. Unfortunately, not all of the team members will be allowed to have their picture on the box because of NCAA

allowed to accept the \$10,000 awarded to the teams members by the Olympic Committee. Most of these rules seem quite foolish when you consider the time and energy that each of these young women devoted to the team.

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rules and regulations. PC's Sara DeCosta is one of the players that will be left out.

The NCAA has strict rules regarding what college players are and are not allowed to participate in and what they are able to accept. They cannot contribute to any promotions that would award them money. They also are not

college are not allowed to appear on the box. This can only come as a huge disappointment to the entire team. It was a group effort that won them the gold and all of the members of the hockey team should have the once in a lifetime opportunity to appear on the Wheaties box.

## Friars Club Bashed

To the Editor:

My first impression of the Friars Club came junior year in high school. Two tour guides entered the admissions office with white jackets and black pants. I was impressed; they were professional, friendly, and intelligent. After my tour, Providence College became my first choice. Throughout my first semester as a freshman I saw Friars usher at hockey games and help at Parent's Weekend. The Student Handbook states that the Friars Club is, "a service organization which fosters school spirit, loyalty, and enthusiasm in the activities and goals of the college...." The New Student Record says the Friars are, a group of students

committed to service on campus and for the campus." Now as a second semester freshman I am a bit wiser. Appearances are not always what they seem.

During my tour I learned there were no fraternities or sororities here, yet I discovered on Saturday night that this is not true. Saturday night was Friar initiation night. Two friars come to your room and tell you that you're it, a member of this elite group. Then, blindfolded, you must be made a fool of. Cat food is thrown at you, as well as ketchup, and milkshakes; the more disgusting the better. After all this you go to a party and get wasted with all the Friars. For a week you must wear a black and white bandanna

stained with the food that was smeared on you. Now you are an official member of this service club.

To me all these actions sound very much like a fraternity or sorority. Although the club gives the impression that it is the epitome of a Providence College organization, it is not. The Friars Club is nothing that this school should be proud of, unless it considers hazing a "service on campus and for the campus." I see no need for the friars to hide behind their freshly pressed white blazers. It is not the organization that it could be; you can't fool me any longer.

Name Withheld

## Health Care Clarification

Dear Editor:

There was a very well written and informative article about the flu, the health center, health insurance, and health care off campus, "American Health Care System" to quote the author. I was especially pleased to read that the medical professionals in the center are doing an excellent job.

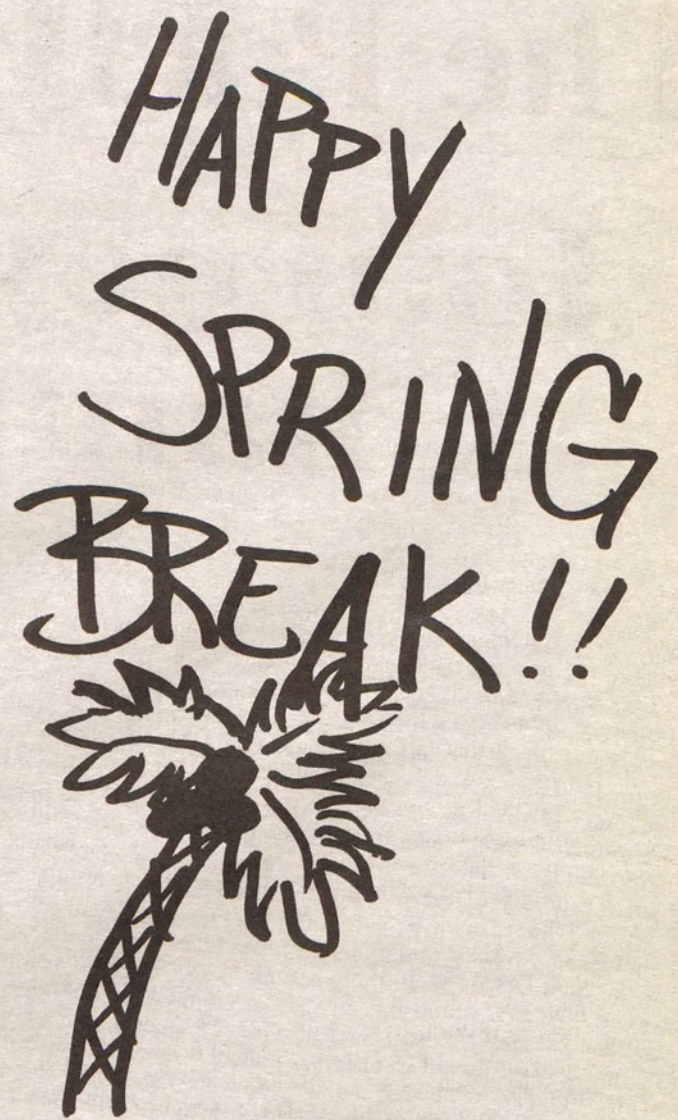
However, there was one inaccuracy in the article which concerned me: "There should be some type of notification in our handbook...to warn students that outside doctors charge money at

the time of visit." This information is made by the nurses during orientation and it is also stated in the Handbook, page 66: "students requiring" ... other medical services not provided by the Health Center will be referred to local hospitals and must assume financial responsibility for all costs involved."

Respectfully,  
**Reverend J. Stuart McPhail, O.P.**  
Vice President for Student Services

PC students:  
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 Adidas pants?  
 If so, good job,  
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(Hi MOM - HAPPY Spleen Break! :))

The Answers according to CHRIS:

- 1) The heavyweight boxing fight was going fine until Tyson knocked me out & Island(ed) in the hospital.
- 2) "Peter Pan, I'd like you to meathook."
- 3) A pilgrimage(s) like everyone else.
- 4) Was Rose Bush George Bush's first wife?
- 5) If Sally sells seashells on the seashore, then can Carousel some seashells as well?

# The Party

BY SHAGGY KEENAN '99  
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I think it is a safe assumption for me to say that all of us have been to parties. Even the most ostracized kid got at least one sympathy invitation to the next door neighbor's seventh birthday party. But for this week, and yes I know, it has been a while since I've last written, I decided to go undercover and in depth. To really learn how the gears and wheels turn, I was going to follow a party from cradle to grave.

My research subjects are no strangers to the debauchery business. The Crib, as there house is affectionately dubbed, have become addicted to parties lately. Just as the putrid stench of beer begins to fade from their furniture, it seems as though the fires that burn within command them to host another soiree. It began last week, where from Thursday to Sunday of Alumni Weekend, these gentlemen treated us to a party every night. I am talking about eight kegs, four nights, and the Okikanopee Swamp smack in the center of their kitchen. And even though you had to strap on a pair of hip waders to get from the basement to the living room, these devoted merry-makers were already looking forward to the following Saturday, which coincidentally happened to be Mardi Gras.

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with Them, and the Word was Them. Not quite Gospel material, but when a keg party of such mythical proportions to be thrown, I think some credit needs to be attributed to divine inspiration. The idea began to take shape as a theme. At Mardi Gras, beaded necklaces are prized as currency, and people will do almost anything to acquire them. And when I say *anything*, may I leave no doubt in your mind that I am referring to anything. For our misconstrued version of Mardi Gras, beaded necklaces would be replaced by paper money, and the Mint Juleps would be traded in for kegs.

The game plan was laid down early in the week. A rough shopping list was drawn up, and word of the party was spread so that people would eagerly await their invitations. Sometime near Wednesday, a visit to Kinko's to print up invitations, and the next day, a return visit to mint the fake money.

As typical with college students, the days crept on, but no headway was made in cleaning the house or arranging for the party. The next milestone of party planning came the day off, when the house was scrubbed down. This is something I never understood. Why clean your house when its only going to get trashed? Oh well. Furniture was moved and stacked in a bed room, to be protected from beer spills, the stench of cigarette smoke, and the muddied feet of drunk freshman girls who think they are at a dance party.

An expedition was launched to the B.J.'s in Attleboro to secure such valuable party assets such as tonic, coke, lemons, limes and cleaning supplies at a discounted price. An ice delivery service was called to order the ice luge and ninety pounds of ice (which was, by the way, not enough).

We were finally ready to hit the liquor store. Poor Vaughn. He had the misfortune of working at Nocera's when we pulled up in the

Booze Bus to claim our alcohol. Part of his job is pulling the eleven kegs out of the storage shed and helping us load them into our car. In addition to the (count 'em) eleven kegs was an obscene amount of liquor. Several cases each of gin, vodka, rum, two handles of Southern Comfort, a case of Jaegermeister, and enough Everclear to blind a small country. About eight bottles of flavored liquor was acquired for the ice luge, too. And let me elaborate about the kegs... No Nattie for these boys. The keg list was comprised of Saranac Black & Tan, Ice House and Killian's Red. This was to be the premier party of the year.

After the booze was brought home, we had to act fast. The cold-plate keg tap was set up, and the barrels were set up in critical areas of the house. An additional CO2 bottle was picked up to power the tap in the basement. The kegs were gingerly wrapped in garbage bags, filled with ice and tied closed. As folks began to arrive, I could not help but sit back and remember the catch-phrase of Hannibal of the A-Team: "I love it when a plan comes together."

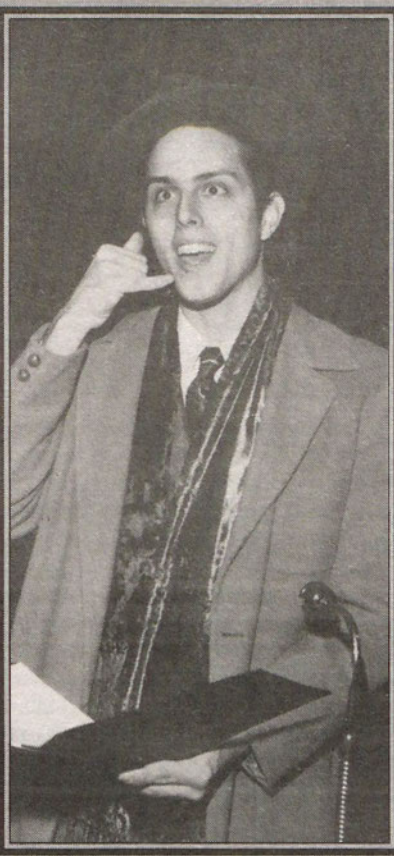
There is no need for me to actually talk about the party itself. We've all experienced the party scene before, and if you haven't, someone you know can explain it to you. The fake money was distributed around 10 PM, and that's when things took an interesting twist. What followed was not only a display of bad taste, but some of it was also illegal. I will not even get into what went down.

So, while you all loved the party, most of you never see what happens the next day. The house smells like day-old beer and cigarettes, the floor is caked in a muddy, watery disgusting goop (more on that later), and debris finds its way on to every surface, high-and-low.

Even through the muck, a savior looms ahead. I laughed when watching the Infomercial, but that expensive mop which boasts super-powers actually is worthy of its reputation. I was astonished to see its vacuum powers go to work on the kitchen floor, absorbing the mess and corralling the sludge into one convenient pile.

Speaking of the sludge, let me elaborate. My, my, my, the stuff that finds its way onto your floor is disgusting. Picture a puddle of beer, stained black from all the grime. In the center of this puddle is a small mountain of goop. This goop strongly resembles hairballs which have been dipped in concentrated dirt. The pile smells like a corpse and has the consistency of rice pudding. This substance has many practical uses. After one good party, you should have enough of this stuff to build a guest wing on your house. The dirt clod is resilient enough to use in the construction of a fall-out shelter. I am willing to bet that if you dried the stuff out and smoked it like marijuana, it would give you a high not unlike injecting Drain-O right into your heart.

It is always fun to find remainders of the party over the next week... A cigarette butt stuck in the couch cushions, a crushed plastic cup under your bed, the rotting, bloated, dead carcass of a friend who has too many Jaeger's... And just when you thought it was safe to walk through your living room in barefeet, another reason comes up for you to have a party.



# Harvey

Left: Brendan LeFebvre '01 as Elwood P. Dowd Right: Meghan T. Kelly '01 as Myrtle May Simmons and Erin Joy Schmidt '00 as Veta Louise Simmons

Upon entering what I had believed to be the Blackfriars theatre this past weekend, I found myself unexpectedly cast within the audience of the WOW, Dubuque, Iowa radio station witnessing a live radio broadcast of Mary Chase's *Harvey*. I was immediately overcome by the velvety voice of smooth-talking radio announcer Eugene Edwards, played by Pat Degnan '01, and the melodious allure of Paulette Paulson, played by Amanda Blake Davis '98. Then, with the mood-setting talent of WOW's sound effects extraordinaire Jimmy Gardner (who just happened to be the Cowl's own Michael Sablone '98) and the swift draw of a misty curtain, I was suddenly transported into Chase's imaginary world of social-climbing, sanitariums, and the quirky adventure of an eccentric, pooka-seeing Elwood P. Dowd (Brendan LeFebvre '01).

This wacky comedy successfully came together through an abundance of energy, charisma, and quick-witted humor. The surprisingly advanced dramatic talent of a cast, composed largely of underclass performers, proved to go well beyond any of my initial expectations. I'd like to offer a hearty congratulations to the entire cast and crew of this hilariously moving performance. Outstanding work! --Alyssa Giannini

# "The Brits"

BY VENESSA ANDERSON '99  
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There is a phenomenon that occurs in the magical United Kingdoms approximately once a year. If you can imagine the MTV music awards, only with more drunk people, louder, and classier, than you are thinking of "The Brits." The Brit's Music Award is an intriguing English social event. By studying it, one can come to a full understanding of British society.

Last night, I was in the full blown stages of procrastination. I could find no cure. My only chance of survival was to make myself as comfortable as possible until the sickness blew over. Therefore, I got a bag of crisps (English chips) and a pint of soda and sat myself in front of the teli.

Now, before I can continue with this story, there are a few premises that must be established. In England, there are only 5 channels on public television, and these should not even be considered public television, since in order to watch a television in one's house, one must obtain a license which goes for about 96 pounds...that's about 170 American dollars. That is a lot of money, especially for a stupid American who, (god help her!) thought that TV waves were free. Needless to say, I haven't exactly paid for my license yet, and every time I turn the television on, I am in a state of paranoia, just waiting for the minute when the TV police will knock on my door and take me to TV prison. (I wonder if they have TVs in TV prison...)

So anyway, I turn on the teli and I actually here decent music coming from the speaker. What? Could this be true? Decent music? As the picture starts to clear, the stage of an award ceremony

emerges. People are dressed up in tuxedos and ball gowns in the audience. Forty-year old adults are closest to the stage, but the screams of teeny-boppers can be heard in the background. "This is strange I think." It's not quite the Grammy's, but not quite MTV.

I sit down and watch for a few minutes to cure my curiosity, as well as my procrastination. To my further surprise, I see Robbie Williams and Tom Jones on the same stage, performing a medley of Full Monty tunes. "Not bad," I think, only because The Full Monty is one of my favorite movies (and should win best picture, I might add). I am just waiting, however, for some drunk girl to throw her underpants on stage. This did not happen; instead, (I think it was) a mature woman threw her knickers. "Only in England," I think.

"The Brits" proceeded rather delightfully. The Spice Girls did not monopolize the evening with their sluddy rendition of music. All Saints won quite a few awards for their efforts, as well as the Verbe. I don't know if the Verbe has crossed the Atlantic yet, but if you get a chance, their album is definitely worth checking out. The best part of the show, however, was the life-time achievement award.

Again, I feel compelled to give some background information. Like the television waves in the UK, the radio waves are also monopolized by national radio stations. The good thing about this is that you don't have to pay a radio tax, but you can get five stations with no commercials. The bad part is that they monopolize the radio waves making it difficult to find a decent radio station. Many of the radio stations go by the programming concept. Every hour there is a different show, which is nice, but if you are in the mood to hear some classic rock, you are out

of luck. Ironically, in the land that made some of, if not, the best classic rock and roll, like The Stones, Pink Floyd, The Beatles, The Who...etc., this music is almost all but banned from the radio waves. I have asked hundreds of Brits why, and the only reason they can give me is, "Nobody would listen to it." Who would have thought!

I have been in England for about 4 and a half months now and I have been craving some good classic rock and roll for, oh!, about 4 months. I have CD's to play, but they get old. What I would do for 103.7! So, last night while I'm munching away, I hear that Fleetwood Mac won the lifetime award. "Thank God!" is all I can think. "Some good old rock and roll."

"The Brits" was closed with two classic songs performed by Fleetwood Mac. It was sweet. But something even better happened. When they were done singing, Stevie Nicks came to the microphone, and ended the evening with a "Good night everyone! Thanks for having us!" in her good old American accent. This statement epitomizes the effect that Americans have on British pop culture.

The British are so uptight about America's popular influences on them. It's rather ridiculous. The British feel resentment that American, "low art" can have so much influence over their society. They are so caught up in this idea, that they feel they need to have a separate music and film award shows, which just turn out to be farces when compared to the Academy Awards and the Grammys. I can't help but feel proud that Stevie Nix's got the last word that night, but at the same time, it kind of makes me sad. The English are not what they used to be.

# Spring Break Reminders

By ALI FALLON '98  
FEATURES STAFF

Don't forget to wear sun block. Take lots of pictures. Typically when someone is going on vacation this is the type of advice someone would give them. But, spring break is definitely not an ordinary vacation. Everyone who has gone away before, or is going away for this break, will appreciate this list of the real things to do, or not to do, during spring break.

**Scams** - Beware of who you make your reservations with. If that shady guy roaming door to door, the one who looks like he hasn't showered or shaved in weeks, promises you an all-inclusive package at a five star hotel for only \$200.00, it probably is too good to be true. Don't test your luck.

**Don't promise to send postcards home** - It simply won't happen. There is too much to do.

**Remember your voice** - Yes, that is right. Believe it or not, when I went to Cancun my freshman year, I left my voice there. Anyone who has ever heard me speak knows that I have a very deep, raspy voice. Well, I didn't always. Before going on spring break that year, I had a squeaky little voice, but somehow I lost it in Cancun for a few nights. When it finally returned, it sounded the way it does now. Forgetting luggage is one thing, but, as ridiculous as it may sound, be careful not to forget your voice. You could end up sounding like me.

**Don't accumulate objects**

**from all over the hotel in your room** - Although the accommodations may not be the finest that you have ever stayed in, remember it is still a hotel. Therefore, waking up like we did one morning to discover freestanding hotel ashtrays, fire extinguishers, and room service items in your room will not please hotel management.

**Frying in the sun** - Resist the urge to do this, especially on your first day in the sun. Not only do you make yourself miserable, looking like a lobster is not the most attractive thing going. In addition, you'll save all of your friends from getting annoyed with your constant complaining.

**The bar in the airport** - This can be a dangerous place. If you decide to visit this establishment to relax before your flight, don't get too comfortable that you forget that you are in an airport and have a flight to catch. I saw this happen to a group of guys and the stewardess had to come track them down.

**Flying the friendly skies** - Don't expect British Airways, Continental, Delta or any company you have ever heard of as the airline of your charter flight that leaves in the middle of the night. I think our flight was on SunJet Airlines; ever heard of it? The name of the company was written on a piece of scrap paper and taped over the name of another one at the check-in of the airport. Hmm, that is reassuring. An airline that can't even afford signs.

**Food** - Remember this is not why you are on spring break. So,

don't expect it to be good, and don't complain when it isn't. Oh, and if you are in Mexico, don't forget that ice cubes are made from the same water you are advised not to drink.

**Money** - You simply can't bring enough. You must expect to spend a lot more than anticipated. With all of those all-night specials, it is a mystery why. But, trust me.

**Your reputation** - Remember that you have one, and you want to be proud of it. Although you are on spring break and everyone is letting loose, remember that spring break doesn't last forever. So, don't do anything too extreme.

Now back to the typical advice. Don't be stupid! Yeah, we all get caught up in the moment, but don't be like the kid I saw who thought that he could scale the outside of our hotel. Also, be careful! Watch your passport. You may not be as lucky as my friend Trish. She left hers on a store counter and was lucky enough to get it back twenty minutes later! Don't count on her luck! But, most of all, and this goes without saying, have fun! Spring break comes only once a year, so it must be enjoyed! I just wish that someone had given me advice like this before I went.

# Home Body

By BRIAN KENNEY '99  
FEATURES STAFF

This week's article was going to be specifically focused on Maura Sichel. Why? Why not. Actually, I had been promising her for three years that I would put her in an article but never have. Maura has finally called me on that promise. So this past weekend I sat down to see what I could come up with. I spent hours upon hours trying to find the right words to capture the essence of Sichel. Finally I came to the conclusion that trying to do that just could not be done. Well, that and the fact that my editor told the features staff to write something about spring break. So Maura, you're out of luck again.

Let's talk about spring break. I am going nowhere but home. My roommates aren't as lucky as me; they have to go to the Bahamas. They have been watching each day pass with dread knowing that spring break is getting closer and closer. I pity them, really I do. What could they possibly do in the Bahamas? I mean sure they have beaches and beautiful women wearing bikinis, but I'm going to be painting and sanding my father's boat. I'll be doing something constructive. My roommates tell me that when they get to the Bahamas they will have twenty-one free hours of drinking. At home I'll have a whole week of free drinking. My parents never let the refrigerator have less than one gallon of orange juice and milk in it at all times. Yes sir, I'll be kept well hydrated. The hotel they are staying at only has one private

beach. That doesn't sound like a lot of room to me. If they do ever find a place on this beach, what could they possibly do? I mean its not like the Bahamas have beautiful blue ocean surrounding it that looks so appealing it calls your name out to swim in it. While my roommates are bored out of their minds, I will be sprawled out on my couch and expanding my intellect. Hours of free cable are at my disposal. Programs like *The Jerry Springer Show* and *The Howard Stern Show* will keep my brain sharp by forcing it to think about the very important issues they deal with. Best of all, no sun block is needed for that. While my roommates are out getting burned, I'll be protected by the wonderful New England weather. The sun's rays won't get to me. I have been told that there are casinos down in the Bahamas. What college student can afford to spend their money at a casino? My house has a great alternative—it's called computer blackjack. Its inexpensive and you don't have to put up with the crowds.

Now, you the reader who has spent a lot of money to go down to a warm climate and party might be jealous of me. Its understandable. You may be saying, "Brian—take my spring break package that's already paid for and let me go to your house in place of you." I know I should not have mentioned the computer blackjack. It was just too enticing. I understand your unhappiness and want to help. So if anybody does feel this way I will trade places with you. Just don't say I never did anything for my readers.

## Gripes, Part One

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

Tradition has it that each year, the graduating Editor-in-Chief is supposed to go out with a bang and let loose in their last issue an article of gargantuan proportions—a scathing indictment of Providence College, the world, the Catholic Church, or whatever is on their agenda. I, however, have the cojones to start now, so you have time to respond and I have time to defend myself. I admit that this is a brief litany of gripes with little coherence except the fact that I think if anyone really paid attention to my suggestions, PC might be a happier place. Also, it's more of a commentary than a features article, but I guess it belongs here because I use the word "cojones" twice (Gracias, Shags).

If you want to really be heard, think for a second about how much money you (or your parents, if you're lucky) are paying for you to be here. Think about those really big checks. Now consider the reality that you are paying a lot of people's salaries (or at least, paying for their new cars). Obviously you can do little to change the policies of the Vatican which trickle down to us (and you

shouldn't even try—you should have known what "Catholic School" meant before you came here), but you can work on everything else.

Case in point: the lack of diversity on campus. You can complain all you want about Fr. Smith, but did you know that although he ultimately has to answer for everything having to do with PC, he has little to do with the day-to-day operations of the Admissions office? His job is to defend the mission statement of the school, and if you have ever read it closely and also looked at his comments, he does a pretty good job. The key: admissions. I would love to see a list of where they do their recruiting, but I think I can guess: suburban white high schools in the Northeast, primarily Catholic ones. I come from a relatively depressed area of Western Connecticut and my high school didn't even have a PC application on file. I wouldn't even have known a thing about Providence if it wasn't for the fact that I thought Fairfield was too close to home, and my guidance counselor's niece was also applying here. Until they start actively recruiting from areas outside of, say, area code 508, there won't be real change.

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# Spring Break Musts, From S to K

By SARAH A. VALENTE '99  
FEATURES EDITOR

Get ready, it's almost here. Even though it doesn't feel like spring yet, we're getting ready to take a break in it, or from it, or however you'd like to look at it. For some of us, spring break means a week of fun-in-the-sun (hopefully) in one of many popular tropical locations. For others, ski slopes or frozen tundra will be the destination. And then there are those who will be traveling home to various parts of the country to enjoy time with friends and family. Personally, I'm glad I'm finally a member of the first group; no home for me this year! For all of you who are traveling this spring break, I have compiled a list of items that should find their way into your suitcase. Over the years, I have learned that these items are not only necessary but essential to any trip taken, anywhere, at any time. So read over the list and see if you can remember a time when you were frantically running around trying to find a nail file. Trust me, it happens! Just to make this a little interesting, I have made the list correspond to the letters in the words "spring break." I'm so clever aren't I!

**-S. . .scissors--**okay, I'm not talking about the huge, industrial, can-cut-through-metal scissors. I mean those little ones that can fit inside your pocket (not really recommended) that are no bigger than a golf pencil. You never know when you might need to cut something,

and like my mom always says, "Don't use your teeth! We didn't spend thousands of dollars on braces for you for nothing. Use scissors!!!"

**-P. . .pen/pencil--**this is a must. I'm always searching for something to write with, or on for that matter. But you can always write on your hand, so paper is not essential. There are always important things that you need to write down while on vacation: confirmation numbers, hotel room numbers, phone numbers (yours and other people's)...

**-R. . .radio--**not usually necessary unless you are going to the beach, in which case it is a must. There isn't anything worse than having to listen to other people's music while you're trying to relax. Believe me, I was once forced to listen to "December" for an entire day. It wasn't pretty.

**-I. . .ID--**many typical spring break locations don't care if you're 21, but you never can be too careful. Luckily, 3 out of the 4 of us are 21 so we'll be all set. Our other roommate will just have to make sure she practices her eyelash-batting skills.

**-N. . .nail file--**maybe this only pertains to females, or maybe males just don't want to admit that they value their nails, but I'll guarantee that if you don't bring one, someone will need one. You can also use it if you get locked out of your hotel room. Unless, of course, you have one of those doors that you need a plastic card to get into. I don't think sticking a

piece of metal into that slot would be a good idea.

**-G. . .gum--**I'm actually chewing some right now. Besides the fact that gum is great at retaining your equilibrium during take-offs and landings, it also serves as a breath freshener as well as a bomb (who can guess the TV show?). Did I say that out loud?

**-B. . .button--**I know this sounds weird, but imagine sitting in a restaurant and noticing that the only button holding your skirt together is not there anymore. You can thank me later.

**-R. . .rubber bands--**these are like scissors in that you'd never think of bringing them, but someone always needs one.

**-E. . .eye drops--**for those of you who wear contacts you know how dry your eyes can get if you have been wearing your contacts for the majority of the day. My roommate and I were in the mall the other day and she asked me if I had any eye drops. Of course I didn't, but you can bet I will next week.

**-A. . .aspirin--**hot blazing sun, screaming kids, hangover...need I say more?!

**-K. . .Kleenex--**not just for runny noses anymore. These versatile little pieces of paper (what are Kleenex made of anyway?) come in very handy in many situations. Just try not using one for an entire day. I dare you. Go ahead. I bet you can't do it. Well maybe you can, but try it for a week. Go ahead. How about a whole month? What about the rest of the semester? Well, you get the point.

By COLLEEN LEE '00  
FEATURES STAFF

Spring break. These two words evoke excitement in many. For nearly a year, most of us have been planning and preparing for this week and a half of fun and adventure, not to mention scrimping and saving every little penny to make it possible.

For a week away from the innumerable stresses of college life, most plan exotic trips to a warm climate, sometimes even south of the border, where good friends, good food, and good fun are the norm.

Imagine all that plus much more-for free. Yes, that's right, no cost. Unfortunately, for all of you out there who have paid hundreds of dollars for a good time, what you just imagined is my spring break!

Unlike most, I decided a week or two ago what I was going to do over break. And this quality planning has paid off. I won't be denied the chance to bask in warmth, good friendship, good food, and great fun.

Where is this place that offers such a deal? Well, I'll give you a hint. It's a four-letter word that many of us overlook, but everyone knows well. For those of you who haven't figured it out yet, it's home. While everyone is flying and driving hours away, I will be shuffling off to Buffalo.

Do not be fooled. This little pocket of Western New York is where it's at. Who needs the hassle of the pain and the peels of a beach-earned sunburn? To me, home is where the real warmth is. Besides, wouldn't it be nice to curl up in a big, furry blanket in front of a blazing fire?

Although all my PC pals will be on their own excursions, I won't be alone this break. Mythical best friends from home do exist, and when they have the same vacation as you, they make for much better company than a drinking buddy or a stranger that happens to be of prime physical appearance. Plus, there's always that slobbery black lab whose only fault is wagging his tail so fast in his excitement to see you that your legs bruise.

As for good food, I'm not sure much could beat Raymond Cafeteria, but if anything does, it is the delicacies of the Buffalonians. Chicken wings have surely edged their way into your diet at least once (except maybe for those who lean toward the stalk and the root). But until you've experienced them authentic style (gobs of hot sauce, bleu cheese, celery, carrots, mmm... ) you have not lived. And there's no forgetting the somewhat less famous Beef on Weck-Buffalo's own tasty roast beef sandwich.

Okay, so some of you out there are still unimpressed, but hold on to your hat, there's more. If you are patient enough to sit in a car for twenty minutes, you can discover one of the great wonders of the world, Niagara Falls. And for a mere 25 cents you can walk across the bridge to a foreign country (Canada!) and ham up the fun on the carnival-like strip known as Clifton Hill.

For those of you who have been bummed or jealous of friends because you don't have some "great trip" planned, take another look. Things aren't always what they seem. After all, they say Buffalo is just a little city sitting in a pit of snow.

# Erin's Gripes, Part One

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If you have a poor registration time at orientation, it seems that you will have a poor registration time for the next seven semesters, no matter what they tell you. Ask the original English and History majors of the Class of 1998...we had to overenroll in Freshman Civ. I've never registered before lunch, and back when we had two days to register, I never registered on the first day. Why should undeclared people get all the good times, when those of us who knew what we wanted to major in when we applied get shut out of classes we know we need to take? If the undeclared folks can't take that Intro to Psych class this semester because all the majors filled it, too bad! Explore some other field—you don't need to declare until you register for junior year. If you find you are stuck in this trap, there's little you can do except find excellent excuses for department chairs to let you overenroll. A double major declared second semester junior year helps immensely.

In the fall, I suggested a solution to the on-campus parking problem. It was to basically, be like Boston College (because so many people here seem to worship that place) and only allow juniors and seniors to park on campus. It's not like we're paying to park or anything, so there would be no loss of income if all the spaces weren't filled. Then they could give them out to people who really need them whenever the need arises, without

having to make such a big deal about there being no spaces. I wonder if anyone who is responsible for making parking decisions will even read this. It's not like I have a personal stake in it—I'm graduating. I'm just offering what I think is a sensible solution.

While I'm thinking of it, let's consider how, when a student is caught in possession of marijuana on campus, they generally receive around a \$75 fine and a slap on the wrist. Drinking (of the underage kind) receives much, much higher fines (try \$200). I would be very surprised if the Powers That Be determined that smoking weed carries less of a fine because it has less potentially dangerous consequences than underage drinking, which of course is probably true, but as long as I'm trying to be the voice of reason, it's pretty funny to remember that possession of marijuana is a felony, no matter how non-dangerous it is.

Finally, I just want to share an interesting story. Our school newspaper is more autonomous than you probably think. We not only write every word, we also edit and lay them out, too. Plus, those are real ads from real businesses who deal only with students. I'm not telling you this because I want a pat on the back or anything, but just so you understand. Also, there are around 90 people on our staff—that's two percent of the day school population—so when you

pick on the paper, you better watch out, because you never know who will be standing around. It happens, you know. I get a twisted pleasure out of confronting those I happen to overhear with "Uh, yeah...I'm the Editor-in-Chief of that 'crappy rag,' and I did notice that spelling error at 6:30 this morning, but I decided to let it go because I think sleep is necessary for my health..." True story.

## Friar

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More importantly, you'll have to figure out whether or not you want to hack a long distance relationship. If you decide that you really do like Mary, then the decision is a little easier. The next step would be to sit down with your "friend" Sarah and explain to her how you feel about Mary and end it at that. It's an easy enough situation to handle if you do it with maturity and grace. You won't hurt any feelings and you won't ruin any potential relationships. That is, you won't if you go about it with your eyes open and your head on straight. I know that's a lot to ask of a guy who can hardly breathe at the prospect of confronting this situation but, believe me, it works. Have a happy!!!

See you in two weeks,  
Cayte

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## THE ADVICE CORNER:

# Friendly Friar

Dear Friendly Friar,

Spring break is coming up and, while I usually look forward to this week with great anticipation, this time, not so much. All I see in the coming week off is a lot of uncomfortable situations and I would rather stay at school and not face the challenge of remaining completely calm for an entire week. Why this paranoia, you ask? I have recently gotten together with a young lady on campus whom we will call Mary\* and I've come to like her a lot. We met under very casual circumstances not too long ago and have since been spending a lot of time together. It feels right with her and, based on these feelings, I made the decision to put my "open" relationship at home on hold for the time being. I wanted to give my relationship with Mary a chance to grow. The problem is that the girl who I was seeing at home has the same spring break that I have and I know that I will be seeing her. Sarah\* knows that I am seeing someone here at school and I don't think that this fact will effect the friendship that we had. I just don't want to hurt any feelings and I don't want to ruin any potential relationships that could turn out to be something really great.

Calm these frazzled nerves,  
Ignasius\*

Dear Ignasius,

Okay, BREATHE. It really isn't an unsolvable situation. We just have to *relax* before we can do anything about it. My first question is, who do you really want the relationship with? No, I mean, who do you *really* want the relationship with? "Out of sight, out of mind," my oh-so-wise mother told me when I broke up with my boyfriend who went off to college a few years ago. Was it easier to break it off with Sarah because she was back home, or do you really like Mary enough to have called it quits? It sounds to me as if you are afraid to find out exactly how much you really like Sarah when you go home. You just might be afraid to figure out that the long distance relationship is the one you want. If this is true, yes, it's gonna be a tough vacation. You're going to have to make some tough decisions about who and what you want. If you decide that you really like Sarah, you'll have to figure out whether or not you think you can hack a long distance relationship.

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# Bagpipes And Shamrocks

BY HEATHER ROBIN ROSE '99  
FEATURES STAFF

Well, it's that time of year again. Spring break. Of course, it's not exactly spring and, for most of us, it won't really be a break. I know that I, for one, will most likely be more in need of a break when I get back!

So, where exactly am I going? Well, I'll give you a hint: I won't be packing a bathing suit (good thing, too, because I'm not quite ready to expose my half naked body to a million or so people), but I will say that my plans are definitely worth missing a week's worth of "Days of Our Lives." Which for me, the addict that I am, is saying quite a lot. Yes, this Friday, at 8:25pm with passports in hand, Marybeth and I will be boarding a plane destined for Shannon Airport in Ireland.

After enjoying all the free drinks that come with an overseas flight, and maybe even a short nap (although I somehow doubt that), we will be arriving bright and early - 7:10 Saturday morning. And then, as if that wasn't enough fun for one day, we get to take a bus to the first of our two travel spots: Galway.

We'll be spending three days visiting Marybeth's best friend from home (who's name also happens to be Marybeth). She goes to the university there. One thing that I am especially looking forward to is celebrating Marybeth's (my friend, not hers) twenty-first

birthday. I single-handedly hold the responsibility for making sure she has a good time; it's a tough job, but I think I'm up to the challenge.

Galway is only part one of the vacation itinerary, because mid-week we'll be hopping on yet another plane and going to Glasgow, Scotland. Guess who's there? One of my bestest friends from PC, Jennifer Sims. We all miss her so much and I'm so psyched to go see her.

*My plans are definitely worth missing a week's worth of "Days of Our Lives."*

In addition to seeing the sights and experiencing the local night life, I am also looking forward to hearing those Irish and Scottish accents. Specifically the boys with accents. How can I resist? I told Jen to keep her eye out for me, so she better be ready to make some introductions upon our arrival.

So there they are, my spring break plans in a nutshell. So what if I won't be coming home with a tan? So what if it's rainy and cold the whole time? I'd trade

margaritas on the beach any day for a week of bagpipes and shamrocks.

On another note, I've noticed that a lot of people get really excited when they see their name in print. I mean, I still get excited and my name's in the paper every week! So that's why I had this little idea to do something I'd like to call "spotlight of the week." It's just an opportunity for me to feature someone who doesn't get their name in bold print on a weekly basis. So this week, my debut spotlight is this guy Steve. Steve is a sophomore and he lives on the third floor. Third floor Guzman, I think, but definitely third floor somewhere. I met Steve in line for the bathroom at Clubbie's and he was a pretty nice kid and I promised I'd mention him, so here it is. Look for future spotlights - it could be you!



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# Who Are We?

THIS WEEK'S VICTIM:

ELLEN MASTROSTEFANO,  
FEATURES STAFF

As I was trying to figure out what aspects of myself I should include in this bio, I could not help feeling like I was writing a chessy personal ad. So, I went with it. Here goes.

Little girl with big last name seeks an adventurous teddy bear of a man. Loves to laugh, philosophize, and will try anything once. Kind of girl you can take to a sporting event and to the theater. Must enjoy all types of music and be able to deal with the psychobabble I reiterate from the classes in my major. Also must get along with my pet hermit crabs (Bonnie and Clyde). Drug addicts and those with criminal records need not apply.

# 'Bama Bound with Cookie Monster

By JILL YABLONSKI '00  
FEATURES STAFF

This spring break is going to be an eventful one; I'm heading home. Last spring/Easter break—now there was an adventure. Five of us were lucky enough to make the pilgrimage to Birmingham, Alabama last April to see PC's own Friars make it all the way to the Elite Eight. Granted, we went to see the games, but as soon as I set foot out of Aquinas the adventure began.

First, I've got to explain how I was the type of little kid who always needed to have a stuffed animal with her on vacation. Linus had his security blanket and I had Junior, a little pound puppy that I would carry along in my pink and gray Sassoon bag with his head sticking out of the zipper for air. It was the eighties, what can I say? Frequently, each time I hurried through the airport with my most valuable possession in my hand's tightest grip, I would notice how people stopped to point at me and laugh laughs that were almost sentences. You could almost hear phrases like "How cute" or "Silly little girl" as their high pitches rang out. What seemed to others as delightful innocence, or foolishness, was a way for me to cure my fears. As I comforted Junior and helped him prevent his ears from popping, I simultaneously extinguished my fears and troubles. He wasn't a piece of cotton stuffed felt, but a living breathing entity, a friend.

Last year in a mad frenzy of last minute packing, the urge to grab a handful of comfort overcame me. Actually, it was a five inch Cookie Monster that I had gotten for Christ-

mas that I stuffed into my pocket as I ran out of my room. It was just a natural impulse; I didn't even think of him again until I was at Aquinas' back steps, carrying some luggage, when I heard a voice say, "You dropped something." I looked down to see my Cookie Monster lying on the concrete; his uneven plastic eyes staring up at me and his stubby little arms spread out in helpless abandonment. I just stood there; a humiliated giant with nothing to say and a child's plaything at my feet. After what must have been an abnormally long time, I bent down, picked him up, and managed to say, "I'm going on a plane." As soon as those words left my mouth I felt like a complete imbecile; as if my five word explanation would signal a click in her mind that could easily relate my justification for a monster to her. The girl smiled politely, asked me where I was going, and then we parted wishing each other well. This time I made sure to shove the little guy deep into my pocket so there would not be another incident. Even though I suffered through an embarrassment I don't regret taking him. This little piece of comfort was needed.

First off, I almost missed the plane. I left the gate to go to the bathroom, shocka, and within seconds it was the first and last boarding call. The plane was so small that there was no need to board according to row number. I started laughing the instant I saw the propellers and continued to smirk until we were told to sit in the back so our weight would balance the plane. Suddenly, it wasn't that

funny anymore. A couple of connecting flights later and we were in 'Bama baby, the land of strange taxi drivers. The first was a combination of Charlie Brown's "wha-whaing" parents and teachers mixed with Mush Mouth from "Fat Albert." Another named Elvis belted out "Blue Suede Shoes" upon my plea for him to sing, and I won't even get into a discussion about the one who drove us past his "date's" mansion only to be disappointed when she wasn't home. They weren't the only unique characters we encountered. There was the waitress who responded to "Yep, sure don't have that" when asked for honey mustard dressing; we still question why she cruelly got our hopes up with a positive introduction, but destroy it with that negative twist. Also, a personal favorite, were our sketchy motel neighbors and the Chattanooga guys, "real men DON'T wear yellow," who denied their school patronage after we beat them. Even though it might not seem all that crazy to you, I am glad I brought my blue friend.

Now this may seem kind of foolish, but this is the first time I openly shared, to a mass audience, the story of Cookie Monster's fall. Looking back I now question what was I really ashamed about. Was it for what I initially thought was foolish or because I had lost the part of me that truly believed in stuffed friends and didn't care about what others thought of her? The answer is really quite clear. Where did that little girl with the Pound Puppy and Sassoon bag go, and where can I find her?

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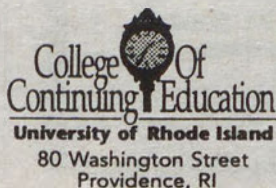
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# A Touch of Fiction

## TEN

By LORI D. MCCREVAN '99  
FEATURES STAFF

"Vanessa," they say and simultaneously point to the mirror and the girl gazing into it.

The reflection's eyes get wide and turn grey as she squints, wrinkling her nose so that she looks pensive. As the age of six, she heard every word, but lacked the motivation to listen to them.

"Ten," she replied as the smile of recognition creeps across her face.

"Kristen!" my parents scream from the living room. I scurried up the stairs into my room, threw myself on my bed, and began flipping through a book I never read. The fact that I was watching the whole scenario would have infuriated my mother. I cannot remember how many times she told me. "This is between your sister and I." My mother assumed that Nessa found my presence insulting. If she only knew.

I wished that I had turned my stereo on because I would not have heard my father thundering and puffing up the stairs. He was eating again. Ever since the school called my parents have been more neurotic than usual — dad eating and mom worrying. I met him at the top of the stairs so that he would not have to worry about saving enough breath to utter the

words that my mother fed him.

"Your mother wished to speak to you," he said and then started to breathe.

"She asked nicely today," I commented, expecting to hear the usual: "get your ass down here." Her requests varied in accordance with the amount of time they spent demanding that Vanessa admit to her name to prove to themselves that the had not gone wrong with her to.

My father waited for me to go downstairs first, saving his breathe. Sometimes it was amusing to see a grown man winded from climbing ten stairs, but today it seemed pathetic. He promised weekly that he would diet, but there were still plenty of Devil Dogs in the cabinet hidden behind the alcohol that I had been threatened not to touch since I turned sixteen. My father thrived upon an idealism that convinced himself that his treats were safe in the liquor cabinet — I was told not to do it. My mother had not picked up a drink since Nessa was born. She was too nervous. My father caught me searching through the cabinet last week. He rewarded me with two cookies from the hidden stash, assuming that was what I was looking for.

"Identity crisis again?" I asked my mother and watched the anger rise in her cheeks. I gave her three

seconds to explode, but she was having a good week. I had to admit, she was consciously restraining herself. For a woman that made volunteering and decorating her profession, her temper was frightening.

"What can I do this time?" "Who the hell calls you Ten?" she asked violently.

"That may not be the language you want her to use," I tactfully reminded her.

"Ten?" she prompted.

"Matt," I told her.

"Matt?" her quizzical look reminded me that she was not home that day.

"You never met him," I told her, turning a little pink in the memory.

"Everyone calls you Kris," he had said. I liked it.

"Your sister wants to be Ten," she reminded me.

"Go with it," I said with a laugh.

She failed to see the humor of the situation.

"Hey Ten," I said and watched her blond hair flip in my direction. "Want some popcorn?"

She nodded her head quickly and followed me into the kitchen, escaping the inquisition for the night.

She listened at the door for their voices arguing, and I withdrew the Oreos from the popcorn box with a coy smile that made me wish that I was Nessa's age again. I gave her

two, me three, and poured the milk. She would have been perfect for the Oreo commercial. She looked so damn sweet and innocent. I was the one that my mother had molded to be her star, yet Nessa loved it. She was the one that could have withstood all those dance lessons. I was positive that she would be the vision in a tutu that my mother dreamed about. She would look beautiful in pink. She tried to get the tops of the cookie without breaking it, but she never could. I just gave her mine and ate her crumbling attempts.

My dad came in, gave us the if-your-mother-saw-you look, and opened the liquor cabinet. He took the bottle and retreated to the living room for their usual loud discussion as to whether or not they should worry about Nessa. I swear I had their every emotion memorized. Sometimes, I wished they could be a little more unpredictable.

"Bedtime?" I asked, knowing that she would not disagree.

"Kay," she says while nodding at the same time.

I laugh at her refusal to use a two syllable word.

We walk by our parents, and they talk a little softer as we do. I try not to look at them and hold Nessa's hand. My mother had settled into my father while he tried to pour another drink without up-

setting her. The sight of them made me realize that some people just should not have children. My parents were far too naive to realize that there was more to raising children than searching through the index of their how-to parents books.

I swept Nessa up in my arms and carried her up the stairs, both of us giggling. Neither of us said a word to our parents.

As usual, my mother had placed her pajamas neatly on her perfectly made bed, expecting that Nessa would put them on without question. She took the night gown and shoved it under her bed. I was shocked when she pulled one of my old T-shirts out from under her pillow. I had bribed her with the shirt that last time I baby-sat because my parents were still not done with their socialite years. It was all that I could do to get her to sleep. I almost told her to put on the perfectly pink pajamas that were determined for her, but I tucked the covers to her chin instead. Her eyes drooped as she tried to look awake.

"Story?" I asked.

She nodded. "There was a little girl that wanted to call herself Ten, after her wise, older sister," I started. "She had a different name, but she decided that it was no fun. Vanessa. It was too long for her to write, so she chose a new name. Her parents got angry and made her look in the mirror and repeat her name. But the little girl still said Ten. The parents were not happy and blamed the older sister for eternity. The End."

She stared at me as if memorizing me. "Mom and dad are mad at me," I told her.

She nodded. "What is your name?" I asked, hoping that the answer would not be too painful.

"Ten," she said while closing her eyes to mock sleep.

"What is your real name?" I asked.

"Nessa."

"Your real name?" I asked again.

"Vanessa."

"Good night, Nessa," I said and closed the door.

"Ten," I heard her say, but ignored it.

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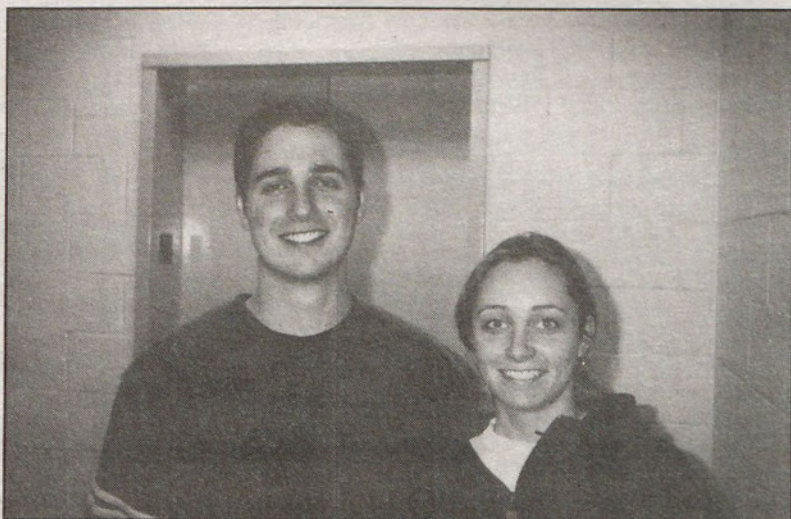
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**Meg Boyle '98 & Danny Myers '99**  
"Toasting to Meg from the beach while she sends out her resumes from home!"



**Jen D'Amore '00, Tracy Danneberg '00 & Ginna Gervais '00**  
"Partying with the natives in the Bahamas!"



**Greg Mara '99 & Michele Melanson '00**  
"Ahhh...finally a week without indoor plumbing!"



**Lauren LoPresti '98 & Adam Odorczuk '98**  
"A Big Haze!"



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# COURTS IN SESSION

## MEN'S AND WOMEN'S TENNIS TEAMS OFF TO PERFECT SPRING

By GLADYS GANIEL '99  
SPORTS STAFF

Even though a winter chill still lingers over our campus, the men's and women's tennis spring seasons are warming up.

The men have compiled a 2-0 mark and the women a 1-0 record as they prepare for their first warm weather test: a tournament in Carmel Valley, Calif., at the beginning of March.

Potentially, it could be an exciting season for the men, who return all of their big guns from the past two seasons, seasons in which the Friars finished third in the Big East behind national powerhouses Miami and Notre Dame.

Perhaps, what makes it even more exciting is that coach Carl LaBranche has one of his best freshman recruiting classes in recent history—Keith Dressler, Dennis Fabian, Fabien Rabanal, and Chris Riccobono.

The Friars used the fall season to prepare for the spring season, when the men play the bulk of their matches.

And the practice could pay off in California.

"I learned to play smarter (this fall). There's not a lot of strategy involved (in high school)," Rabanal said. "I didn't have a great fall; I was borderline to make the (varsity) team. But if I play smarter and practice harder I'll have better results," he said.

Riccobono is also set to contribute after a frustrating fall. He had a bulging disk in his back and was idle for three months, never once stepping on the court.

He has been back practicing with the team for only one month.

"I'm just going to work hard everyday," Riccobono said. "[College tennis] is intense and serious, and I've got to be consistent in my play.

"I'm looking forward to the traveling, and the whole experience of seeing new places," said Rabanal.

And Riccobono looks forward to competing alongside the teammates who helped him through his difficult fall.

"On and off the court, the guys on the team are great," he said. "They've helped me not to get down, to keep fighting."



## Men's Hockey Edged by Terriers, 3-2

BOSTON, MASS., Feb 21 — The fourth-ranked Boston University Terriers defeated the Friars, 3-2, on Sunday in Hockey East action at Walter Brown Arena.

BU took a 1-0 lead when Chris Heron popped in a rebound on a power play at 7:51 of the first period.

The Terriers extended their lead to 2-0 with their second power-play goal of the period as Tom Poti finished off a two-on-one break in at 18:55.

The Terriers opened the scoring in the second period with their third power-play goal when Nick Gillis tipped Chris Kelleher's shot from the point past Friar netminder Boyd Ballard at 4:03.

Fernando Pisani tallied the Friars' first goal of the game when he took a long rebound and fired a high blast from the top of

the right face-off circle past BU goaltender Tom Noble at 2:27 of the third. PC struck again at 4:06 of the third when Mike Omicoli fed Mike Farrell who ripped a one timer past BU goaltender Michel Larocque who replaced Noble because of an injury.

PC controlled the pressure for most of the game's final minutes, but its comeback fell short as the Terrier defense held firm.

Noble and Larocque combined for 15 saves in the win. Ballard registered 33 stops, good enough for second star.

Providence falls to 13-15-3 overall and 7-12-2 in league play.

The Friars will return to to action at Schneider Arena on Friday against Merrimack. Game time is set for 1pm.

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## Selling Out to Sell Out

### LETTER TO THE EDITOR

To the Editor:

Providence College athletics affectionately called it the "Black Out." I call it a *sell out*.

I'm not referring to the 3,000 fans that packed Schneider Arena last Friday. Rather, I am talking about the actions of the Providence ticket office.

Every year the students hear about how poor attendance is at home hockey games; every year surveys are taken and opinions are noted. They remind us that games are free, they litter the campus with flyers and offer cash prizes. When the students finally show up at a Friars game, the figuratively spit in our faces.

In the last three years, I've missed fewer hockey games in three years than most have actually attended. I have same in the same section, in the same seat. I thought when I arrived forty five minutes early to watch the Friars take on BU, I would be sitting in my usual seat. I was wrong.

After making my way to *my* seat (after three years, I feel like it's mine), I settled in for what I thought would be a great game. And it was, except for the fact that I had to watch most of it standing up, or looking for a new seat.

Just minutes after I arrived in my seat,

an elderly gentleman tapped me on the shoulder and said that I was in his seat. Puzzled, I told him he must be joking. He then showed me his ticket stub, and although I was in the so-called student section, I had to leave *my* seat. The entire student section was sold to non-students because of the bigger crowd on hand to watch #4 BU.

If I was a student who decided to try a PC hockey game on Friday, I'm not sure I would ever go back after having to sit in the rafters of Schneider Arena. Hockey games aren't as fun if you're not in the middle of things. On Friday, we were as far from the middle as you can get. Forced students to sit in the last row behind the nets is no way to convince them into supporting PC athletics—especially when you have to sit there for the biggest game of the year.

So here is my proposal. Next year when BU comes to town, drop the whole "Black Out" theme. You can have the students wear green (or perhaps BU red) to the game instead of black; make them tape eight dollars on their foreheads and let them sit in the student section. This way, maybe the ticket office will look out, see the green money, and think twice about selling our seats. Either that, our they will see the red of our empty seats.

-Jonathon P. Miller '99

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## Both Swimming and Dive Teams Capture 11th at Big East's

**SWIMMING**

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ars have a lot of. "We were able to outscore them in Championship format because it rewards big (individual) swims," O'Neill said. "We're a small team but we have some quality swimmers."

"We weren't really focused on the place we got, just on doing our thing," O'Neill continued. "That's all we've done all year is say 'Hey, all we can control is what we can do.' We can't worry about who we don't have. We can't worry about anything else that's outside of our control."

Unfortunately for the graduating seniors, one thing they can't control is the conclusion of their Providence College careers. But they weren't about to leave quietly as last weekend, according to

O'Neill, they gave it their all. "We saw some great leadership from our seniors," O'Neill said. "They went out there and swam with a lot of passion. Kierstin Newell has been nursing a cold all week and she went out there and swam as hard as she could. That was obvious to everybody who

was watching her. If you're dealing with something like that you can either give in to it or just keep pushing yourself. She had a great attitude all week to really swim hard and nothing was going to stop her.

"Shannon Najjar has been nursing a bad back all year and has been dealing with it," O'Neill said. "She went out there on the last day of the Championships in her specialty event, and got a lifetime best. You can't ask for more than that."

**"They went out there and swam with a lot of passion... You can't ask for more than that."**

## McMahon Captures 5000 Meter Crown at Big East's

**TRACK**

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future." Overall, the Lady Friars captured eighth place, in reality a remarkable finish considering the Friars small team size. The Friars don't compete in every event, placing their focus instead on dominating the distance events. They did dominate, earning 51 points out of the 55 they could possibly earn.

"We stacked up very well in the distance events and we did even better in our specialties," explained Treacy. "They all competed very well. They did what was expected of them and you can't ask for anymore at this point in the season."

"We all ran extremely well," said Dupre. "There were no poor performances. Compared to other schools, we placed [competitively] because we specialize in distance while they focus on sprints."

Now the big meets begin to tidal wave in. The Friars will run in the New England Championships this weekend at Boston University, will return to BU on March 7 for the ECAC Championships, then those who qualified will wrap up the season at the

national championships in Indianapolis on March 13.

Looking ahead to Indy, Treacy will bring McCambridge to run in the 3000 along with the newly-qualified Hixson. McMahon will stick to the 5000, with the possibility of Ostrander joining her. Dupre has qualified for both the 3000 and the 5000, but judging by her 5000 performance in Syracuse, Treacy is leaning towards the Five.

ish in the top five," she said. "Anything less would be disappointing."

As for the distance medley, Bohlke's run at SU has the Friars with whole new optimism for the NCAA's.

"We are going to try and post one of the fastest times in the country in the distance medley," said the coach. "Right now, I think with our best girls running we have one of the best teams in the country."

On the men's side, junior Ben Noad continues a remarkable year. What started with an All-American cross country season has moved on to the oval. Noad placed third in the 5000 in Syracuse with a 14:26.

Junior Rick Bush also continues to run well inside, placing 7th in the mile with a speedy 4:14.

"Rick took a gamble [at catching the leaders] with 500 meters to go and it nearly paid off for him," said Treacy.

"But it was still a very brave effort on his part and he turned in a good, solid run."



Marie McMahon

Sarah feels very comfortable with that.

"In the nationals I'd like to fin-

## PC ATHLETES OF THE WEEK



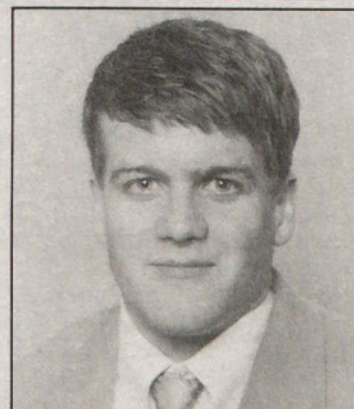
Marie McMahon '98  
Ennistymon, Ireland  
Track

Marie captured the 5000 and 3000meter titles at the Big East Indoor Championships on Feb. 21-22 and led the Friars to an eighth-place overall finish with 51 points. With the two wins, McMahon earned the Big East Championship Outstanding Track Performer Award.



Shannon Najjar '98  
Sarasota, FL  
Swimming

Shannon turned in a lifetime best in the 200 Butterfly at the Big East Championships last week. Najjar, who finished fourteenth overall in the event, touched the wall at 2:08.93



Kurt Yates '98  
Cincinnati, OH  
Swimming

Kurt broke two school records at the Big East Championships including a time of :57.84 in the 100 breaststroke and 2:05.31 in the 200 Breaststroke. He also competed in the 200 and 400 Medley relays turning in lifetime best splits in the breaststroke leg which enabled the Friars to break school records in both events.

## Hectic Pattern

### Men's Hoop Plays well but falls short of Upsetting #6 Huskies

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SPORTS STAFF

The Providence College men's basketball team has followed a consistent pattern throughout this 1997-98 season: play its collective heart out against teams that have the talent to blow them away, then completely disappear against teams they have a shot at beating.

The pattern continued this week with a 73-72 road-loss to Pittsburgh on Saturday and a tough 77-68 loss Monday to #6 ranked University of Connecticut in the Hartford Civic Center.

The Huskies are now 16-0 at home this year, so an upset for the Friars would have been near impossible. Yet Providence put up a major fight, staking out an early lead and holding onto it until :41 seconds left in the first half. That's when Huskie center Jake Voskuil got fouled on a dunk for a three point play to give UConn a 36-33 lead. The Huskies never looked back.

The Friars made a run, however. After falling behind early in the second half by as many as eight, Providence cut the deficit to three with 11:51 to go thanks to two Connecticut natives. Freshman center T.J. McKenzie (Trumbull, CT) caught a sweet wraparound pass by junior point guard Kendrick Moore (Hartford, CT), and buried a layup to make it 52-49 Huskies.

But UConn proved to be too tough and had way too many weapons. Freshman point guard Khalid El-Amin scored 12 of his 17 points in the second half to lead

the way. However, the Huskies beat the Friars with a balanced attack. Their biggest weapon, forward Richard Hamilton notched a double-double, with 20 points and 10 rebounds. Voskuil also earned himself a double-double, with 15 points and 13 rebounds. Chipping in off the bench was Rashamel Jones, who scored 10 points on 4-5 shooting.

The Friars were paced by superstar Jamel Thomas, who has consistently led the Providence attack all year. He scored 22 points on 7-15 shooting, including three 3-pointers. The surprise of the night was the performance by Justin Farley. After transferring in from Evansville last winter and sitting the mandatory year, Farley is showing every Friar fan that he is for real and can play the game at an elite level. He was on fire, scoring 19 points on 8-12 shooting, and, more importantly, stopping UConn runs before the Friars fell too far behind. After those two Friars, there just weren't enough guns in the Friar arsenal.

Head Coach Pete Gillen looked defeated and deflated after the game, knowing that the Friars had outworked and outplayed their opponent, only to come up short. "We played as hard as we could play, we just couldn't rebound with them." Gillen is concerned about the lack of a true center, especially going into the Big East Tournament, where inside scoring is usually a must. Guards are streaky, but centers allow you to win the four games in a row you need to win the tourney.

# Baseball Takes Pair

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sophomore Keith Reed provided most of the offensive support, combining for six hits, six RBI and three home runs.

"I got a lot of support with the bats," Burnham said. "It was a lot easier to pitch knowing I was up—I was ahead the whole game."

In the Friars other win on Saturday, senior right-hander Marc DesRoches pitched a complete game four-hitter and allowed just one run as the Friars rolled, 4-1. Again Friedholm and Reed provided most of the offense, driving in three of the four runs. Junior Angelo Ciminiello added a sacrifice fly to cap the PC scoring. Reed's home run in the second inning was one of three on the weekend.

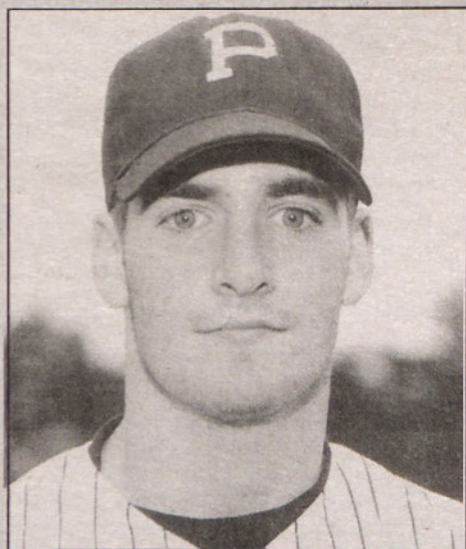
"I felt confident at the plate," Reed said. "I hope I can continue to do well and contribute the rest of the year."

And on a team loaded with underclassmen, many beside Reed are going to have to contribute if the Friars are going to make any noise in the Big East, according to Hickey.

"I'm really pleased with the way the team is taking shape," he said. "This year's team is different in that we have a very young team. Since we are younger, it will mean more chances for the younger players to get into the line-up. We realize we are a young club, but we want to limit our mistakes and play to our strength, which will be our offensive attack."

But pitching will be crucial, as well. The Friars lost four starters over the summer. Starters Andy Byron, Ryan Ricciardi, and Jim O'Brien all graduated last spring, and junior starter Todd Incantalupo left school to play in the Milwaukee Brewers farm system.

Despite picking up a loss on Saturday,



MARC DESROCHES '98

freshman Mike Stuart will be one of welcomed additions to the depleted Friars' staff.

In relief of junior Rob Corrado, Stuart pitched three innings, allowed two runs and held the Wildcats at bay to force extra innings. Davidson won the game, though, in the bottom of the eighth inning on an two-out single by Luke Goodwin that drove in two runs.

"We caught some bad breaks. They hit some bloopers and we hit some balls right at them," said Corrado, who was relieved by Stuart in the fifth inning. "Stuart was a hard-luck loser. He picked me up and did a great job. All of our young pitchers seemed to do that for us."

"Last year, one thing would be good for us and something else wouldn't—our hitting would be good and our defense would be bad," he said. "This year everything has to click at the same time."

Providence travels to Montgomery, Alabama today to play in the Blue-Gray Classic which will run throughout spring break.

# Wheeler All-Time League Leader Beyond Arc

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but sometimes it just doesn't turn out. It was a rough ending to the season."

Providence drops to 10-16 overall and 6-12 in-conference. The club heads to Rutgers University this weekend to begin play in the Big East Tournament, which will run through March 3. PC, the tournament's 10th seed, faces #7 Boston College Saturday at 6:30.

Providence was minutes away from making the trip to New Jersey a happy one, but Seton Hall forward Danielle Golay's lay-up with 1:50 remaining put the Pirates up for good, 64-63.

"The end of the game is where it counts," Hinds said. "They seemed to get the baskets when they needed it and we didn't."

But that's not to say the Friars didn't have their chances.

After Golay's lay-up, the Friars methodically set up their offense, looking to force the ball inside for a high percentage shot—which they got from junior Dana Simonelli (12 points). But her 10-foot turnaround jumper rattled in and out with :41 to play.

PC then called a time-out with 22 seconds remaining. Out of the huddle, the Friars played tough man-to-man defense which forced Seton Hall to call a time-out of its own, almost getting whistled for a five-second violation.

But on their second try, the Pirates were able to break the Providence pressure for a pretty give-and-go basket by senior Sandy Mitchell at the :17 mark to put the Pirates up by three.

As they did all game long, PC tried to get the ball to Hinds in the final seconds. However, Seton Hall covered Hinds and forced the Friars to take two three-pointers, each rimming in-and-out. And that was it.

"We didn't execute down the stretch," Providence head coach Jim Jabir said. "We committed too many turnovers and gave up too many easy baskets. We came up just a little short."

The Friars held a three-point lead at half-time, 36-33, and led by five points with 14:36 to play in the game on a three-point field goal from Wheeler (6). It was her 156 career three-pointer, placing her as the all-time Big East leader, a record that comes

just a week after she broke the 1,000 point barrier—the 21st Friar to do so.

But that was as far ahead as PC would get. Seton Hall went on a mini-run to take a 55-53 lead, capped off with a lay-up from Golay with 8:13 remaining.

Golay, who led all scorers, dropped in 16 of her 23 points in the second half on 10 of 21 shooting.

Seton Hall moves to 8-18 overall and 6-12 in the Big East.

Despite the loss, Jabir had some emotional sentiments for his departing seniors.

"They had a hard career," he said. "I am very proud of their persistence. They could have given up and quit, but they didn't. They hung in there. I am very happy



Meghan Hinds '00

for them because they are good people and hard workers."

**NOTES**—The saying goes, bad things happen in three's. That is unless your name happens to be **Julie Wheeler**. The 5-foot-9 senior from Morgantown, WV became the leading three-point shooter in the history of the Big East Conference on Tuesday. With a 2 for 12 performance against Seton Hall, she broke the previous record of 155 set by UConn's **Wendy Davis** ('92). Wheeler is also the Big East career leader in attempts from beyond the arc with 523... After losing five of its last seven games, the egos on the Providence women's basketball team could be a little bruised. But egos aren't the only things injured these days. Senior **Kerri Chatten** is still listed as day-to-day with a badly sprained ankle. The 6-foot-1 co-captain, who led the team in points (16.6) and rebounds (8.6) before her injury, was hurt on January 3 against Pittsburgh (fifteen games). And the injury bug was contagious to some of the younger players, as well. The

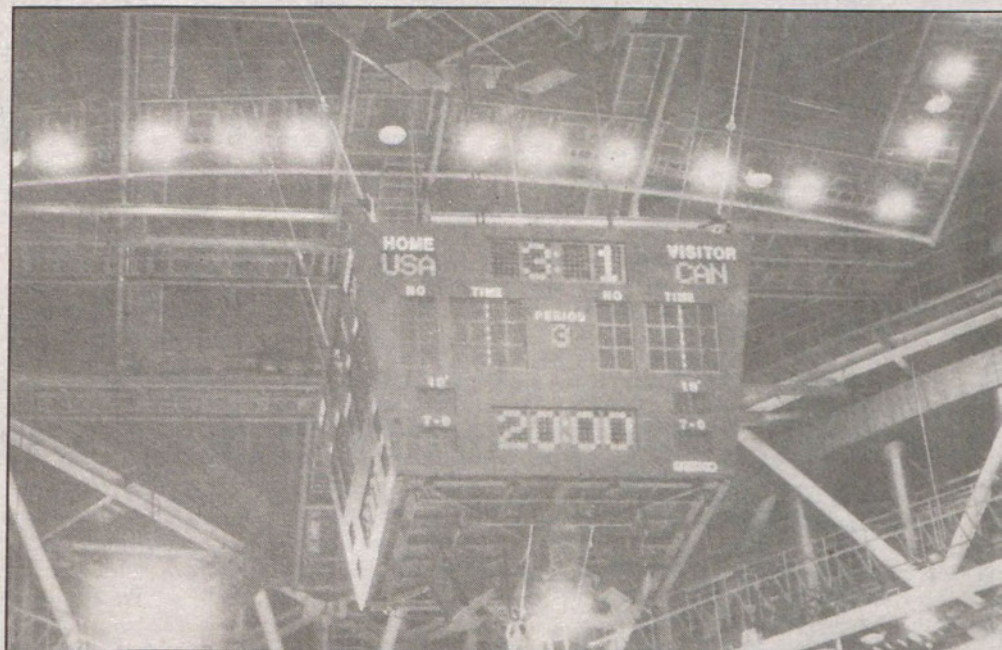
Friar hierarchy discovered they will be without the services of freshman guard **Amy Charbonneau** for the remainder of the 1998 season. Charbonneau, who was a defensive spark plug for the Friars, injured her left knee during the first half of PC's game against UConn on February 4. Initially, the injury was believed to be a severe bone bruise, but after receiving an MRI last week, it was revealed that she tore her left anterior cruciate ligament. Also a freshman, **Monika Roberts**, who was averaging just under twenty minutes and eight points a game, may not be available to play in the Big East Tournament due to stress fractures in *both* legs... Yet, for every injury, there seems to be an equal and opposite healing. After tearing her ACL half way through the 1996-97 season, **Meghan Hinds** has returned to the lineup this season as one of the Friar's biggest contributors. The sophomore forward from Perrysburgh, Ohio has started in 16 of 24 games and is averaging a team-high 12.2 ppg (among active players).

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# Barto Had Role in Skate to Gold



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**COWL:** *Your probably one of the biggest boosters for the program here at PC, coming up as a player and eventually taking over the coaching responsibilities. The program is definitely one of the best in the country. How important was it for PC to get some interna-*

represented college at the Olympics. It's going to help our program in a number of ways—the exposure was good and it's going to help our recruiting. Kids are going to see Providence as a place they'd like to go to play hockey. We've been one of the top teams in the country since the early 80's and it was nice for us to finally get our due. The exposure was great and I'm glad that people got a chance to see what a great program we have here.

hockey because of that. Some of the girls who are on the team now became involved in hockey because of what they saw in 1980. Now younger girls have women as

role model, the girls that were part of the Olympic Team are role models. Young kids can associate with that, I think it's going to take off.

committed to get to that level. I think we have some girls on the team now that have the ability, and you might see them down the road in the 2002 Games.

PC junior Kristen Wilson, who contributed these photos, was one of thousands at the Big Hat Arena in Nagano when the US women's hockey team defeated Canada for the Gold Medal.

**Top:** The Scoreboard at the start of the third period displaying the US' 3-1 lead.

**Middle:** Friars Sarah DeCosta and Laurie Baker watch the action from the bench.

**Bottom:** The US lines up at the blue line before the opening face off with Canada, then line up again to receive their gold medal.

**COWL:** *It seems that everyone has been talking about the National Team since they won the gold medal. How much of a boost do you think this is going to be for women's hockey in general?*

**BARTO:** It'll be a great help. Like in 1980 in Lake Placid, a lot of kids got into

role models. Cammi Granato is a

I think your going to see a big boom in the next 10 years as far as the number of colleges starting hockey programs.

**COWL:** *The two games between the US and Canada were very different. The first game in the pre-lims was very physical; there were a lot of penalties, but the gold medal game was a very fast, finesse game. Which of the two games do you feel better represents the college (ECAC) game?*

**BARTO:** The skill level at the Olympics is much different. The first game was very physical—I think there were 48 minutes in penalties; it seemed like the box was full the whole game. I think our league is definitely a finesse league but not at the talent caliber of the Olympics. The second game was very fast and the execution was perfect- it was a great game to watch.

**COWL:** *We saw the two most recent PC players on the team, Laurie Baker and Sara DeCosta, as gold medalists. What do you think it takes for a player to move from the college level to the National Team level?*

**BARTO:** Obviously, the first thing a player needs is skill and ability. They have to have the drive to compete and to train year round and to take their ability to the next level. You definitely have to be

**COWL:** *With Sara (DeCosta) coming back next year, how is it going to feel having a gold medal winner in the nets?*

**BARTO:** It will be great. I think getting her talent back will be great because she's an exceptional goaltender - it will really jump start us defensively. It will be great to have her experience from this year brought back here to the kids in our dressing room - that level of intensity, that level of competitiveness. Plus, she's a great kid and it will be great to have her back.

**COWL:** *When you were watching the games, did you ever have a bittersweet feeling because the Olympics came after you hung up your skates?*

**BARTO:** You always think about 'what if the opportunity had come seven or eight years earlier,' but you can't dwell on that. You have to focus on the positive. It's just great to have been a part of some of these players' careers, in any aspect, as a player or coach, and to know that they were a part of the PC program. To see a woman hockey player up on the medal podium makes it all worthwhile.

## Lady Friars Dropped by Big Red, 3-2

ITHACA, N.Y., Feb. 21 — Alison Stewart's goal at the 6:22 mark of the second period proved to be the game-winner for Cornell as it defeated Providence College in ECAC women's hockey action, 3-2 Saturday.

Cornell's Erica Olson and Morag McPherson netted the first two goal's of the game in the first period to take a 2-0 advantage.

PC's Katie Lachapelle scored two goals of her own in the first period at the 9:58 and 12:44 mark to tie the game at 2-2. However, Stewart's goal in the second period at 6:22 iced the win for the Big Red.

Cornell goaltender Alana Hayes made 23 saves. Providence goaltender Pilar Christopherson made 14 stops in the loss.

Providence College is now 8-19-2 overall and 8-10-2 in the ECAC.

The Friars return to Schneider Arena on Saturday for a 1pm game against Boston College at 1 p.m.

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## McMahon, Noad Fare Well at Big East Championships

By RYAN DONAGHY '99  
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This past weekend the men's and women's track teams competed in the Big East Indoor Championships at Syracuse University.

Senior Marie McMahon had an incredible two-title day, placing first in the 5,000-meters in 16:23 before winning the 3000 in 9:24. The effort earned her Big East Outstanding Track Performer honors.

McMahon's junior understudy Sarah Dupre also impressed, placing second only to McMahon in the 5000 with a 16:27. Not only did her strong finish earn her All Big East accolades, but also qualified her for the NCAA's.

The McMahon led 3000-field boasted a fourth place finish by Friar freshman Rachel Hixson and a fifth place run by teammate Dana Ostrander.

In the mile, senior Maria McCambridge placed second with a clocking of 4:46.

The Lady Friars captured fourth place in the distance medley, the biggest surprise according to Friar head coach Ray Treacy. The key was freshman Joan Bohlke blazing :57.6 400-meter anchor leg-two whole seconds than Bohlke's previous best.

"This was a big improvement for her and it gives us an extra dimension," said Treacy. "We aren't going to lose as much as we normally would in the 400. This is something to look forward to in the

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## Pirates Hook Friars Despite Hinds' 20, Hall Spoils Senior Night

By KEN MARTIN '99  
ASST. SPORTS EDITOR

Banners listing the names of the senior members of the Providence women's basketball team hung

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day night—names like Julie Wheeler, Mandy Saunders and Kerri Chatten. It was their last regular-season game in a Friar uniform; their last game in Alumni Hall. It was their chance for a fairy tale finish.

But on a night supposedly reserved for seniors to make a little bit of magic, the only one who seemed to be making anything, unfortunately, was sophomore Meghan Hinds.

And despite a team-high 20 points from the 5-foot-10 guard, Seton Hall proved too strong down the stretch, edging the Friars, 66-63, and eliminating any hopes of a storybook finish for the senior triumvirate.

"I feel really bad for the seniors," said Hinds, who finished 8 of 15 from the field and made all five of her attempts from the foul line. "We wanted to win for them,

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# Coming... and Going

## Friars Begin Season in North Carolina, Win Pair Swimmers End Season 11th in League

*Wait till next year! What I think that phrase meant for so many people as you came to the end of a season was that when you lost or didn't win a World Series, there was that collective hope next spring will bring a better time.*

-Pulitzer Prize winner  
Doris Kearns Goodwin

By KEN MARTIN '99  
Asst. Sports Editor

NORTH CAROLINA, Feb. 22 — The Providence baseball team is hoping for one of those springs.

After failing to qualify for the Big East Tournament for the first time since 1993 and compiling its worst record in five years (26-23), the Friar nine seemed eager for the first pitch of the 1998 season.

And Providence harnessed its anticipation last weekend to take bookend wins of a three-game series from Davidson, 4-1 and 13-3.

Davidson won the second game, 7-6.

"Going into your first season, you try to prepare as much as possible," said Providence head coach Charlie Hickey, who took over the Friar helm from Paul Kostacopoulos (1990-96) last sea-

son. "We encountered some difficult situations during (1997), but we stuck together.

"We may not have had the success that some of the past teams had, but all-in-all, it wasn't a bad year," he said. "I am looking forward to the upcoming season and the challenges we will face."

Davidson was a relatively easy challenge when compared to the Big East schedule that lies ahead—teams like Rutgers, St. John's and West Virginia, which all have solid line-ups returning from the 1997 season. However, according to junior pitcher Josh Burnham, the Davidson series was a crucial one for PC's confidence.

"It's good to get the season started (with two wins)," said Burnham, who is a transfer from UConn-Avery Point, where he recorded a 5-3 record last year. "It was a decent start for the first couple games of the season, but we need to improve because we are definitely going to face better competition.

Buoyed by Burnham's six-inning performance in which he struck out four, walked three and scattered five hits, the Friars took Sunday's game, 13-3. Junior catcher Scott Friedholm and

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By KIM GALIPEAU '99  
SPORTS STAFF

The Providence College swim and dive team finished their 1997-98 season last weekend at the Big East Championships in Pittsburgh.

And after a season with many ups and downs, Providence head

coach John O'Neill was encouraged by his team's aquatic accomplishments.



John O'Neill

"We were hot right from the first relays," said O'Neill, who concludes his 14th season at the Friar helm. "Our whole focus was going to the Big East Championships and doing our best. Overall, just a super job by everyone. Everybody gave everything they had and dropped in time. That's what we look for," he said.

Junior Jed Michnowicz broke four individual school records in the 200-meter backstroke and the 100, 200, and 500 freestyle. His fourth place finish in the 500

free, with a time of 4:29.11, was the best finish by a PC athlete in over ten years. He was also a member of two PC Men's Relay teams which also broke school records.

Senior Kurt Yates broke two school records of his own in the 100 and 200 breaststroke, and he too was a member of the record-breaking relay team.

On the women's side, senior co-captain Shannon Najjar swam a lifetime best, 2:08.93, in the 200 fly to finish 14th. Junior Carla Clemente placed 13th in the 200 backstroke and also helped the women's 800 Free-Relay team finish 8th overall.

With both the men and the women's team placing 11th overall, O'Neill is pleased with his Friars' performances.

"Realistically (placing 11th) was what we could do; that was our goal and we got it," O'Neill said. "The guys beat Georgetown and Boston College, two teams that had beaten us during the year."

The format of regular season meets benefits large teams. Providence, one of the smaller teams in the Big East, was at a constant disadvantage. The format of the Big East Championship, however, allows talent, not team size to stand out. Talent is something the Fri-

SWIMMING, 17

# Gold Rush



By FRANK MILLS '98  
ASST. SPORTS EDITOR

The gold medal winning USA Women's Olympic Team has attracted a lot of attention since it became the first women's team to win a gold medal in Olympic competition. You may have seen some of the players on David Letterman, CBS This Morning, and numerous national papers.

Seven of the players from that

squad have Providence College connections, as either students or graduates. The Providence program is one of the best in the country and is getting recognition for fostering so many Olympians. A person who has been associated with women's hockey at Providence College since the early 80's is current Head Coach Jackie Barto. Barto led the Lady Friars to their first ever ECAC title her senior year, 1984. Barto has been the

Head Coach of the Lady Friars for the past four years after a six-year tenure as an assistant.

I got a chance to sit down and talk with Coach Barto this week, discussing her feelings about the Olympics and the Providence players played there.

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COWL: What were your first impressions when you saw the games on TV, seeing the players that you've coached and skated

with?

BARTO: It was great to see the PC kids play such a huge role in all the games and to know that they came out of our program and were part of Providence College's hockey tradition. It was exciting to see players that I've played with and coached finally getting their chance in the Olympics.

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KRISTEN WILSON '99