

Rev. Francis D. Nealy, O.P.

A solemn procession

Hundreds gather to honor deceased Dominican

BY REBECCA PIRO '00
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Strains of "Amazing Grace" floated before the long funerary procession of Rev. Francis Dominic Nealy O.P. late Tuesday morning as the PC Dominican was led to his final place of rest.

A group of several hundred people braved the cold winds to honor the late Dominican who died Friday at age 87 after an extensive career at PC which spanned more than 30 years.

Rev. Joseph Barranger O.P. and Rev. Philip A. Smith, O.P., President led the procession which started at approximately noon from the doors of St. Thomas Aquinas Priory to the Dominican Community Cemetery. They were followed by the hearse, an Honor Guard, faculty and administration, several ROTC members and

families of Fr. Nealy.

Two fire trucks brought up the rear of the procession; one truck was Ladder Company 3, which was dedicated to Fr. Nealy after he retired from being Chaplain for the Providence Fire Department from 1972-1984, and given the title emeritus chaplain. Ladder

Bertrand Boland O.P. of the diocese said a blessing during the burial. A funeral Mass was said at the Priory Chapel earlier that morning where two eulogies were read by Fr. Smith and Capt. John O'Reilly, Captain of Ladder 3, who had known Fr. Nealy for 20 years.

Capt. Reilly recalled the

Everything he did led back to the priesthood, the Dominicans and, in his own way, to God

Dr. Thomas Flaherty, Dean of the Graduate Program

3 has plaques inside and out bearing Fr. Nealy's name and a remembrance of the dedication with which he served the department's men.

The solemn procession ended at the cemetery where Most Reverend Bishop

infamous fire of 1977 at PC where Fr. Nealy had served as Chaplain for the fire-fighters during the crisis.

"While the College rightfully ministered to the many student families (of victims), it

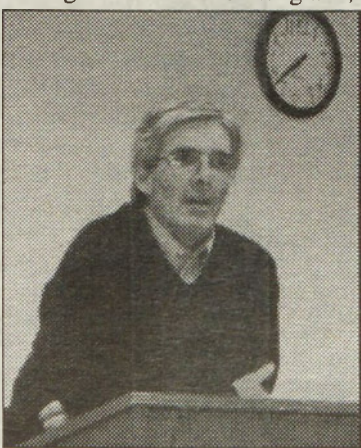
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Hunger: A global problem

BY ELIZABETH WATERFALL '01
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"Millions die every year from hunger and hunger related diseases," Bernie Boudreau, Executive Director of the Rhode Island Food Bank, announced Tuesday night at a discussion in the Slavin Center. "It's a reality," he continued, "but we aren't outraged."

The discussion with Boudreau marked his first visit to the College and was cosponsored by the Pastoral Services Organization and Board of Programmers as one of the many Hunger Awareness



Boudreau speaks Tuesday night

Week activities at the College. After being introduced and before rising to the podium, Boudreau was presented with a donation for the Food Bank.

Boudreau connected the approaching holiday with the need for food in local areas. "Thanksgiving reminds us of hunger," he began, and described the work of the Food Bank and other food pantries and the food and turkey drives that they hold.

"We distribute about 500,000 pounds of food each month," he said of the Rhode Island Community Food Bank

with the help of its nearly 5000 volunteers.

Boudreau continued by explaining the work that he has done over the past two decades against world hunger. He began working for the Food Bank in 1995. "I wanted to get involved with domestic hunger," he said. After becoming aware of the poverty and hunger problems in New England, especially Rhode

Island, he decided that "there is no excuse for people in our country to go hungry."

Over the past few years food bank and food pantry usage has increased, Boudreau explained. He attributes this rise in part to

the "underutilization of food stamps" and other government aid. For some people, purchasing their groceries with food stamps is embarrassing, and therefore many turn to food pantries.

However, as Boudreau explained, "Often people describe the experience of going to a food pantry as humiliating."

Food pantry experiences provide the needy individual with a sense of "dehumanization." "You don't get a choice about what you're

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Junior Ring Weekend

Explanation behind transportation problems and arrests still undetermined

BY KRISTIN STANLEY '01
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Approximately one-thousand students and their dates gathered outside Peterson Recreation Center Friday night, anxious to begin their Junior Ring Weekend. While many students said the weekend proved a success, both Friday and Saturday night's events had their share of problems.

The Palladium in Worcester, MA hosted Friday night's festivities, organized by the Special Event Committee. Twenty-six buses lined up outside of Peterson at 6:30 p.m. ready to drive JRW participants to their destination. However, once they arrived problems arose with students leaving and attempting to reenter the building.

The result was the arrest of an undetermined number of Providence College students for reasons yet unspecified by Student Services. The Worcester Police responded to the club but could not comment for *The Cowl*. Rev. J. Stuart McPhail O.P., Vice President of Student Services, also could not comment as of Wednesday.

"We have no numbers or names of who got arrested (presently), but maybe information will come up later," said Patrick Bench '01, Junior Class President. "There was a very small amount of people that got arrested, for what we

are unsure," he commented.

Aside from the problems, students found the whole evening enjoyable, including the 45-minute bus ride into Worcester.

"It didn't really seem like it was that long, we all had a great time, it was well organized and there was a good amount of staff," said Anthony Denis '00.

The Special Event Committee rented out the Worcester club because they "couldn't find any place that was as nice around Providence," said Colleen Moore '01, a JRW Core member. Finding a location which can accommodate 1,000 people in Rhode Island or nearby Massachusetts is not an easy task, Moore added.

The three floors of the Palladium gave students plenty of room to dance and socialize. "I thought that it was awesome, and it was so big that I didn't end up seeing many of the people I knew," said Marie Foley '01. Buses departed for PC from the Palladium at 12:15 a.m.

Students gathered at noon Saturday afternoon in Peterson Recreation Center where the blessing of the rings took place. The themes of the Mass were unity and journey. Numerous Dominicans concelebrated the Ring Mass that was meant to remember the past and the tradition of Providence College as well as looking towards the

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Juniors pose at JRW formal Saturday night.

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INSIDE CONGRESS

- Student Congress unanimously passed a **recommendation regarding discrimination** introduced by Oscar Mayorga at their November 15 meeting. The recommendation states that, "The Student Congress will take a proactive stance against any form of discrimination and towards greater cooperation between Student Congress and multi-cultural organizations."
- The Committee on Legislative Affairs has proposed **two new pieces of legislation**, which will be voted on after the Thanksgiving break. The first is an amendment which alters the Student Congress bylaws by redefining the policies for legislation in the Congress. The committee also proposed a resolution altering the allocations for this year so that the money set aside for the Political Science Club can be given to the newly formed Political Science Student Association, which replaced the former group.
- For those concerned with the difficulties surrounding the lack of **buses at Junior Ring Weekend**, Father McPhail assured the Congress he is looking into the matter.
- Student Congress is working in conjunction with several organizations to sponsor **Whiffle Ball Mania**, a whiffle ball tournament to be held on Raymond field on Saturday at 3 pm. Interested parties can pick up roster sheets in the Congress office. The purpose of the tournament is to aid the hungry, so students are asked to either bring six canned goods to the event, or pay a registration fee of \$10 which will go towards this cause.
- There will be **no Congress meeting** on Monday, Nov. 22, due to the shortened week. Congress will meet next on the Monday after the break.
- The Student Congress discussed the problems surrounding the **food services** on the PC campus at their last meeting. Discussion centered around the problems in Raymond Cafeteria, including the congestion at peak hours, problems with the current food selection, and possible ways for students to pick up their box lunches more easily. A tour of Raymond cafeteria was also announced, with the date to be determined in the near future. Anyone with suggestions or concerns on this matter should contact Congress's food committee.
- **Registration** was another concern of Congress, namely the difficulties in meeting with advisors and in registering over the phone. Members urged the creation of an online registration system to facilitate this process. Also discussed was the need to have a more focused effort to have advisors help students determine exactly what classes they need to take to meet their requirements. Congress will continue to look into this topic.

Student Congress wishes the entire Providence College campus a **Happy Thanksgiving**.

Compiled by Dan Reed '02

A message to all students

On October 25, a disciplinary hearing was held to consider the following violations of the Handbook:

Whether on-campus or off-campus, students are expected to adhere to the standards of conduct established by Providence College. . . Sanctions will be applied where necessary. (Handbook, page 39, Section II, Paragraph A).

The possession, manufacture, distribution, or use for any purpose whatsoever of any false personal identification document of any kind, including driver's licenses, is prohibited. . . (Handbook, page 44, Section XII).

Having been found guilty of violating the above regulations, the sanctions determined are:

1. One semester suspension from Providence College, i.e., the second semester of the 1999-2000 academic year.
2. \$2,500.00 fine.
3. Upon return, disciplinary probation for at least one semester.

On October 25, a disciplinary hearing was held to consider the following violations of the Handbook:

The use, possession, sale, or distribution of any illegal drug is a violation of the laws of the State of Rhode Island and therefore is subject to the Standards of Behavior set forth in these regulations. In addition, students are prohibited from being present in a room where illegal drugs are being used whether or not said student is actively using the illegal drug.

Drug policy- The Drug Free Schools and Communities Act Amendments of 1989 described in Part VII- Alcohol Policy of this handbook applies to the illicit use of drugs. (Handbook, page 43, Section VIII, paragraphs 1 and 2).

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Found guilty of the violation, the student was immediately dismissed from Providence College.

Kicking the habit

Great American Smokeout challenges smokers to put down cigarettes

BY LAURA MCGINN '01
NEWS STAFF

In an attempt to help smokers quit cigarettes, the American Cancer Society will host their annual Great American Smokeout on November 18 this year. The event, which started in 1977, first began as a small attempt for smokers to prove they could quit smoking for a day. Now, the Smokeout occurs all over America each year on the third Thursday of November.

According to the American Cancer Society, their "volunteers and staff hold the Great American Smokeout every year to help smokers quit cigarettes for at least one day, in hopes they will quit forever. More people quit smoking this day than any other day of the year."

The Society added that their message continues to be developed. "The focus of the Great American Smokeout has evolved from simply helping adults quit smoking to helping children and teenagers understand they should never start smoking in the first place."

While the Great American Smokeout works to remind people of the potential dangers from smoking, the Rhode Island Department of Health has also made efforts to reduce the habit of smoking. Both state laws and local ordinances have been passed in Rhode Island in order to regulate where smoking may be permitted.

Betty Harvey, the program manager for the Tobacco Control Program of the Rhode Island Department of Health, stated that the state holds four major laws against smoking.

"The Smoke Free School of Law," Harvey stated, "says that no one may smoke in the school building or within twenty-five feet of the building. Every school has at least this policy or something stronger."

The workplaces and public areas of the state also have restrictions placed upon them referring to smoking. According to Harvey, non-smokers must be accommodated at work and smoking is prohibited in public places, such as movie theaters and grocery stores.

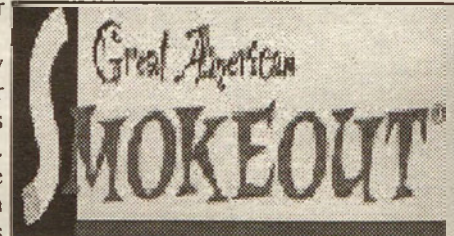
Finally, the state prohibits the sale of tobacco products to anyone under the age of eighteen. "The penalties for selling to the under-aged," Harvey stated, "include such things as losing one's license."

Each individual municipal of the state also holds ordinances against smoking. These include a ban on smoking in recreational areas and municipal areas, and a ban on the sale

of tobacco to males and females under age eighteen.

Although these restrictions hold as laws, Harvey commented that not all people enact them. "Schools are very aware of the laws, along with employers of one-hundred or more employers," stated Harvey. "However, smaller business are not as aware of the restrictions. Still, every employer in Rhode Island must have a written smoking policy. The message bears repeating."

Not only does the state of Rhode Island hold restrictions on smoking but so too does PC's campus. The College stands as a "smoke-free environment on campus except for designated outside places," stated Sharon Hay, the director of S.A.I.L.



According to Residence Life, no smoking is permitted in the common areas of dorms. This year, Residence Life has also implemented specific non-

smoking floors in the dorms. These floors, usually the bottom floors of the different dorms, do not allow smoking in any of the rooms. On all other floors of the dorms, however, the students of the room regulate the smoking. The apartments hold no restrictions on smoking, except for in common areas.

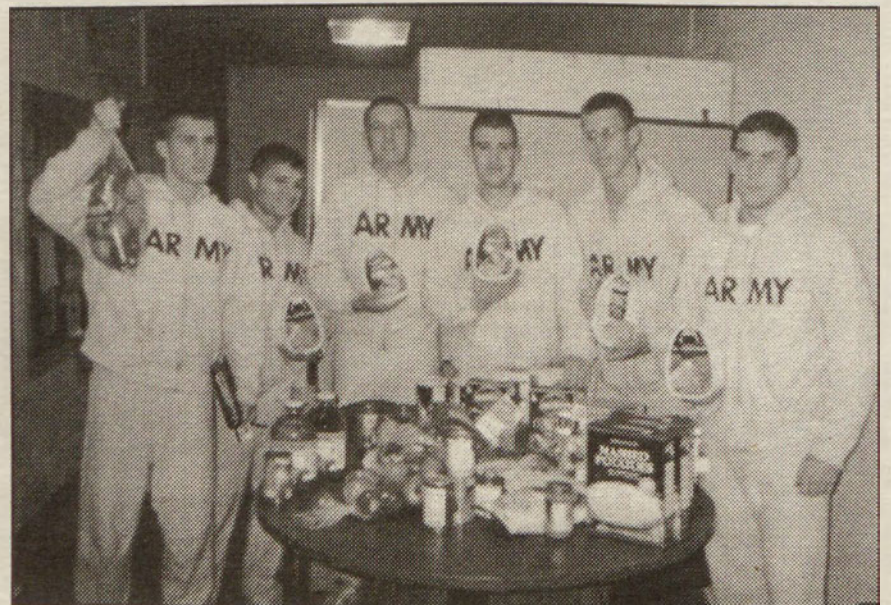
This year's Smokeout will provide students with an opportunity to take a stance toward smoking on campus. While some students find smoking quite a problem, others feel there is no issue.

"I don't find it an issue on campus because I don't smoke," stated Melissa Chaves '01, "In common areas where it would affect me, it doesn't because the smokers here are respectful."

Rita O'Dea '03 added, "I feel a lot of young people are smoking, especially freshmen. However, most of the smokers smoke outside so they do have respect toward non-smokers."

No matter what age, smoking is an issue for students. "I think a lot of people know it is bad for them and want to quit, but they are just too stressed out to do something about it," commented Christina Armelin '01. "Most of the time students start for silly reasons and it just goes downhill from there."

Smoking remains an issue for not only PC students, but for all men and women. The American Cancer Society urges all to take part in the Great American Smokeout and make a move towards quitting smoking. The American Cancer Society encourages everyone to "prove to yourself that if you can quit for one day, you can quit for a lifetime."



Cadets (from left to right) Matt Sova, Bobby King, Mark Sylvestre, Brent Andrew, Rob Cybulski, and Ned Marsh, of the Patriot Battalion Corps, with food they collected for ten needy families of Rhode Island.

Free Press

BY M.F. STAUFF '00
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For the past few weeks, on-campus apartment residents are welcomed every morning with three piles of newspapers in their building's lobby. They are free for the taking by any student who wants to read up on news events before class or peruse sports scores as they eat breakfast.

The free offer began over three weeks ago with *USA Today* employees greeting students on their way to class with the newspapers, as well as juice and donuts. All they asked was for students to fill out a survey in response. The questionnaire posed various questions such as, "For which topics do you read newspapers?" and "Which newspapers would you read if they were available in your residence hall?"

The newspapers are part of *USA Today's* Readership Program whose mission is to "enhance learning about the world through a daily readership program," says Doug Fraser, a *USA Today* senior account manager. He says the program is an adaptation of one started three years ago at Penn State University where the president of that college felt his students did not see beyond their campus. It started off as a one newspaper program but after conducting surveys it is now up to three.

USA Today adopted the Penn State program as a model and has targeted 50 schools in the New England area including the University of Massachusetts-Amherst, Fitchburg State College and Gordon College. The

program consists of three newspapers: the *USA Today*, an area paper (*The Providence Journal*) and one regional paper of the school's choice (*The New York Times*). Jessie LeMasters '00, says, "The papers bring awareness of political and social issues that we [students] would otherwise not be aware of."

Rev. Kenneth Sicard, O.P., Director of Residence Life, was approached by *USA Today* and said, "The program is a really nice benefit to the students. It keeps the students better informed of the world around us."

Mary Finucane '00, reflects these sentiments, "It is great because I am not always up to date on current events. It is good to have available because we can just grab it and we do not have to go out of our way to buy it."

Fraser says the response at PC has been "overwhelmingly positive." He describes the feeling on the first day being that the students were wondering why the newspapers were there. He says they did not want to leave that day until all the surveys were filled out and it took up most of the day. On Wednesday, November 17, they conducted a follow-up survey which went so well they finished just after noon. Fraser says, "Nearly every student stopped and filled one out."

The results of the two surveys will be tabulated and presented to the College which will then determine if they want to sign up for the program. Fraser says that if the College gives the approval, the program can become permanent as

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In the year 2000

BY RYAN AINSCOUGH '02
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After spending around one million dollars over a period of three years, the Providence College Department of Computer Services is confident that it has eliminated any potential disasters brought on by the year 2000 bug. Despite their confidence, however, the problem of external complications remains a factor they will have little control over, according to Becky Ramos, Executive Director of Computer Services/Telecommunications.

The problem, according to Ramos, arises "because early systems designers recorded and processed dates by eliminating the first two digits. Many computer systems use a two-digit date format (mm/dd/yy), and experts believe that these systems could interpret the year 2000 as 1900."

This misinterpretation of the date has the potential of causing complications in operations of computers as well as appliances and other systems such as fire alarms, which are not usually thought of as computers. An elevator, for instance, contain an embedded computer chip in order to keep track of the last time it received maintenance. If it were to misinterpret the date, it could shut itself down in an attempt to ensure safety.

Computer specialists first recognized the year 2000 computer problem in the early 1990s according to Ramos. In anticipation of the consequences, Providence College began working on the issue in 1997. In that year, work began on "administrative software."

A year later, Computer Services established a Y2K Task Force to "inventory and oversee the remediation of systems, including systems embedded with computer chips... energy management systems and elevators." In addition to this, an outside consulting firm was hired to oversee some of these functions.

As a result, Computer Services is "confident that they have taken steps to prepare for the year 2000." In fact, they have completed all of the testing they feel necessary, according to Ramos.

Even so, the threat of computer related problems is not completely eliminated. "We cannot know with certainty the status of systems outside our control," said Ramos, "such as the electricity supply systems, and we are formulating contingency plans to deal with any disruptions that may occur."

In addition to these plans, every administrative office on campus has been required to formulate their own back-up plans to "outline steps to be taken in the event of disruptions." In case the system goes down temporarily after the coming of the new year," said Ramos, "we have made plans to print and mail grade reports by December 31," said Ramos.

To help guide their preparation process, Providence College has also been in contact with other schools through a national organization, called Educause.

To safeguard themselves against any problems, there are also steps students should take on their own. The Office of Residence Life, according to Ramos, will be sending students a letter to remind them to unplug their appliances in the event the bug might affect them.

In addition to this, students should "back up all data files from their computers before December," said Ramos. "The Internet is a great source of Y2K information. Most vendors have Y2K statements on their web pages, along with software patches and upgrade information," she added.

In fact, Computer Services itself has information on its web site to aid students.

Along with protecting the hardware of their computers and the software loaded on them, Ramos warned students

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Rev. Francis Dominic Nealy, O.P. November 16, 1911-November 12, 1999

Rev. Francis Dominic Nealy, O.P. 87, of St. Thomas Aquinas Priory, Providence College, died Friday at Providence Hospital, Washington D.C. of old age.

A Dominican for 67 years, Fr. Nealy was a professor at PC from 1966-1993 when he was named professor emeritus. He was also Director of Aquinas Hall in 1946.

Fr. Nealy was born in Chatham, New Brunswick, Canada and was the son of the late Harry J. and Mary (MacLean) Nealy.

He entered the Dominican novitiate in 1932 at St. Rose Priory, Springfield, Ky. He took his first profession in 1933 at St. Rose Priory and his solemn profession in 1936 at St. Joseph Priory in Somerset, Ohio. He was ordained a Dominican in 1939 at St. Joseph Priory by the Most Rev. James A. Hartley, D.D., Bishop of Columbus, Ohio.

Fr. Nealy received his master's degree in philosophy in 1942 from the Dominican House of Studies in River Forest, Ill., and his master's degree in theology from St. Joseph Priory in Ohio.

He received his doctorate in 1958 from the University of Notre Dame in Indiana.

Fr. Nealy taught at Aquinas College High School in Columbus for two years, and he was Army Chaplain from 1943-1971, retiring with the rank of colonel.

He was also Chaplain of the Providence Fire Department from 1972 through 1983 when he retired and was named chaplain emeritus.

Fr. Nealy was assigned to the Providence's Center for Assisted Living at St. Dominic in Washington, D.C. for health reasons in 1998.

He leaves a sister, Mary Annabelle Lawton of Halifax, Nova Scotia, and two nieces.

The Office of the Dead was chanted by the Dominican Community Monday night. A Mass was celebrated Tuesday, on what would have been his 88th birthday, at 10:30 in the St. Thomas Aquinas Priory Chapel, followed by burial with military honors in the Dominican Community Cemetery on-campus.

Student-mothers unite for support

BY JULIANA PATSOURAKOS '02
NEWS STAFF

For most college students, time management is a skill that needs to be acquired to juggle school, relationships, and extracurricular activities. A small number of students have the added responsibility of being parents while attending college full time. This year, the Balfour Center has established a support group for students at PC who are in this position.

The idea of starting a support group

on October 5 pleased Comissiong greatly.

"I've never been so satisfied about an initiative," said Comissiong.

Although Comissiong originally thought the first meeting would only last an hour, the group ended up talking for almost two and a half hours. At the first meeting, five mothers, ranging from ages eighteen to twenty-one talked and ate lunch.

Comissiong and Dean Wanda Ingram attended the first meeting to start things up, although Comissiong wanted to

Sometimes we have some good news, and we have some good news right here at this campus with these brave, strong women.

Dean Wilesse Comissiong

at PC began last year, according to Dean Wilesse Comissiong of the Balfour Center. Rev. Albino Barrera O.P., one of the directors at the Balfour Center, suggested that a support group might be a beneficial service the Balfour Center could provide for students with children. This year, Comissiong overheard two student-parents who were discussing time management and decided that the support group should be implemented.

Although the group has only met twice, the success of the initial meeting

emphasize that the goal of the group is for the students to talk and listen.

"I just want to be the facilitator," commented Comissiong.

Though the meetings are now only once a month, Comissiong said that the frequency of the meetings could change according to what the students want.

During the second meeting, Comissiong talked to the students about the importance of taking care of oneself.

"Imagine this scenario. You're up

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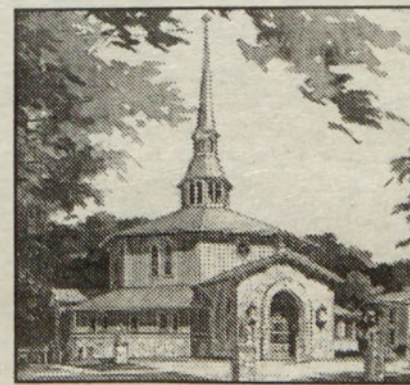
Chapel Update

Each week The Cowl will be updating the progress of St. Dominic's Chapel. This week:

*Construction on forms for walls and footings continue this week. The highest walls (on the northside of the building) have been poured along with footings for the east walls. Once the cement cures the forms will be stripped and moved down to prepare for the next pour, in about a week.

*The sample wall was built near the St. Martin Hall entrance to the construction site. Although only a 4x8, the sample is a good representation of how the stone will be erected, as well as, how the stone will appear next to St. Martin Hall.

*The loam for the backfill operation has been screened and stock piled on site.



*This week, the contractor will remove the pile of stone and rock which was a result of that process.

Special thanks to Mark Rapoza, Director of Business Strategy for the information provided.

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Expired inspection stickers cause elevator questions

BY JENNIFER MORAN '02
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Inspection dates for several elevators around campus have come and gone, according to overdue inspection stickers posted within the elevators. Considering incidents earlier this semester involving student safety, questions have arisen as to whether the required inspections were performed; and if so, why the new stickers have not yet been posted.

Elevator inspection for safety is required annually by the state of Rhode Island, according to Warren Gray, Director of Physical Plant, as stated in a recent *Cowl* article. "Taking the stairs: Students opt against elevators due to safety and maintenance concerns."

According to elevator inspection stickers from Otis Elevator Company, "This certificate authorizes operation of this elevator. 1) pending subsequent action by the department (Department of Labor and Training) or 2) for one year or until date of use is revoked." They also state to, "Notify this department immediately of any defects since date of inspection."

Several elevators in on-campus residences including Davis Hall, Bedford Hall and McVinney Hall, have stickers from last year's inspection which expired as of October 28, 1999.

Students have voiced opinions and complaints regarding the safety and efficiency of elevators on campus. In the *Cowl* article students stated that they feared their safety when riding in certain

elevators, and there were documented incidences where elevators broke down in McVinney Hall and Bedford Hall.

Students have not recently reported many major elevator incidences since the beginning of the year. However, an elevator in Davis is currently broken because, according to Richard Duffy, Apartment Complex Director, "The elevator is not leveling off on the top floor." However, students still have access to the elevator, which is not roped off from use.

Despite this incident, Duffy stated that the inspections have taken place. The new certificates are on file with the school, he said. As to why they have not yet been posted, Duffy said the state has not completed the certificates.

"It is a matter of the state filling the records out," Duffy added. He said that if an incident involving student safety were to occur, the new certificates are on file to prove that PC elevators have passed inspection, although they are not posted.

"It is Physical Plant's responsibility that the certificates of inspection dates within the elevators get changed annually," Duffy stated in the previous *Cowl* article. However, Physical Plant is very busy and, "Sometimes they (Physical Plant) don't get around to putting up the new inspection dates," Duffy stated in the article.

Most recently, Gray affirmed that the elevators have definitely been inspected

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Taking a new course

BY KRISTIN DIQUOLLO '02
NEWS STAFF

In an effort to meet the increasing number of demands made by PC students, the services and schedule of the PC off campus Shuttle have been modified.

Sharon Hay, Director of the S.A.I.L. Office, along with the Student Life Committee of Student Congress, drafted the new changes to be implemented November 28, to provide additional opportunities "to take advantage of what the city has to offer," she said.

The Shuttle now has four specific services, including the Neighborhood Route, the Errand Shuttle, the Providence Place Mall Shuttle, and the Special Weekend Service.

The Neighborhood Route will run Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., from 3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. only from the top of the hour to half past the hour, and again from 9:00 p.m. to

1:00 a.m. During these times, the Shuttle will loop around campus and the off campus neighborhoods, making main stops at the rear of Raymond Hall, the rear of Harkins Hall, and Stuart's.

"We are very much limiting any special requests between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. We want that to be the time when the Shuttle strictly rides its route between campus and the off campus neighborhood, the thought being the majority of students are in class. Also, with the parking crunch and the cold weather, this is a more convenient way to get students to campus," said Hay.

A map of the Neighborhood Route, along with the revised schedule, is available in the S.A.I.L. Office. According to Hay, the Shuttle is able to travel the route every fifteen minutes.

The Errand Shuttle runs Monday through Friday from 2:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., and is available to take students

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HEALTH & COLLEGE LIFE

BY CAYLEN MACERA '01
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Over the past five years Providence College has "recognized the problem" with cigarette smoking, according to Cindy Jacobson, R.N., Health and Wellness Educator of the Student Health Center. Some of the most common illnesses associated with cigarette smoking are bronchitis, pneumonia, emphysema, and cancer.

One of the biggest consequences among college students that smoke is an increase in upper respiratory infections. "We definitely see an increase in upper respiratory infections on this campus (because) smokers do not get rid of their illness as quick as non-smokers," Jacobson said.

A misunderstanding among many students, Jacobson added, is "anyone that smokes at any time is considered a smoker." Even though someone may only smoke on the weekend, they are still considered a smoker, according to Jacobson. "Taking enough cigarette smoke in on a consistent basis" is considered a characteristic of a smoker.

The immediate effect of smoking is the ingestion of chemicals and toxins. After passing through the lungs these chemicals transfer into every part of the body. "The toxins immediately decreases the amount of oxygen traveling through the bloodstream," said Jacobson. The pulse rate, blood flow, and mucus membranes of the mouth, throat, and lungs are also affected.

Most importantly, according to Jacobson, "Besides the physical things, you are subjecting yourself to an addictive drug, and you do not know if you can break this habit."

Nicotine, the addictive drug in cigarette smoke, is more addictive the longer the individual smokes, said Jacobson. "Even if you have every intention of breaking the habit, you may not be able to."

The most obvious long term effect of smoking, according to Jacobson, is cancer. There are also more episodes of bronchitis and pneumonia which can lead to emphysema.

"(Long term smoking) increases the risk of heart disease, America's number one killer," said Jacobson.

Smokers are not the only ones in danger of cigarette smoke. "Smoking around people puts those non-smokers in danger," said Jacobson.

Jacobson said she believes the most important thing is "If you don't smoke, don't start." When you start smoking, "you are taking on an addictive habit."

The second thing to remember, according to Jacobson, is "if you do smoke now, stop now to avoid danger to your body and also to give yourself better odds that you will be able to stop." The longer the person smokes the harder it is for that person to quit.

On Thursday, November 18, the Great American Smokeout focused on the "huge benefits of not smoking," said Jacobson. The purpose of the day was to "get students to think seriously about (the fact that) smoke-free is the better lifestyle."

If someone is seeking help in quitting smoking they can contact the Student Health Center. "We will work with them in a way that is best for them," said Jacobson. Through programs, help of doctors, and psychological help a person can quit, said Jacobson.

"Smoking not only hurts yourself, but it also hurts those around you," she added.

A message from security

All 875 student-parking stickers have been issued for the academic year 1999/2000-there are 80 sophomores on a waiting list and there are no spaces available for them.

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~ Local News Update ~

In headlines this week . . .

- Governor Lincoln Almond said a three year contract for University of Rhode Island President Robert Carothers will be voted on Thursday night by the Board of Governors for Higher Education. The Board had previously recommended only a one-year extension for Carothers. With the pressure from students, alumni and minority leaders they have opted for a possible three years. State Senator Thomas Coderre said he was discouraged by the idea that the school could lose money if Carothers leaves. He is urging other board members to follow his lead. "The vote for the three-year contract will be unanimous," said Sally Dowling, the board's chairperson. Four URI students met with the Governor on Monday night at the statehouse to discuss the contract. Another group of students attended a hearing held by State Representative Paul Crowley who is looking into allegations of financial mismanagement by Carothers.

- Quonset Point Partners is accusing the state of being misleading and believe the state is responsible for a breach of contract. The state led the group to believe it would be allowed to build its project if the group delivered a plan. The group says the state encouraged them to go ahead with their plans of developing the port that the Rhode Island Economic Development Corporation never attended to approve. The group spent more than \$5 million on a project that they say the Governor only supported as a pre-election pledge. The EDC and Almond's office deny the allegations and say the project was denied because it did not live up to the requirements.

- Lifespan has agreed to become a partner in three Harvard Pilgrim health centers in Rhode Island, Governor Lincoln Almond reported. Lifespan will loan money to the three centers until they are able to operate on their own. The centers in Providence, Warwick, and Lincoln serve approximately 75,000 Harvard Pilgrim subscribers. The remaining of Harvard Pilgrim's operations in Rhode Island will go out of business on December 31 unless there is a buyer.

~ Compiled by Kristin Stanley '01

JRW conflicts unexplained

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future, said Moore. Juniors were able to pick up their rings at the conclusion of this Mass.

Saturday night's formal began with students gathering once again in Peterson Center. Buses waited outside Peterson to drive the large group to the Rhode Island Convention Center in Providence. However, after the buses drove the first group of students to the Convention Center only one bus returned to pick up the remaining students, leaving more than half standing in the gym for over an hour and a half.

"The buses did not shuttle between Peterson and the Convention Center as we (planned)," said Bench. "Now we're trying to find out where the glitch was. That's what caused the backup and people waiting in line. By the time we figured out what was going on it was too late."

If Ryder, the bus company employed for JRW transportation, is found at fault for the mistakes, Bench would like to get the money back and put it into the junior class fund.

"I personally apologize for the tremendous inconvenience it caused," Bench added. The JRW Core and Father McPhail are currently investigating the situation.

Many students became irritated and chose to either drive themselves to the formal or call cabs. "I didn't appreciate having to wait so long, so I played social butterfly, cheating my way to the front of the line," said Caesar Alvarez '01.

The cocktail hour began at 7 p.m. with only half of the participants there. Dinner was scheduled for 8 p.m. Many of the students did not arrive until after 8:30 p.m.

The large function room was decorated with a black, white and gold color scheme. Balloons were placed at the center of each table. After dinner the students danced to music from D.J. Kicking Al. Buses departed from the Convention Center at 1 a.m.

The weekend drew to a close when students came together at 11:30 a.m. Sunday morning for the final event of their Junior Ring Weekend. A brunch was held on the third floor of the Convention Center. Everything from eggs to pancakes, juice to coffee lined the three buffet tables. Students were able to enjoy brunch while watching the JRW video, presented on a large screen in the front of the function room. "After everything that was put into the weekend, it turned out to be a success, and I had a great time," said Betsy Nocera '01.

College reviews Shuttle system

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to destinations within two miles of campus from half past the hour to the top of the hour, departing from the rear of Raymond.

The Mall Shuttle also runs Monday through Friday, leaving campus at 3:30, 4:30, and 8:30 p.m. from the rear of Raymond Hall. It then proceeds to the corner of Pembroke and Eaton Streets and drops off students in the vicinity of the Westin Hotel. This shuttle makes return trips back to campus at 5:45, 6:45, and 10:45 p.m.

While only one vehicle operates for the above services, two vans are available on Friday and Saturday nights, commented Hay.

For the Weekend Service, one van remains in the neighborhood from 7:00 p.m. to 3 a.m., and another van is available to take students to downtown locations such as Thayer Street, Kennedy Plaza, and the Providence Place Mall from 7 p.m. to 1 a.m. However, Hay added that one shuttle will be available Saturday afternoons starting at 2:00 p.m., which would function similarly to the Errand Shuttle, but only on a trial basis to determine

how many students will utilize it. Finally, a neighborhood shuttle will also be available Sunday nights from 7 p.m. to 1 a.m.

Noting that "the (shuttle schedule was initially created to safely transport students from campus to their off campus apartments," Hay commented, "Unfortunately, the shuttle can't do absolutely everything. But we've tried to come up with schedules and routes that really offer a lot of options to the students, and a lot of assistance in getting to places in the city."

In response to security concerns addressing the unavailability of the shuttle in transporting students from certain locations at night, Hay asks that "if students have any negative experiences or concerns, please come to the S.A.I.L. Office. We can follow up (on those cases)."

"I would also ask that students give us feedback and let us know how (the service) is working. It will be able to serve a lot more students if we work together to make the service work," she said.

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Support for mothers

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studying for finals and your baby has an earache. What do you do?" asked Comissiong.

With the added responsibility of having a child and attending classes, the impact of stress on these young adults is much greater, she said. Instead of worrying only about classes, family, friends, and roommates, students with young children need to think about things like childcare, transportation, taking care of a sick child, and staying up until the early hours of the morning to care for a crying baby.

"It makes you grow up real fast," commented Comissiong.

Comissiong is impressed with the students in the group.

"They're doing this, and they're doing it well. They're good mothers," said Comissiong.

Comissiong acknowledged that most of the students who are parents get a great deal of help from their own parents.

"Their families are to be commended," she said.

Comissiong is awed by the fact that the young adults who attended the meetings have undertaken the task of being a student and parent so well.

"I am absolutely amazed at these young women because they didn't drop out of school," stated Comissiong.

Not only have these students stayed in school, but some of them have also

managed to do very well in classes according to Comissiong.

"Sometimes we need to have some good news, and we have some good news right here at this campus with these brave, strong women," commented Comissiong.

So far, the group has only been comprised of women, but Comissiong said that the group is also open to young men.

According to Comissiong, a graduate student who plans to have a ten-year-old foster child has contacted Comissiong about possibly joining the group. "I hope that our little club can give him support," said Comissiong.

Students at PC share the opinion that the support group is a good idea.

"I think it's a good idea. I just didn't know there was a need for it," commented Brooke Sullivan '00.

Students also felt the school should support students who have the added stress of having a child.

"I think it's a great idea," stated Michelle McKenney '00 who believes that with nearly 3600 students there is bound to be a need for a support group for full time students who are parents.

"I think we need to be accommodating to (the fact that these students need support)," commented McKenney.

The next meeting will be on December 8 at 11:45 am at the Balfour Center. Lunch will be served.

Free newspapers

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early as next semester.

Fr. Sicard says, "I am optimistic and I think that the program will work. Unless we determine the pilot program is not a success, we will continue it."

Currently the newspapers are only available to the apartment buildings because the issue of the early morning delivery men in the female dorms poses security risks, says Fr. Sicard.

"I am from Rhode Island and I like to get *The Providence Journal*. I can get my local news," says Caitlin Connolly '01. "It is easier and cheaper than having to go to Slavin and buy it."

"I think this is good for any college student who is going to be taken out of the comfortable campus life and placed into the real world," adds Fraser. "It gets students thinking about news and how it affects them."

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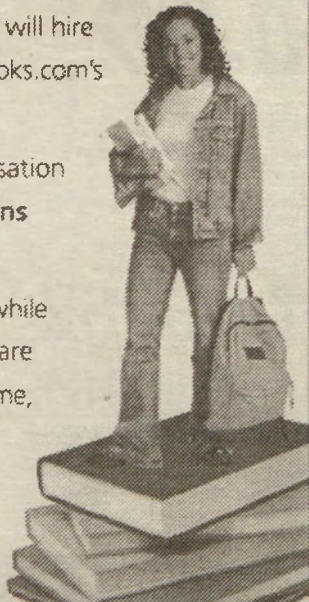
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Funerary procession

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was Fr. Nealy, exhausted as he was, who ministered to members of our department," he said. "This Son of St. Dominic merely saw the fire service as a natural ministry to bring the hope of the gospel message to us, announcing the good news to all."

Fr. Nealy was assigned to PC in 1966 as an assistant professor of education, and was promoted to associate professor in 1969. He was given the title professor Emeritus in 1992 for his efforts in promoting the College. Years earlier, he was Director of Aquinas Hall in 1946.

In a private interview, Dr. Thomas Flaherty, Dean of the Graduate Program, said, "Everything he did was based on the priesthood. He liked the education community, and he was never one to put on airs. He was humble. Everything he did led back to the priesthood, the Dominicans and in his own way to God."

Fr. Nealy also served as an Army Chaplain during World War II, in Europe and with the reserves.

Rhode Island Food Bank

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going to eat," he said.

At food pantries, people are given a bag of whatever food is available to them at that time, regardless of whether they prefer those foods or not.

The Rhode Island Community Food Bank is trying to change that. Boudreau said, "We're working with our food pantries to promote the idea of client choice... We're working to try to make it more dignified."

Food pantries are a "humanitarian" service privately run by churches and charities. And, although meant to help those in need, it is sometimes difficult for some people to get food at the 60 Greater Providence food pantries.

"We have more people relying on the Food Bank than ever before," Boudreau said before presenting recent statistics on hunger and poverty from the Rhode Island Department of Health.

According to the study, Boudreau said, "One in ten households routinely

Preparing for Year 2000

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to "be wary of emails with attachments, even if you know the person who is sending it to you, since the technology community is expecting a flood of Y2K viruses."

To avoid having any problems immediately after the New Year, the school is trying to "minimize the number of students living on campus during the semester break." For the students who do live on campus, the school will try to move them into buildings that are capable of being run on emergency power.

After his retirement in the early 1990s, Fr. Nealy remained in the Priory and focused on the pastoral ministry of the College, said Rev. Edward Timothy Myers, O.P., Prior. Fr. Nealy enjoyed many aspects of the campus.

"He was a sports enthusiast, and you would frequently see him basketball or hockey games," Fr. Myers said.

Maria Olahan '01 sang during the funeral Mass in the Priory, and the bagpipe s were played by Ryan Myette '01 during the funerary procession that followed.

experiences hunger in low income areas... even with everything the Food Bank has been able to do."

"It was upsetting to hear the statistics of all the hunger and poverty around us," Leslie Batchelor '01 said.

"Another dimension of our work is organizing the poor to stand up for what they deserve... you can only go to heaven if you raise a little hell," Boudreau said.

Boudreau encouraged questions and discussion from the audience, and encouraged everyone to get involved not just through donations and volunteer work, but also politically.

At the end of the lecture, the audience was asked to sign a Feinstein Foundation petition "to end world hunger," and was asked to volunteer for the remaining Hunger Awareness Week events.

"It all adds up," Boudreau said. "It only takes a few people to make a difference."

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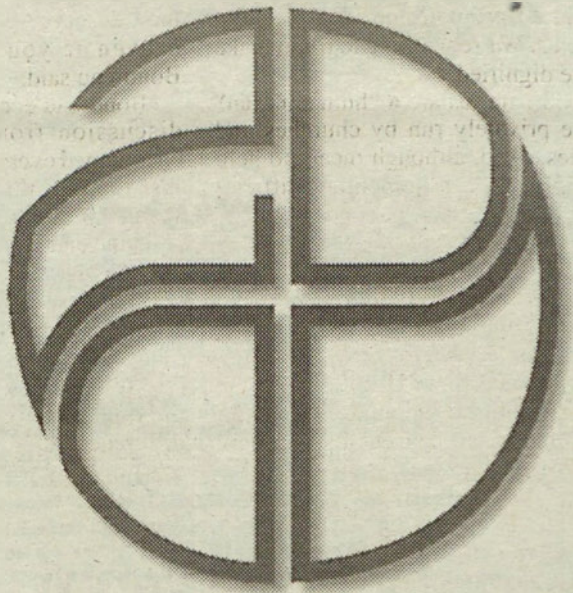
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Microsoft: A success or a monopoly?

BY LISA KENYAN '02
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Microsoft, arguably the most successful and profitable operation in the history of computers, is in trouble. Bill Gates is in the midst of it all as the United States government has him and his corporation in court, charged with monopolizing the computer industry and attempting to overcome competitors by bullying and stifling them.

Microsoft has been said to have violated antitrust laws of the United States concerning monopolies. Their competitors have been forced out of business and consumers have been complaining about how Microsoft operates.

Bill Gates, chairman of Microsoft, has stated in an interview with *Time* that he is looking to settle and is open to all settlements as long as it does not affect Microsoft's ability to change and improve the functions of the famous Microsoft Windows operating system. This statement came after it was already ruled that Microsoft was a monopoly.

The next steps come in what actions will be taken against Microsoft because of the monopoly they have over the industry. Gates' main concern is that the rulings will hurt the company and the ability to expand and improve their products. In his interview with *Time*, Gates comments, "Let's face it. Without innovation, given the intense competition out there, Windows would become irrelevant. Not only would that be a tragedy for the shareholders, it would be a tragedy for consumers." Gates insists that the competition against his competition is fierce and that Microsoft is merely successful, not monopolizing.

The possible consequences for the

monopoly ruling vary in severity. It is clear that the monopoly must be broken up but the point would not be to hinder or regulate the company. One solution offered and speculated over would be to have Microsoft reveal the source code for Windows. By doing this, other companies could duplicate or model operating systems that resemble Windows. This is exactly what Bill Gates does not want because people could buy systems like Windows at possibly a lower price. This would be one method for increasing competition against Bill Gates.

Many law experts and scholars state that the way to break up the monopoly is to impose structural remedies on Microsoft but the remedies must be carried out by Microsoft internally. One answer is to have contracts saying they will not break repeat the charges against them, guaranteeing that the violations would not happen again. This would create security for consumers and investors.

Another solution was offered by William Baer, the former director of the Bureau of Compliance of the Federal Trade Commission. His focus is on the market, saying that the market must be pointed back in the direction that it was in before Microsoft and the means to do this is to reform and redirect Microsoft itself. This can only happen by altering the structure of Microsoft. Many experts agree that the changes must be internal for them to help anyone else.

While the solution remains to be seen and implemented, Microsoft waits and Bill Gates continues to hope for a settlement. The effects it will have on Windows and the operation of Microsoft is hard to predict, but with their name backing them, their success rate will not decrease significantly.

World News Briefs

BY ELYSIA CAPPELLUCCI '02
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Turkey Reeling from Latest Earthquake
Ducze, Turkey - The death toll continues to rise following the latest quake in the region in the past week. The Friday quake measures a 7.2 magnitude, and was felt several hundred kilometers away, leaving at least 452 dead and 3,000 injured. President Clinton pledged one billion dollars in aid Turkey's rebuilding process, along with 500 tents for the survivors who were left homeless from the quake.

Lawmaker Challenges Pakistani Coup
Karachi, Pakistan - A petition challenging last month's coup of the Pakistani government was filed with Pakistan's Supreme Court on Monday. This is the first contest to the non-violent October 12 coup that installed army general Perwaiz Musharraf as the head of government. The deposed premier Nawaz Sharif has yet to appear in court, and is being held in an undisclosed location.

Plans for Israel Pullback Delayed
Jerusalem - Pullback of West Bank troops was delayed Monday by a dispute over what lands Israel should relinquish to the Palestinians. Israel was to release five percent or more of the

West Bank, but Palestine refused to accept the withdrawal, unhappy with the sparsely populated land. Dennis Ross, President Clinton's Mideast envoy, met with Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak on Monday, and is to hold talks later with Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat.

Yeltsin Defends Chechnya Operation
Moscow - President Boris Yeltsin rejected Western influence in peacefully resolving the war in Chechnya, saying Monday that the military would continue with air and ground strikes until rebels are depleted. Despite Russia's insistence that this is an internal affair, it is expected to be a major topic at the summit of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe to be held Thursday and Friday in Turkey.

Turmoil over Sanctions in Afghanistan
Kabul, Afghanistan - Protesters in Afghanistan burned a UN office to the ground, along with effigies of President Clinton in response to sanctions imposed on the country that cut off all remaining links with the outside world. The sanctions come as a result of the country's refusal to turn over suspected terrorist Osama bin Laden, responsible for the U.S. Embassy bombings in East Africa last year that left 224 people dead.

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Brunch 10:30am - 1:45pm
Dinner 4:30pm - 6:30pm

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Deli Panini Special Hollywood Sandwich
Entrée Menu
Lunch Turkey BLT'S / Asparagus & Mushroom Streudel
Dinner Chicken Fajita's / Vegetarian Quiche
Pizza Gusta Special Cajun
Especially For You Quesadilla's
Spitfire Special Rotisserie Turkey Breast

Tuesday

Deli Panini Special Chicken Caesar Pita
Entrée Menu
Lunch Mexican Chili / Macaroni & Cheese
Dinner Chicken Divan / Eggplant Parmesan
Pizza Gusta Special Caribbean Pork
Especially For You Ravioli Rolly Polly
Spitfire Special Mesquite Barbecued Ribs

Wednesday

Deli Panini Special Roasted Vegetable Quesadilla's
Entrée Menu
Lunch Ham & Cheese Croissants / Tofu Parmesan
Dinner Stir Fried Tortelline / Sirloin Tips Burgundy
Pizza Gusta Special Greek
Especially For You All Cracked Up
Spitfire Special Honey Roasted Ham

Thursday

Deli Panini Special Hot Pastrami Sandwich
Entrée Menu
Lunch West Coast Broccoli Bake / Sloppy Joe's
Dinner Veal Parmesan / Vegetable Monterey Casserole
Pizza Gusta Special Southwestern Fajita's
Especially For You Caesar Salad Station
Spitfire Special Pork Loin

Friday

Deli Panini Special Focaccio Turkey
Entrée Menu
Lunch Chicken Tetrizzini / Popcorn Shrimp
Dinner Codfish Bella Vista / Penne Melanze
Pizza Gusta Special California

Saturday

Deli Special Nicoise Salad
Entrée Menu
Brunch Omelettes to Order
Dinner Cajun Lightning Chicken / Chinese Beef Saute
Pizza Gusta Special Pepperoni

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Deli Special Chicken Caesar Salad
Entrée Menu
Brunch Texas Toast
Dinner Lasagna / Sirloin Steak's
Pizza Gusta Special Pepperoni

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Letters to the editor

To the Editor:

I am writing in response to Kim Cutrone's article, "Belligerence is not Bliss" (Nov. 11), in which she seems to take personal offense to the diversity movement that is currently underway at PC. I would like to offer my own perspective on some of the issues Kim raises.

First of all, I am very concerned by the use of the term "belligerence" to describe the activities that have recently taken place on campus. I presume that she is referring primarily to the Diversity March that took place on Nov. 9, which, while certainly a more active form of protest against school policy than previous efforts, was far from a declaration of war against anyone. The purpose of the march was to show the PC community - students, faculty, and administrators - that a vocal presence of students concerned about diversity exists on campus, and that we are not afraid to mobilize our efforts to make our voices heard. As for other activities that have recently taken place, these include the forum on racism that was held on October 28, discussions among residents of buildings where blatantly racist incidents have occurred, and, more recently, meetings among concerned students to discuss issues of diversity and racism. The purpose of these activities has been to increase awareness and education on the subject of diversity, and to allow students of all backgrounds and perspectives to voice their thoughts on the issue. They were designed to be

informative and insightful, not belligerent.

Secondly, I would like to address Kim's suggestion that "Wouldn't sitting down with other students and administrators help this situation a lot better?" As I have already mentioned, several opportunities for expressing opinions and sharing ideas on the subject of diversity have recently been extended to the PC community, including the racism forum and recent diversity meetings. Student turnout at these events has been unprecedented, and those who have turned out are speaking in favor of diversifying the campus. As for the administration, would that it were so easy to simply call a meeting and have our concerns addressed. One of the issues that is catalyzing the movement at present is Fr. Smith's apparent lack of concern for the perspectives of the students on this issue. He was noticeably absent at the racism forum, and has repeatedly denied requests that he meet with a group of concerned students to discuss the issue. When a sizeable group of students waited outside his office (patiently and quietly) in the hope of arranging a meeting with him, he refused to even come out of his office to address us directly. Every student on the PC campus should be concerned about this issue, because it undercuts our fundamental rights as students to determine what we think is best for our school. After all, student tuition is supplying the bulk of the funding that keeps this school running, so there is no excuse for the administration ignoring

student concerns and ideas. With this in mind, the Diversity March was seen as another possible means to achieving a desired result, which, in this case, was simply to sit down and talk with Fr. Smith.

Finally, I would like to address Kim's ideas about diversity on campus, and the many ways in which they may appear. While supporters of the diversity movement have primarily been focusing their efforts on encouraging the school to increase its enrollment of "non-white" students, I do not feel that this is meant to negate the validity or uniqueness of the rich cultural heritages of which many "white" students are a part. Rather, the hope seems to be that the PC community - students as well as administrators - will recognize the fact that our country is becoming increasingly ethnically diverse, and that having a student body that more adequately represents the various ethnic groups that are present in our society can only help to increase cultural awareness and acceptance among students. The recent racial incidents on the part of certain members of the community. They call for direct action on the part of students and administrators to make clear that racism is wrong and will not be tolerated here. I hope that more concerned students, including Kim, will not be afraid to get involved and make their voices heard.

Sincerely,
Leslie Tremberth '00

To the Editor:

I recently attended the forum on racism. Prior to the forum I realized that there was a problem; however, I do not think as a freshman I was fully able to realize the degree to which these sort of despicable behavior occurs. Several of the speakers were so passionate, I was close to tears at their hardships. As a campus, I think many may see a problem, but not realize how big the problem is.

I think most people when they think of racism, they think only of those horrible incidents. And since there was a few, many may feel that it is not a problem. In relation to our campus' alcohol incidence statistics, many may see this as a non-issue, only a small percentage do this or maybe those people were drunk when they did this. THOSE ARE EXCUSES!

The fact we have ANY incidence is a problem, personally I have not had the horror of seeing any graffiti. People who see no problem and think like that—need to identify how they view their friends and who happen to be their friends. We should never be forced to identify our friends based on race. I even think some of our 'PC Racists' go so far as to count the number of minority friends just to prove they are not racist. Which in itself proves they ARE!

Our race problem is admission based, because of the lack of diversity, our minority students are marked. This is wrong! Honestly ask yourself whether you got in because you checked the white and/or Catholic box or because you really are a good applicant. I am sure all of minority students got into PC, because of their exceptional application.

Now I wonder how many quality minority students are turned down, because they do not fit the mold? President Smith did not attend the forum and regardless of the reasons, this is significant of the lack of respect the administration shows to all students. The Dominicans at Providence College should practice it's preaching of expecting all God's creations, rather than simply providing us with nice little letters in our Friar Boxes. The Dominicans should do more to lessen the racism on this campus. We need a face to our racism! Part of the reason why the Dominicans do no want a larger diversity population is that they do not want a vast expanse of opinions, which could contradict the Catholic Church.

My father died in 1992 and as shocking and devastating the loss is, it is barely comparable to the loss of over six million Jews at the hands of the swastikas which were so ignorantly drawn on our campus. With every swastika you (whoever you are you did this) draw you attempt to insult minorities, but you seem to forget also of the countless numbers of Americans who died during World War II fighting racism, and for our freedom from Hitler. You seem not to realize that the symbol insults all Americans, because many of those who fought for our freedom were Jewish or African-American. You seem not to realize a lot of the inventions and things we have to today that were created by the people you so ignorantly hate.

I have several proposals to help eliminate the racism on our campus:

1. An admissions procedure that is more proactive in seeking ALL forms of diversity, and one which

2. A CALL for MORE interaction between minority and majority students.
3. A more proactive campus which seeks out the racists who did this horrible act.
4. Our Development of Civilization class should include a more expansive curriculum, which mandates the incorporations of other than a Caucasian culture.
5. Many speakers were concerned with the lack of more MLK Scholarships. I think the administration should hire work study candidates to fundraise for the MLK Scholarships and other scholarships. Less money should be spent making the President's mansion look wonderful and more money spent on education.
6. I think the multi-culture clubs need to re-evaluate why a large amount of non-minority students do not attend their events or join the culture clubs. First, regardless of what they say about how anyone can join, very few will want to join a culture club that isn't concerning their culture. Second, one of the reasons why the BOP has high attendance is because they rarely plan events on Friday or Saturday night unless they involve alcohol.

Finally, I urge fellow students whether red, white, or blue to promise not to judge a person until you walk a mile in their shoes.

Sincerely,
Lori Queen '03

The Cowl Commentary Staff wishes
one and all a Happy Thanksgiving!

Heart of the matter

The Cowl Commentary staff discusses the difficult issues

"I want to be a part of it, New York, New York," says Frank Sinatra. Sinatra's statement may be true for the millions of visitors to the city, however, Rudolph Giuliani has been deemed by many to be much more than a governmental part of New York area politics. Maryssa Reed '00 and Dan Reed '02 will discuss Giuliani's role in New York area politics, and the role of upper echelon politicians in general. Read and enjoy!

Opinion One

BY DAN REED '02
COMMENTARY STAFF

Many Americans have at one point enjoyed the fictional adventures of Batman, Superman, or Wonder Woman (I am sorry if your childhood icon has been omitted. We at the Cowl do not judge superheroes based on gender, creed, ethnicity, or religious affiliation.) as they saved some fictional city from destruction at the hands of an evil villain. Now, a new man has stepped forward in real life who embodies these virtues, and strikes down evil in the real life metropolis of New York City. This man is, for those of you who have not already guessed, Mayor Rudolph Giuliani. With a little imagination, Giuliani can be given his own place in the Hall of Heroes. I can see the first edition of his comic book now: "See Mayor Giuliani as he rides the city of strip clubs...see him as he closes down offensive art exhibits...see him as he secures cab rides for all!" All of this, of course, sounds very dramatic and exciting, not at all like normal government, which requires a mayor to go through the boring and laborious process of getting approval from a City Council or other such body. No, effective crime-fighting does not work by committee, it requires one man with the tenacity to press forward on his own and right the wrongs of his domain.

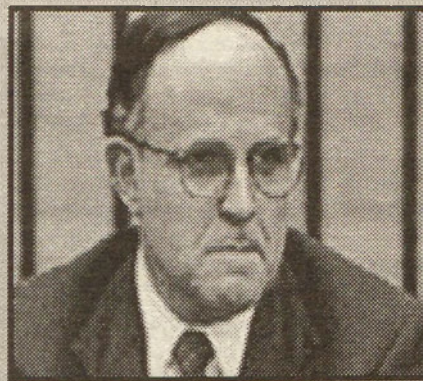
The swift, decisive actions Giuliani has taken since his election have drawn

The Incredible Hulk, The Flash, and Super Rudy?!? Is Rudolph Giuliani attempting to save the citizens of New York City, or is he a maniacal ruler of a booming metropolis?

both praise and heavy criticism from his constituents and has also put him in the national spotlight. Most of his critics focus his seeming disdain for any sort of checks on his power, which has stretched the office of mayor to, and in many people's minds past, the legal boundaries placed on that position. In almost every action the mayor takes, the voices of other city officials are stifled, and he is left free to act on his own judgement. This leaves many concerned citizens wondering if New York City is still a part of a democratic nation, or if the five boroughs have become Giuliani's personal fiefdom.

While I would not go so far as to say that the mayor has installed himself as a despot over the city, he certainly seems to have overstepped his bounds in several events. This by no means reflects whether I agree with the steps he has taken. In fact, in most instances, I think that Giuliani has the right solution for many of the problems he faces. For example, several weeks ago I wrote a piece discussing the Sensations exhibit at the Brooklyn Museum of Art. Mayor Giuliani responded to uproar over this offensive exhibit by pulling the funding for the museum and threatening to take away its lease and have it closed. I personally agree with the principle that publicly funded museums that choose to display offensive material should be subject to the possibility that public funds will be withdrawn. However, to attempt to do this without the legal right

to do so is not only foolhardy, but risks compromising the basic system upon which all governments in this country operate. On all levels of government, from our towns to the nation as a whole, no one person is given power to make any serious changes without the passing of legislation by a body of elected officials. This is a founding characteristic of our nation, and to let anyone violate it, despite the best of



Mayor of Gotham City or Dark Knight of Gotham?

intentions, could lead to the demise of our democratic government.

This does not only concern those who live in New York City, but has the potential to lead to nationwide problems. Even in Providence, we currently have a mayor who wields a great deal of power, and has been able to accomplish a great deal for the city. However, if he were to begin ignoring

the legislative body of our city and acting more as Giuliani has done, we could soon find ourselves in a very similar situation. Even more frightening is the possibility that such disregard for legislative bodies could spread to state or national government. Imagine a President, with all the power of that office, who is able to ignore Congress and do as he or she pleases? That is tyranny, and that is exactly what this country rejected when it was created.

All of this is a worst case scenario, admittedly, but it is not beyond the realm of possibility. At this point in our nation's history, with polls often deciding what leaders hold power, a popular leader can consolidate power and ignore some of the checks that are supposed to keep our political system balanced. Though many of Mayor Giuliani's policies have positively changed New York City, from shutting down the strip clubs in Times Square to forcing taxi drivers not to discriminate against people of color when picking up passengers, he has often done so without consulting with his City Council. As long as his popularity, which is very high within the city, does not drop, he will probably not be strongly challenged in these actions. Still, his methods represent a vigilante style of government that is best left in the comic books. Unless, of course, we would like our political figures to start dressing in spandex.

Opinion Two

BY MARYSSA REED '00
COMMENTARY STAFF

We often wonder about the government's role in the lives of Americans and how its leaders represent themselves to us as a whole. Politics is often an issue that people are either comfortable or uncomfortable in speaking about. Americans stress over the competence of certain politicians hoping that the choices they make are the right ones. Do the personalities of certain government figures influence the role they play in society?

As human beings, we will always disagree on our favorite types of politicians. The characteristics of a given person's personality may alter the effect of their governance, but does it interfere with his or her competence in a job position? Of course it is important that political figures establish good rapport with citizens, but what is most important is getting the job done, not wondering if he or she would be a good tea and crumpets guest. Sometimes a stern and strong personality is the number one quality a political figure can portray. It is human nature to "slack off" when you feel that someone is lax and "get your rear in gear" when he or she is stern and demanding.

A good example of a stern personality in politics is New York mayor Rudolph W. Giuliani. In a recent New York Times/CBS poll, Americans

Geez, I'm just trying to do my job! Rudolph Giuliani; a profile in leadership

were asked what Giuliani's name brings to mind. 37% said he was the mayor or the man who cleaned up the streets of New York and 17% said he either had a "harsh personality, was stubborn, had a bad temper, or was a dictator." Even though Giuliani may have this harsh tone to his personality many people believe that it is a positive aspect of his career. Society knows he means business, which means clean up your act or else. Holding

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firm to your beliefs and giving no slack is sometimes the only way something can be accomplished when dealing with individuals of varying opinions. Even when losing battles, Giuliani keeps his head high and keeps going which is reflective of his persistent ways. For some, a stubborn personality is what keeps them alive while never giving up. Giuliani will fight his way to the end in court and take a stand against racists while never backing down even if it does end in a loss. Certain political positions call for certain personalities. Having someone as mayor who lets things slide and gives into weakness portrays the notion that he or she is somewhat

defenseless. We need people to stand up for what is right and never back down.

Having a harsh or stubborn personality differs from someone acting outrightly "mean". Acting nasty towards people is not the way to accomplish anything, but confidence in one's beliefs surely works. The personalities of politicians and other governmental figures widely influences society's decisions even more than most of us think. Many base their opinions on how "nice" the candidate is and some feel that a more stubborn way is the route to take. We will all never agree on who's personality we like best, but it is true that the way one acts influences the way people perceive him or her. Most individuals involved in politics are concerned with helping people with problems and finding the best solutions. Of course there are the ones who are only concerned with prestige and fame but that is common in most professions. Just because a political figure comes across as rough and demanding does not mean he or she does not want what is best for the community. Cleaning up the streets of New York was something that Mayor Giuliani took a stand on without letting up and the results prove the point. Sometimes tough love is what works for us, whether we like it or not.

Focusing on competence in any position is what really matters. It is important to look at one's history and how he or she has handled situations in

the past. If the individual is fair and truthful then why worry about whether or not he or she is stubborn or "rough around the edges"? An assertive personality is essential in any job position in which one is making decisions concerning the lives of others. Whether they are mayors, senators, or presidents, the decisions made affect the lives around them. It is all about competence and how willing an individual is to take a stance. Not every person can be involved in politics because we all don't have it in us. Some are more assertive and aggressive than others; certain occupations fit specific personalities. For example, working with children requires a more patient nature yet assertion is also a very important element. The level of assertion in any job is the significant issue. In the political realm, one deals with a lot of aggression and relentless people, which means that assertion is the main key.

People have to look at what is being accomplished by these politicians and decide whether or not enough is being done, not if they are being friendly to their neighbors. Even if many political attempts are failed, we have to look at how persistent and willing the individual is to fight for what he or she believes is right. Not every attempt will bring victory, but what counts is if you maintain your stance.

Twentieth Century Titans

This week: The Marx Brothers...the greatest comedians of stage and screen

In the Spotlight

by Matt Duchnowski '01



GROUCHO

- REAL NAME: JULIUS
- HAILED WIDELY AS FUNNIEST MAN TO EVER LIVE
 - MOST SPONTANEOUS AMONG HIS BROTHERS
 - NOTORIOUS FOR INSULTS
 - HIS VERY FACE IS A SYMBOL FOR COMEDY

- REAL NAME: ARTHUR
- MOST PHYSICALLY COMEDIC
 - HAS NEVER SPOKEN A WORD OF DIALOG
 - KNOWN FOR CHASING STRANGE WOMEN
 - CONCERT HARP PLAYER

HARPO



CHICO

- REAL NAME: LEONARD
- THE TEAM'S MANAGER
 - ALWAYS SPOKE WITH A PHONY ITALIAN ACCENT
 - MOST CHARMING BOTH ON AND OFF STAGE
 - A COMPULSIVE GAMBLER AND EXPERT PIANIST

Common sense or an uncommon problem?

Providence College, America, and affirmative action

BY DAVE HOLMAN '03
COMMENTARY STAFF

Maybe he just felt left out; discriminated against in family and national politics. Maybe he wanted to make a little noise and remind us he is still governor of Florida. Or maybe it is just part of that insidious plot to get his brother elected as President and cut Al Gore away from the sycophantic press corps. Either way, Jeb Bush (direct relation) emerged from the shadows of Tallahassee last Tuesday to sign an executive order banning affirmative action in the Florida university system and state contracting decisions. While most newspaper articles didn't even mention his brother George W.'s (fondly referred to as just "W" to his buddies) run for the presidency or his other relations, it soon became a campaign issue. Bill Bradley (mounting a substantial challenge to Al Gore for the Democratic nomination) quickly fired out a press release on November 11 condemning Bush's decision, claiming "affirmative action is common sense."

Not exactly, Bill. Affirmative action does have the best intentions in mind. Where minorities seem to be failing, it presumes that this and/or any needed vertical integration are due to their race. Thus, either by quotas or other artificial policy means, it focuses more on minorities in hiring practices or acceptance and scholarships in the case of any university systems. The liberal argument for affirmative action is one of two and sometimes both; either white America needs to make up for past wrongs, specifically towards African-Americans, or racism is still holding minorities down, preventing their success. In the case of the Bradley campaign, they subscribe to the latter position that "racism is still indeed a factor."

Listing the shortcomings of affirmative action here would simply take too long. It is not common sense. It is

solely based upon the assumption that minorities as a race are inferior to whites in America and need artificial help to bring them up to that next level. This goes against the very spirit of racial equality in America, the country where people "will not be judged by the color of their skin but by the content of their character," as stated by Martin Luther King, Jr. However, affirmative action is especially insulting, as Alan Keyes explains, because when a person of minority color or ethnicity succeeds in an affirmative action system, he or she is forced to wonder at one point, "Did I get here because of my individual merits or because of a system that views me only in light of my race?" There are

cannot let it only strut and fret upon the national stage. Coincidentally (or not), it is an issue here and now at Providence College. Accompanying the recent racial awareness on campus has been a call for the college to give more Martin Luther King scholarships, as opposed to the existing 108. The Martin Luther King scholarships are based on a minority racial status, "academic potential," and financial need. I will support any new or additional scholarships based on need and merit. Bring me the petition; I'll be the first one to sign up. I'll march, sit in, protest; whatever is needed. But if you want more Martin Luther King scholarships, prove that the Office of Admissions accepts a disproportionate

usually wish to attend PC, then there ought to be more financial assistance for all races, without regard to color.

These questions must be entertained before jumping to any ill-founded conclusions. If anything, the college is doing plenty to encourage minorities to attend Providence College. The Martin de Porres Scholarship does not factor in economic need, but is "awarded to minority applicants who demonstrate outstanding academic achievement". The award - full tuition, room and board, for one's merit (and, oh yes, race). This is even more than the Presidential Scholars receive! Arguably, between the Martin Luther King and Martin de Porres Scholarships, the college does more to encourage racial diversity than it does to encourage academic excellence. A diverse campus is one thing, but sacrificing academic excellence at the college to attain it is quite another.

If a more multiethnic environment is needed, we should work to combat racism on the personal level, emphasize racial equality as a campus, and make the system more colorblind. While there is a push for more affirmative action to attract more minority students to PC in the form of Martin Luther King scholarships, the conditions and facts (like a proven need for racism to be overcome in the system) do not even meet the typically loose requirements set by liberal ideologues for such programs. The diversity movement at Providence College can continue to take cheap unfounded swipes at the administration for the lack of minority students here, or they can look around, battle the existing racism problems, and work towards a solution based on fact and reason rather than the easy perception. To take the latter road, though, calls into question the general reason and means of this movement, especially in light of the scholarship's namesake, Martin Luther King, Jr.

As uncomfortable as this issue is, we cannot let it only strut and fret upon the national stage.

more fundamental arguments out there that affirmative action leads to less qualified people in the world, job market, etc., and the stereotypical angry white male complaint is that affirmative action is simply reverse discrimination against other races who may have worked as hard, if not harder, to get to that point than some who are favored because of their race. These arguments are applicable here and do reflect the divisive nature of affirmative action, but they do not address how affirmative action erodes the primary concepts of racial equality.

As uncomfortable as this issue is, we

amount of minority applicants. In short, prove racial discrimination and a NEED for affirmative action at PC. If there are not enough students of minority on campus, whose fault is that? Is it remotely possible that some students of minority are not attracted to PC? Is it possible that those who apply here are those who want to be here? When I tell people back home in almost all-white Montana that I go to PC, almost nobody knows where that is. That doesn't mean PC is anti-white; it just signifies a lack of general awareness. Maybe PC should reach out to white agricultural states. If the problem is financial for minorities who ac-

Patience is still a virtue...

The joy and pain of the 1999 Junior Ring Weekend

BY JOE CREAMER '01
COMMENTARY STAFF

Our Junior Ring Weekend was a great success. For the most part, one long year of planning paid off with a weekend full of fun and memories that will last for years. The first night at the Worcester Palladium worked especially well. Even though word got out as to the location of the event prior to the evening, no one knew how to get there. Therefore there were no problems with drunk driving. The Palladium, an old movie theater converted into a dance club, surprised many a skeptic by providing a large dance floor downstairs, a small one upstairs, tables to socialize at, and an overall spacious atmosphere.

Unfortunately, Saturday night had certain problems. Apparently, the bus company fouled up the number of buses required and the procedure of shuttling students back and forth to the Rhode Island Convention Center. All but two of the buses disappeared, even though they were contracted for the entire night and were supposed to shuttle people back to PC whenever they wanted. I cannot understand how the bus company became confused about what it means to be hired for an entire night; they had signed a contract that explicitly explained the bus company's obligations. Since they did not come back, 400 or so students were left

standing in and around Peterson, some until after 8:30, at which time most students' patience, including my own, had run out. By this time, most students who could not get on the buses or the security shuttle called cabs or drove themselves. Some students, who had been drinking, drove to the event, but fortunately nothing bad happened. I think the bus company should refund the payment for Saturday night in full to our class. This was clearly an unforeseen problem that had never occurred before. Only the core for the class of 2002, who were helping out with the event, remained in Peterson. They told me that not only could they not disclose the location but that anyone who did not get there by school bus was not going to be allowed in. This was very frustrating. They were in a bind because they are not supposed to allow anyone to get there on their own because of the danger that people will drink and drive.

This is just one example of what PC students have managed to ruin over the years. If students were responsible for their own actions, PC's JRW could be a flawless and awesome affair.

Many students, including myself, griped and complained about the length of Friday night's bus ride, the room in which we had the formal, and the problems of Saturday night's bus fiasco. Sadly, we must realize that these issues are the fault of the classes before us and our own continuation of a tradition of

irresponsible behavior. At one time, the JRW used to take place in Boston, and the students stayed the entire weekend in a hotel. This, of course, was ruined by the behavior of past students who damaged property and behaved poorly. This seems to have resulted in our school being banned from many venues and has gained us a bad reputation throughout that fine city.

This has led to another problem; since there were about 1100 students at the event it is very difficult to find a location that is (1) large enough to hold every member of the class and their date in one room, (2) close enough to the school so that students do not have to

Despite the behavior of some students, the weekend was still a success

ride all dressed up in a yellow school bus for over an hour, and (3) to find a location that will welcome us, since we are persona non grata in Boston, and there are really are not any other large metropolises in the area. These unfortunate facts leave the junior class only a few options; the best being the RI Convention Center. Now, since the Convention Center knows we have no where else to go, I think that feel like they can treat us any way they want. Furthermore, last year's JRW was in one of the ballrooms which was much nicer than the room in which we had ours. Yet

last year's juniors threw items at the wait staff and damaged the rug. It only makes sense that we should have our JRW someplace where there is very little of value for us to damage. If we acted like adults instead of irresponsible children we could probably have our JRW at the Park Plaza. Yet, even at the Convention Center, not all that fancy a locale, we still damage the room and disrespect the hard working staff. Soon, we will end up having the JRW in Peterson because our reputation will be so bad. Actually, our class seemed to be rather tame compared to past years, but our behavior is still not going to make us welcome at many places besides the Convention Center. Despite the behavior of some students, the weekend was still a success.

On Sunday, the brunch was great, and the JRW video was especially good, with innovative use of video instead of all pictures. I also think that the class really came together and had a lot of fun. The Mass and brunch were well attended and brought a sense of unity to the class for an entire weekend. Overall, the events of the weekend were well planned considering the limitations. Everyone I talked to seemed to have a memorable time. I just hope that the behavior of future PC classes will be at least as good as ours, if not better, and will improve the reputation of PC so that the JRW will become the event it once was.

19 Reasons To Leave Campus...

Fine Arts

- *Harry Callahan: A Selection from the Permanent Collection* (thru 12/5) RISD Museum
- *Epilogue Photographique by Jessica Feruson* (thru 12/10) FREE URI Photography Gallery
- *Magnificat & Soledad Ballet* (11/21 and 11/22 7PM) Festival Ballet
- *RIC Dance Concert* (12/3 8PM) \$8 RIC Auditorium in Roberts Hall

Music

- Bouncing Souls (11/20 8PM) \$10 Lupo's
- Medeski Martin and Wood (11/21 8PM) \$15-\$17 Lupo's
- Steve Vai (11/18 8PM) \$15-\$17 Lupo's
- Fat Mama (11/19) \$5 21 and Over The Ocean Mist Tavern
- Les Sampou (11/26 8PM \$10) In the Square Coffee House
- Einstein's Little Homunculus (12/10 8PM \$6) In the Square Coffee House

Theatre

- *The Sound and the Fury* (thru 11/21 7PM) Perishable Theatre
- *Glengarry Glen Ross* (thru 11/24) NewGate Theatre
- *The Dresser* (thru 12/5) The Sandra Feinstein-Gamm Center
- *Fiddler on the Roof* (11/20 11/21 11/26 11/27 11/28 12/3 12/4 12/5 Fri and Sat 8PM, Sun 2PM) \$8 The Community Players

Etc.

- Hettie Jones reads from her poetry (12/1 8PM) Russel Lab
- Improv Jones (11/11 and 11/18 10PM) \$3 AS220
- Geometry in Art (11/21 2:30 PM) RISD Museum
- Gallery Night (11/18 5-9PM) Free RISD Museum
- Julius Sokenu discusses newest work (11/18 6:30 PM) Free RISD Museum

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- AS220 115 Empire St., 831-9327
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Compiled by Erin Keller '02

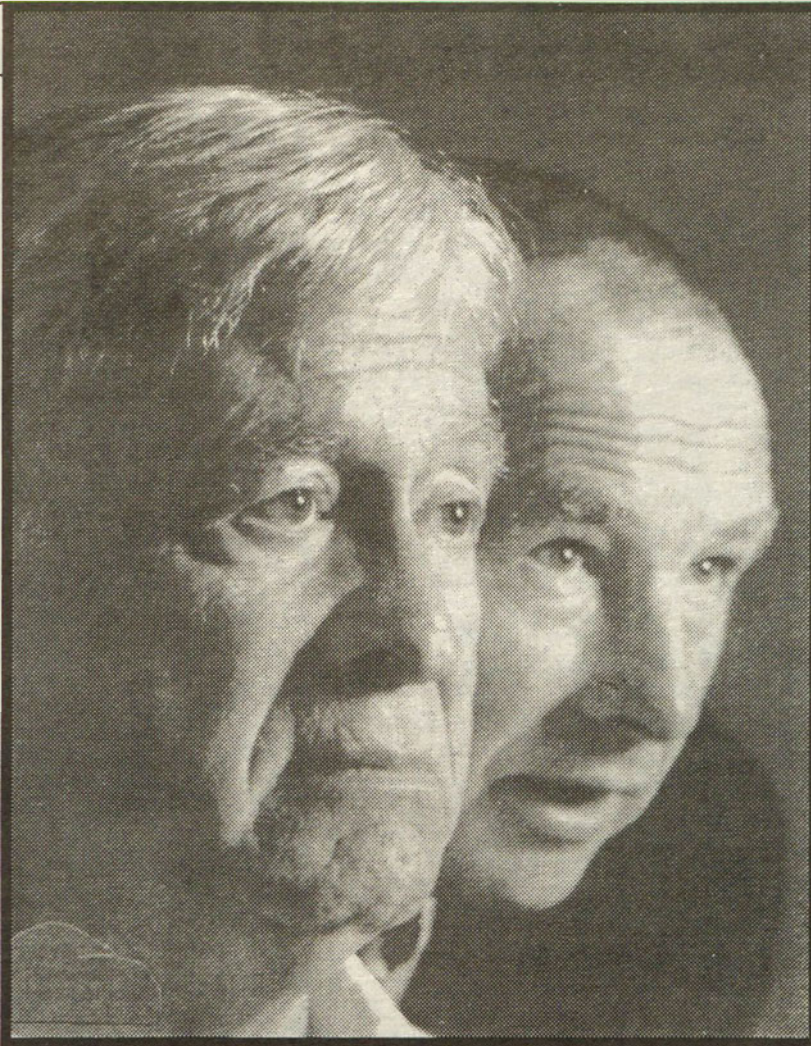
Backstage, undressed

BY JESSICA TABAK '01
A&E EDITOR

Imagine you're a dresser. Not a piece of furniture, but someone who makes a living dressing stage actors for their shows. It's World War II England, and you've been dressing the actor-manager head of a Shakespearean touring company for over a decade. You're very good at what you do—smoothing out the wrinkles in both the costumes and your charge's tumultuous disposition—but are not equipped to do much else. You belong to the touring company and refuse to think of what your life would become without it.

Now imagine that the head of the company—that arrogant tyrant and your only friend—is dying. If you can, then you have a mere beginning of an idea as to what Ronald Harwood's play *The Dresser* is about. Directed by Fred Sullivan Jr, Sandra-Feinstein Gamm Theatre's production of the show delves into the complex and compelling relationship between one dresser and his aging charge while offering a marvelous glimpse at the ins and outs of the now obsolete actor-managed touring groups of London.

The Dresser takes us behind the scenes of a second string touring company that is trying to put on production of *King Lear* despite not a few complications. There are the problems of (in no particular order) the German air raid going on during the show, the lack of a body to run the wind machine during the tempest scene, and the aforementioned lead actor suffering so badly from dementia that he can't remember his first line. The structure of the play is set up around the preparation for and performing of this show, but the real story lies with Norman the dresser (Nigel Gore) and the ailing actor, referred to simply as "Sir" (Samuel



A long, hard look: Sam Babbit (Sir) and Nigel Gore (Norman) in Ronald Harwood's *The Dresser*

dangerously to caricature in less able hands, Babbitt managed to keep Sir believable and sympathetic. But it was Gore who stole the show. His Norman was a beautifully delicate mix of no-nonsense sarcasm and thinly veiled emotion. Norman is a man whose life has become an extension of that of his employer, and Gore captured the tragedy of this without ever seeming to have to try.

Director Fred Sullivan Jr. did his part to enhance the play's focus on Norman's emotional struggles, making the stage consist solely of the backstage world—Norman's domain. When the actors went "onstage" to perform, they vanished past the seats of the audience and out of our view, with only their voices lingering. This effect brought the audience into Norman's world, and sometimes did so with breathtaking results. Case in point:

As Sir went onstage to do what may have been his last performance of *King Lear*, the audience is left seeing not the booming actor, but his humble dresser standing behind the scenes, mouthing his lines in an eerie backstage glow. Such scenes were nothing short of breathtaking.

And for the most part, neither was *The Dresser*. The only less than impressive part of the show was the supporting cast (which is not as bad of a deal as it sounds, considering that ninety percent of the play revolves around Norman and his Sir). With the exception of the sweetly endearing Barrie Atkinson (Geoffrey, the company underdog who gets to literally play the fool), the supporting cast was always adequate but generally unexceptional. However, they didn't really need to be any more than that for *The Dresser* to tug at all the right heartstrings. A poignant tale that tickled a lot of laughs and even tugged out a few tears. *The Dresser* deserves to be seen.

THE DRESSER

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Babbit). Each of the scenes between Gore and Babbitt rang with a palpable—but never forced—resonance, making the almost involuntary bond between the two both effective and effecting.

This was due in large part to the pair's first rate performances. Playing the aging, predominantly benevolent tyrant Sir, Babbitt was outrageous but still human. In a role that could lend itself

Happy Thanksgiving from the S.A.I.L Office and Things for Thursday!

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Music Notes

BY MICHELLE SMITH '01
A&E STAFF

DJ Spooky, that Subliminal Kid: *Subliminal Minded* the EP (Outpost)

DJ Spooky is amazing. There is literally nothing (musically, anyways) that he cannot do. That is why when I heard his new EP, *Subliminal Minded*, I was slightly disappointed. Consisting of remixes from his last release, *Riddim Warfare* (Outpost, 1998), DJ Spooky brings the tracks to another level. Though there are some amazing tracks on here (like "Peace in Zaire: DJ Wally's Sci-Hi Remix" and "Dialectical Transformation III Peace In Rwanda Mix," which features Thurston Moore), overall the album lacks the completeness and fulfillment of *Riddim Warfare*. But on the other hand, it is a remix album, so it is obviously going to be different. This is why I usually do not like remix albums, but with DJ Spooky, he is all about the remix. So, needless to say, I am having some trouble deciding what I think about this album. Therefore, please do not listen to anything I have to say, and listen to it for yourself. Word on the street is that he may be coming on tour soon...

Gorky's Zygotic Mynci *Spanish Dance Troupe* (Beggars Banquet)

This is one crazy album, man! The first track ("Hallway") is a quiet, mellow ditty reminiscent of Simon and Garfunkel and the Beatles! This may lead you to think the entire album is similar, but alas, 'tis not so! Though a good deal of the album consists of tunes like this, there are some very different songs on here that are amazing. "Poodle Rockin'" is a spastic little rock tune ("And we went Wooh! Poodle rockin' baby, Poodle Rockin'"). "She Lives on a Mountain" and "DRWS" deliver us back to the mellow sways of the first track, bringing us down from the high of "Poodle Rockin'." "Faraway Eyes" is beautiful and thoughtful, similar to Luna. There are quite a few acoustic guitar solos interspersed between songs. The title track is pretty cool, especially lyric-wise: "Woke up on Monday and got ready for school/ Put on my uniform it was three sizes too small/ I said 'Dear, dear, dear teacher/ I've been six years away/ And ain't finished my essay/ Coz rock 'n' roll rules ok!" It is very easy to picture him strumming his guitar in the middle of the bustle of a sunny Spanish village. If you like Super Furry Animals, Mercury Rev, and Tindersticks, check this out!

Aquabats! *vs. the Floating Eye of Death* (Time-Bomb)

These guys are dumb. In their attempt to sound funny and sing like madmen, they end up sounding like morons. Posing as comic book superheroes and using the basic three-chord punk with "blasts of trumpets and trombones," their attempts to be some kind of cool-indie-punk-the-kids-will-love-us-band fail miserably. Instead of sounding funny or amusing, which is what they are aiming for, they just sound dumb. But not the good kind of dumb. The worst, most horrible kind of dumb that can possibly exist. Song titles, like "The Ballad of Mr. Bonkers" and "Giant Robot-Bird Head," are just plain not funny, and they should stop and pursue other endeavors. No offense, or anything. Wink wink!

To the Teeth: Back to the drawing board

BY JULIA KENNY '01
ASST. A&E EDITOR

Ani, Ani, Ani. Your fans love you. We love your music. But it's getting harder and harder to stick by you when, with each new record, you slip farther and farther away from what endeared you to us in the first place. Introduced to her music at the end of high school and more so once I got to PC, I liked what I heard and went back into the Ani archives. The farther back you go, the better it gets. However, turning out an album a year has got to take its toll on you. And Ani's showing signs of getting weary.

To the Teeth, the latest offering from Ani DiFranco, is going to be a disappointment to Ani fans. Not that there's anything bad on it. It's the same old Ani. But therein lies the problem. She hasn't come up with anything new lately — and she's one of the most innovative artists around with the risks she's willing to take and styles she's willing to attack. Every Ani album used to promise something fresh and original. With this one, the only major change seems to be that she has abandoned her guitar in favor of saxophones and trumpets, which is not an improvement. It's not going to win over any new fans, and it's going to let down her faithful following.

One of the latest criticisms of Ani's music is that she is focusing too much on political issues instead of what everyone else wants to hear (You can pick between "Oh, My Baby Left Me," "I Love You, Baby" and "Baby, I Hate the World and Everything In It"). Normally, rising above what the radio dictates you can sing about is fine. Except that lately that's all she focuses on doing. Lyrics like "Open fire on Hollywood/Open fire on MTV...Open fire on the NRA/And all the lies they told us along the way" from "To the Teeth" sound like lines that any angry teenager could turn out while picking away on his garage-sale guitar in his basement. What makes it even worse is that Ani's strength has always been her lyrics. You may not like the instrumentals, you may not think her voice is good, but her lyrics are pure genius.

The title track never finds its groove, ending with a trumpet and tuba something or other that doesn't fit with the rest of the song. "Freakshow" is a mess of discordant voices and synthesized backbeats that just don't mesh together. There's a jazzy feel to several pieces, including "Back Back Back" and especially "Going Once," that transports you to a smoky, dimly lit club. Though the songs doesn't really do it for me, the feeling they gave me reassured me that she's still got it in her to take you to another place with her music.

"Hello Birmingham" is another socially-conscious song, an ode to Martin Luther King, Jr ("A bullet came to visit a doctor") that makes reference to "standing helpless in this booth/with this lever in my hand." With its basic piano in the background, Ani's voice switches into a softer mode and it doesn't get lost in a crowd of hard-rocking guitars and drums. "Cloud Blood" is more like classic Ani. In yet another example of our little city taking over pop culture by storm (TV, then movies, now



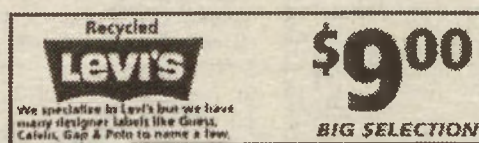
Doin' it up Della Style: Former angst-queen Ani DiFranco sprouting some iffy songs (and iffier hair) on her new album *To the Teeth*

this), "Providence" is ethereal and ominously beautiful before it kicks into the long-awaited "Ani and Her Guitar" sound, followed by "I Know This Bar." Why did she wait till the end of the album to bring out what everyone wants to hear?

Most of the songs on this album feature the same beat running throughout — you can hear it on "Wish I May." This is indicative of that larger problem mentioned above. Everything on the CD sounds recycled. I noticed several lines that I've heard on previous records. I'm

used to hearing what sounds like three different songs all woven into one — one of Ani's trademarks. The vocals even sound the same. All the crazy inflections and whisper-to-a-roar changes that Ani does so well just sound the same. I know it's her style, and how much can one really do with just their voice? But each album has promised something new, and I'm still listening for the surprise from Ani on this one. The music is good, but it must be measured by the toughest test an artist can face: the standards her work has set for itself.

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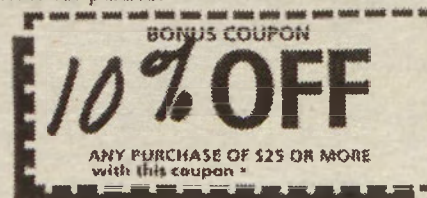
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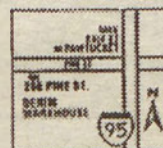
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Short Takes

Dogma

BY BEN SWEENEY '00
A&E STAFF

The latest flick from Kevin Smith reads like a (gasp!) dictionary of pop-culture. Smith has once again created a landscape of playful references and tributes to the world of film, television, and comic books that he has repeatedly endorsed and coddled. From *Star Wars*

to *Home Alone* to Smith's own movies, no one is safe. Actually, picking out the hundreds of different references to other films and the connections between his own films is half the fun of jumping into Smith's crazy world of Red Banks, New Jersey (which actually exists, by the way).

This newest installment to the View Askew-niverse involves Matt Damon and Ben Affleck as two exiled angels who find a loophole of sorts that would allow them to re-enter heaven. The problem is that God is infallible and therefore any action that would prove God wrong would undo reality. So Bethany (Linda Fiorentino) is enlisted to stop them with help from various characters played by Chris Rock, Alan Rickman, Salma Hayek, Jason Mewes and Kevin Smith himself.

The film comes off a bit preachy side, but Smith obviously used wisely the eight years he took to write this one, in an attempt to create a humorous film that is held together intelligently. He succeeded.

The Bachelor

BY ADRIENNE LARSEN-SILVA '02
A&E STAFF

Girls, can you imagine a cutie like Chris O'Donnell being turned down for marriage? Neither could I, but it happens in Gary Sinyor's new film, *The Bachelor*. In the movie, young, handsome Jimmie Shannon (Chris O'Donnell) is quite happy with his freedom, but he starts feeling a bit pressured as he watches all of his closest friends "get hitched." Consequently, he decides that it must

be time to pop the question to his current girlfriend, Anne (Renee Zellweger). However, she knows by his resigned attitude that he is not ready for marriage, and turns him down. Adding to the stress, Jimmie's grandfather (Peter Ustinov) passes away suddenly and leaves his grandson 100 million dollars—provided Jimmie meets a few stipulations. One of them is that he must be married before 6:05 PM on his 30th birthday. Since that's the next day, Jimmie must hurry to make a decision that will allow him to have the money without comprising his happiness.

The acting was not particularly outstanding in this film, but it was good enough. The script occasionally bordered on the cheesy, but everyone onscreen worked well with what they were given. There is, however, plenty of humor in the movie, especially with the appearances of Jimmie's old girlfriends, which include cameos from Brooke Shields and Mariah Carey. Overall, *The Bachelor* is not Oscar material, but it's not an unpleasant way to spend an evening.

Mother Smother

BY ERIN KELLER '02
ASST. A&E EDITOR

This is the movie that almost didn't happen. Natalie Portman, the daughter in the mother-daughter tale *Anywhere But Here*, originally backed out of the role, refusing to take her shirt off for a particularly steamy scene. Rather than have her leave, the script was rewritten. It's a good thing too, because without Portman, this movie would be nothing.

Anywhere But Here is a Lifetime-esque movie about a flaky single mother (Susan Sarandon) raising an "old soul" daughter. Adele August leaves her husband and family in Wisconsin and drags her reluctant daughter Ann to Beverly Hills, with hopes of Ann becoming an actress. With just the two of them, Ann has to assume most of the family responsibilities, including waking her mother for work, lecturing her on the value of money, and informing her that her "boyfriend" is a loser. The movie illustrates the hardships of having role reversal in a parent/child relationship. (P.S. Mom, thanks for being strict.)

The acting is what made this movie, not the action. Truth be told, there isn't much action at all (AND it's a chick flick! Go figure.) The movie basically tracks the lives of the two women through Ann's adolescence. Susan Sarandon is brilliant as always. There's talk by some critics of an Academy Award nomination for the role, but I don't think it will last until February. And unfortunately for Sarandon, Portman stole the show.

I live in Long Island, two towns away from Portman. Everyone in Long Island has a Six Degrees of Natalie Portman connection. *Everyone*. For example, I once dated a guy whose brother's friend

took driver's ed with her. And after seeing this movie, I have am more proud of that connection than ever. Natalie Portman was outstanding as Ann August. There was not a hint of overacting on her part, and she played a character who had to cry over six times. (Again, a chick

ANYWHERE BUT HERE

DIRECTED BY:
WAYNE WANG

RUNNING TIME:
114 MINUTES

CURRENTLY PLAYING AT:
SHOWCASE CINEMAS

flick, go figure.) The way she related to her mother and her cousin Benny (Shawn Hatosy) convinced me that she has all the potential the critics have been



A moment of peace: Sarandon and Portman shopping with the money they don't have

buzzing about. She made the movie.

Just one drawback in this otherwise decent film: until a reference to the movie *Clueless* was made forty minutes into the movie, I thought the movie was taking place in the late 1970s or early 80s. Portman and Sarandon wore old clothes and stayed in apartments with old appliances, so I believed it was another time period. But nothing excuses the costume designer's decisions regarding Sarandon's entire wardrobe. Truly hideous.

I will close with three random notes. Thora Birch played the role of Mary in the movie, but is not mentioned in the credits. Special, special thanks to my "date," who, given the choice, might have picked *Pokeman's Adventures* over this film but never said it out loud. And finally, to all you sickos wondering if Natalie Portman is a good driver, from what I've heard, she is.

Movie Listings...starting 11/19

Avon Cinema, 260 Thayer St, Providence, 421-3315

Being John Malkovich: evenings at 7:15 and 9:30, Sat, Sun, matinees at 1:00 and 3:15

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The World Is Not Enough: 10:30, 11:00, 1:15, 1:45, 4:00, 4:30, 7:00, 7:20, 9:45, 10:05, 12:20, 12:35; Sun-Thurs: no 12:20 or 12:35 showing

The House on Haunted Hill: 9:40, 11:45; Sun-Thurs: no 11:45 showing

Pokemon: 12:00, 12:30, 2:15, 2:45, 4:30, 5:00, 6:45, 7:25, 8:50, 10:45; Sun-Thurs: no 10:45 showing

The Bone Collector: 11:10, 1:45, 4:25, 7:10, 10:00, 12:25; Sun-Thurs: no 12:25 showing

Sleepy Hollow: 10:50, 11:20, 1:30, 2:00, 4:15, 4:45, 7:15, 7:40, 9:55, 10:20, 12:15, 12:35; Sun-Thurs: no 12:15 or 12:35 showing

The Sixth Sense: 11:15, 1:50, 4:30, 7:35, 10:15, 12:30; Sun-Thurs: no 12:30 showing

The Bachelor: 12:00, 2:30, 4:50, 7:30, 10:10, 12:20; Sun-Thurs: no 12:20 showing

Dogma: 10:40, 1:25, 4:10, 7:05, 9:50,

12:20; Sun-Thurs: no 12:20 showing

The Messenger: Joan of Arc: 12:40, 3:40, 6:50, 9:50, 12:30; Sun-Thurs: no 12:30 showing

The Insider: 12:15, 3:30, 7:10, 10:20; Sun-Thurs: no 10:20 showing

Showcase Seekonk Route 6, Route 6, Seekonk, Mass. (508) 336-6789

American Beauty: 10:40, 1:30, 4:10, 7:00, 9:50, 12:20; Sun-Thurs: no 12:20 showing

The Messenger: Joan of Arc: 12:30, 3:30, 6:40, 9:35, 12:15; Sun-Thurs: no 12:15 showing

The House on Haunted Hill: 12:00, 2:30, 4:50, 7:40, 10:15, 12:25; Sun-Thurs: no 12:25 showing

Dogma: 10:50, 1:40, 4:20, 7:15, 10:05, 12:30; Sun-Thurs: no 12:30 showing

Music of the Heart: 10:35, 1:20, 3:55, 6:45, 9:30, 12:00; Sun-Thurs: no 12:00 showing

The World Is Not Enough: 10:30, 11:00, 11:30, 1:15, 1:45, 2:15, 4:00, 4:30, 5:00, 6:50, 7:20, 7:50, 9:40, 10:10, 10:30, 12:15, 12:35; Sun-Thurs: no 12:15 or 12:35 showing

The Insider: 12:20, 3:40, 7:10, 10:20; Sun-Thurs: no 7:10 or 10:20 showing, a 7:30 show has been added

Anywhere But Here: 11:10, 1:50, 4:30, 7:25, 10:00, 12:25; Sun-Thurs: no 12:25 showing

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The Best Man: 9:55, 12:00; Sun-Thurs: no 12:00 showing

The Bone Collector: 10:40, 11:10, 1:20, 1:50, 4:00, 4:30, 6:50, 7:20, 9:40, 10:10, 12:10, 12:30; Sun-Thurs: no 12:10 or 12:30 showing

The Bachelor: 11:50, 2:20, 4:40, 7:10, 9:45, 12:00; Sun-Thurs: no 12:00 showing

Light It Up: 12:15, 2:35, 4:55, 7:35, 10:05, 12:15; Sun-Thurs: no 12:15 showing

Three Kings: 9:20, 11:40; Sun-Thurs: no 11:40 showing

Showcase Seekonk 11-12, 775 Fall River Ave, Seekonk, Mass. (508) 336-3420

Double Jeopardy: 12:00, 2:20, 4:40, 7:15, 9:35, 11:45; Sun-Thurs: no 11:45 showing

The Sixth Sense: 12:15, 2:35, 4:55, 7:25, 9:45, 11:55; Sun-Thurs: no 11:55

Uncle Walter's Top Nine

Uncle Walter's favorite game of all time is "Pick Up Stix", which reminded him that he also likes to "Pick Up Chics". Following are the top nine ways by which we can reach Uncle Walter's ultimate goal of uniting all God's special creatures in one love. Don't try these at home, and if you do, don't blame me for the consequences...

- 9) With your hands behind your back and the smile of a child say, "My mommy dropped me off here with a dollar, but I spent it." Then ask for a ride home with puppy dog eyes.
- 8) If you're a guy: Paint your nails to show your feminine side.
- 7) If you're a girl: Tell him you love that *Mario Cart* game, and ask if he has it and would like to play.
- 6) Buy a bicycle built for two and use it as a shuttle to Prime Time. This will be more successful at the end of the night.
- 5) Compliment the subject of your infatuation on their backpack. This will show that you are interested in their taste and not their physical attributes, although the opposite may be the case.
- 4) Pick a day when they run out of pickles at Alumni. Run to the store and buy a jar, offering them to all who have bought a meal. They will thank you for helping their digestion and offer you their eternal love and devotion.
- 3) On a day when Ray runs out of ice cream—Tell them that your friendship is just as sweet.
- 2) Hand out pillows at the front of the library. Put your name and phone number on every one. Most likely one person will think this was done just for them, and give you a call.
- 1) Go to *mascot.com* and find out as much personal information about them as you can. "Surprise" them by wearing a T-Shirt with their likeness on it until they notice you. You'll be glad you did, if you don't end up in jail.

No Regrets

BY COLLEEN LEE '00

20TH CENTURY TITAN

There were two golden rules emblazoned on the walls of the Sweet Home High School gymnasium, directly above the stalking panther: (1) You can get to every ball, and (2) When you can't get to every ball, refer back to rule number one. The same coach that created those rules and imprinted them on our hearts used to say before every match, "Play so you have no regrets." These six words sit in my back pocket and emerge every once and awhile as a reminder, not only of my experience with volleyball, but of an important lesson for life.

As senior year flies by, I find myself looking back over my choices and actions. Were they the right ones? Did I shortchange myself? Could I have saved that one ball from hitting the floor if I had only taken one more step?

After seconds of reflection, I know that I have no regrets. Despite a few obstacles and some minor setbacks, I am happy where I am in my life right now. At the risk of sounding trite, if I had my life to live again, I would not change a single thing, not even to avoid some very negative experiences I have endured here.

Even though the administration considers women such as myself to be dastardly, I do not regret my decision to venture eight hours away from friendly Buffalo to come to Providence College. Even though I have sacrificed involvement in many things in order to participate in volleyball, I do not regret my decision to continue playing here.

Even though the College finds its women's volleyball team not worth time, money, nor gym space, I do not regret my decision to represent them and their follies each time I step onto the court, especially this coming weekend, when we are the only PC team to compete in the Big East Tournament.

When it came time to make some of these decisions in my life, I often lacked confidence in my choices and my abilities. It was then that my back pocket unzipped and out flew those six words! Now, a few months away from my break with the security blanket of school, I am a little afraid. But remembering what my coach taught me, I know that somehow things will work out, even though I cannot answer everyone's favorite question, "So, what are you going to do after graduation?"

Life is not worth living if you are going to watch the ball fall, especially when those who supposedly support you throw it down in your face. My coach has more wisdom than she ever knew. She has more knowledge than the supposed professionals in the athletic department boast they have. She has more wisdom than any Development of Western Civilization or Theology class can offer. She gives more than young girls the opportunity to participate in sports; she coaches her players to be intelligent, strong, and independent young women.

I have no regrets, I only wish others could say the same. If you need a little inspiration, you need not to trek to the tundra of Buffalo, New York and visit the gymnasium where I grew up. You need to search your back pocket, or better yet, your heart. The writing exists on every wall, if you dare to see it. You do not have to be a volleyball player to keep the ball alive.

Future Search

BY BETH BRUNET '00

20TH CENTURY TITAN

Enter. Data missing.

Here I sit in line for course registration (the last time I'll have to do this at PC, thank God) waiting for those with a sort of supernatural power to return from their hour-long lunch break. "You may come one hour prior to your assigned time to register." Funny. Why bother when you are assigned a time between the hours of 1 and 2pm? Torture. Imagine that we (and/or our parents - Hi, Mom and Dad!) pay on average, \$20,000-\$30,000 for this completely unnecessary and ridiculous torture. You'd think just a few of those dollars could be put toward a single hour of pay for a couple of people to sit in Harkins 412 from 12 to 1pm. Ahhh....Administration.

"Things to do." Plenty of time to make a list. Call all references, finish applications, revise resume, retrieve transcripts, explain my motivations in 500-1000 words, send all.

And then I shall sit and wait. Pondering the possibilities and probable outcomes. How will they read me? Flip, flip, flip. Good student. Flip, flip. Work experience and interests: versatile and dependable = easy to take advantage of. Flip: good grammar, passionate enough. "Maybe. Okay. She can stay for now. One more before lunch?"

... while I wait, hungry and restless. AB - 2x left, JK - 1x right, G left. empty again. Ouch. Slam. Clip. maybe tomorrow. "Excuse me. Thanks." I fling my arms out wide, throw my head back, and cry out *en plein air*: "Judge me. Oh, please, judge me! Make of me what you will."

Just Thinking

BY TIFFANY GREEN '01

20TH CENTURY TITAN

I knew it as soon as I woke up on Saturday morning. I had some apologizing to do. I'd like to blame my rudeness on the alcohol, but to do that would allow me to excuse myself from the fact that I possess the ability to be purposefully hurtful when I want to be. It's a side of myself that I usually bury pretty deep, but on Friday night I lowered myself into the trenches, and my anger surfaced.

I just wanted to ignore the day, thinking that if I just avoided the issue, it would float away with my dreams. It didn't. I just laid in bed "sleeping," rewinding last night's blurry videotape, and playing it over and over again. I tried to justify myself, but my conscience told me that there was NO WAY around it. I hate it when people are mad at me. Moreover, I hate it when they have every right to be.

The forgiveness came easier than expected from some, and others didn't forgive me at all. But such is life.

Despite some bumps and miscommunications, Saturday night was

great. Forgive me for being overly-sentimental, but this it hit me this weekend that my time here at P.C. is becoming more of a past than a future. I only have a year and a half left. I want to use this time to thank the people who have been true to me, and who have stuck with me despite my wrongs to them. I've given them too many chances to give up on me, and they haven't.

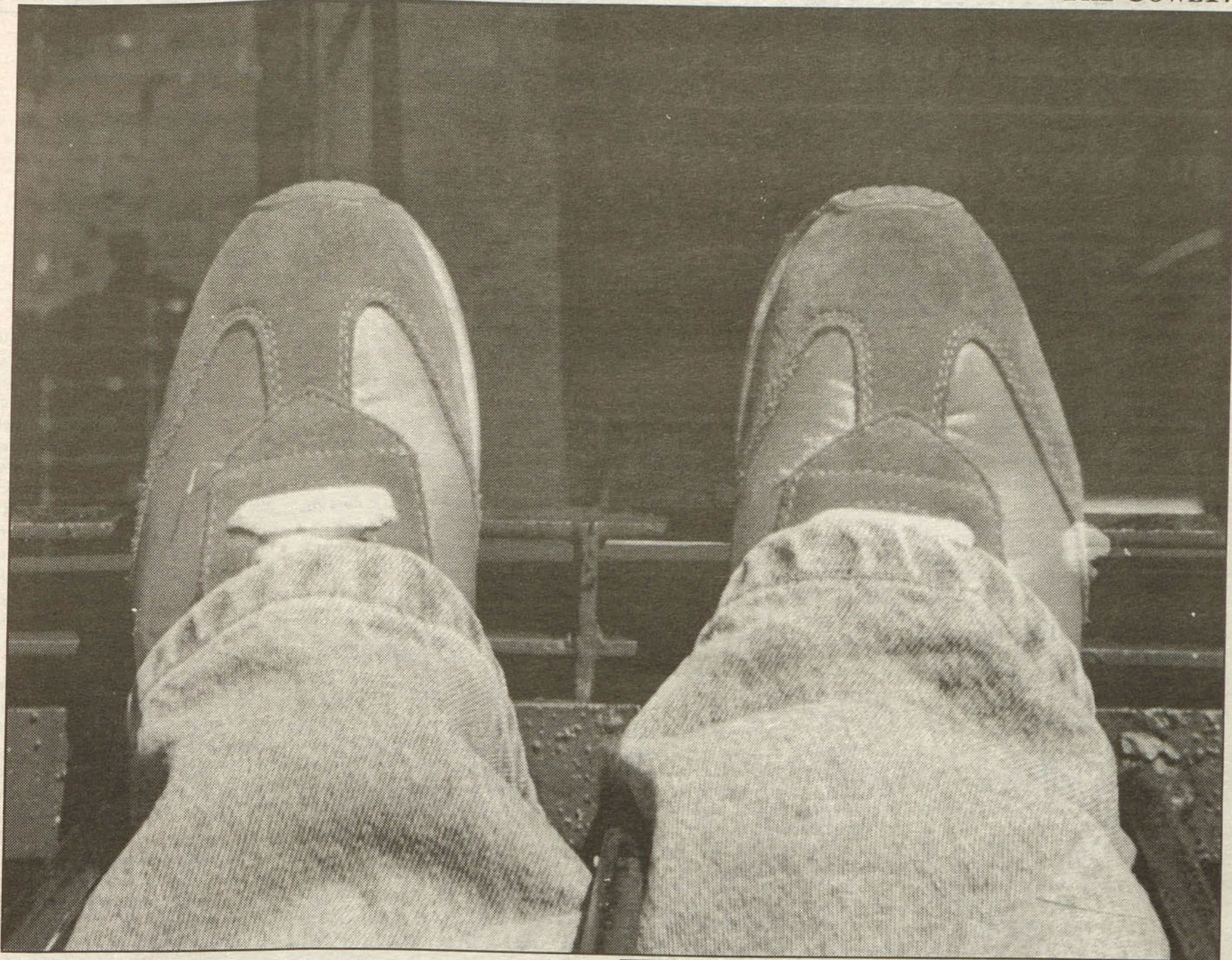
I often wonder who I'm really going to remain close to after I graduate. I fool myself into thinking that I will be close to everybody forever, but I know that's pretty much a little white lie I tell myself to make me feel like my friendships are somehow "above" anybody else's here. They're not. But that doesn't mean that my friendships aren't genuine. It just means that *everybody's* are- and *that's* what makes them special.

In college you are forced to love your friend even when you hate them. They uncover the pieces of your soul that you hide from casual acquaintances. They push you to tell them what's wrong when others are comfortable with your monotone "nothing" response. They can annoy you to the point of no return. But I bet when you are cleaning out your basement thirty years from now, and you find your dusty, unkempt photo album the only feeling you will remember having is that of love.

Quote of the Week:

I'll just say my prayers and light myself on fire, and walk out on that wire once again.

--Adam Duritz



Features...On the edge of insanity, making perfect sense.

Fill Me In

(They Might Be Mad-Libs)

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|-----------------------------------|---|
| 1. a time (o'clock) | 12. something you'd throw away (plural) |
| 2. adjective | 13. an adjective |
| 3. a color | 14. a year |
| 4. a room in your house | 15. an age |
| 5. a song | 16. a former astronaut |
| 6. a pet | 17. a type of beer |
| 7. an insect (plural) | 18. a name |
| 8. an object | 19. a small animal (plural) |
| 9. same as "7" | 20. a "happy" noun (plural) |
| 10. a type of food (plural) | 21. an adjective |
| 11. a piece of equipment (plural) | |

Go to page 19 to plug in your answers

The Class of 2000 and BOP present....

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UNTIL NOV. 18th

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FRIDAY NOV. 19 from 9-5 in lower Slavin
(NO BRACELET = NO BUS)



Just a Little Bit Early

BY TRACY KENNEDY '02

20TH CENTURY TITAN

Ok, it has hit me. Every year right around this time, usually about November 2nd, as my friend Leah has noted, I become a veritable Christmas nut. I know, I sound like I should work for Walgreens or CVS, both of which seem to think that Christmas begins just after Halloween or even the day of Halloween. Of course, I shouldn't complain about this fact because it was largely responsible for my having a costume. Yes, I was a Christmas tree. I had a long green shirt on, covered in garland, candy canes, and ornaments. For the star, I had a friend draw a white and glittery one on my face. Right... wrong holiday. I know that because someone on the street was kind enough to remind me. But hey, the night before I saw someone dressed up as Santa Claus so I figured, what the hell? So, yeah, I know, I'm crazy.

So this leads me back to my story. I love Christmas. I just can't help it. I don't know what it is about this particular holiday, but to me it's magical. I just wish I could listen to the music all year long. The music happens to be my favorite part of the holiday. It's just great. It gives me a warm and fuzzy feeling inside to hear it. So, yes, to get me into the spirit of this article I am listening to some of my Christmas c.d.'s. I know, so generous of me. I just don't see why you can't listen to it all the time. Ok, so it would be a little silly to sing about a Winter Wonderland in July, but so what. I think, though, that if I even attempted to put it on, my roommates and then after them, the rest of my floor would have to tie

me up until December. I actually just asked them if they like Christmas music at all and they agreed to listen to it, but only in December. Damn.

To me, it's the most wonderful time of the year. I mean, c'mon, when else during the year can we totally put aside the drudgery that human existence can become and celebrate like maniacs? It makes me believe that our lives do not have to be all drudgery and melancholy. Life can be magical and wonderful. The Christmas season is the season of giving. Why else would we spend the exorbitant amounts of money at Toys 'R' Us for little plastic contraptions that are going to break anyway and still take the time to fish a dollar out of our pockets to put in the Salvation Army bucket? There is something about the clanging bell and the snowflakes tumbling down that makes you want to do something for the good of another person. What's so wrong about having all that goodwill toward men all year long? What is it about that time of year that makes us feel that way? Whatever it is, it should be bottled and given to every single person in the world.

I don't know, maybe if we had Christmas all the time it wouldn't be the same. It would lose some of its glow or something. I don't know. Oh well. I just know that it makes me happy to think of it. I just love to think about snowflakes, Christmas trees, and the fire in the fireplace crackling on Christmas Eve in my aunt's living room and relatives all around laughing and talking. Ahhhh... heaven. Like I've said, it's the simple things that make me happy. So, for now I'll hold off and keep all this joy inside. But after Thanksgiving break, look out. If you hear Christmas carols blaring out of a window of Meagher, it's probably me... Sorry if you don't like it, but too bad, Christmas comes but once a year.

There is a Place

BY THOMAS SCALZO '00

20TH CENTURY TITAN

There is a place where waves climb walls. It is a quiet place; a green field easing itself down over tussled grass, past leaning fences, around a crumbling castle to a small stone wall at the edge of a cliff. The cliff plummets down into thick mist almost too far away to see. But you can still hear the foam-green sea crashing into the rocks at the bottom and you can hear the water spraying into the air. And you can feel the roar of the wind before you even hear it. Sometimes it gets so strong that you have to stand behind the small castle or the low stone wall to keep from being tossed over the edge into the water.

But if you have the strength to make your way over to the small stone wall without being blown over, and if you can lean out far enough to peer down to the ocean, you'll see the waves climbing the walls of the cliff.

The swirling wind races along the ocean, pulling up the waves here and there and throwing them in the air. When the wind reaches the rocks, it throws the water up the side of the cliff. The water slides back toward the ocean, but the wind keeps roaring the water up the rock. Soon, the water climbs all the way to the top and mists out over the small stone wall. If you stand in a certain spot, the waterfall of mist shooting over the wall will splash down on you. And if you stand at this place long enough, you won't hear the wind roaring or the waves crashing. You won't hear the water spraying over the wall. All you'll hear is silence. And through the silent mist you'll see the waves climbing the walls.

What's It To You?

BY JILL YABLONSKI '00

20TH CENTURY TITANS

It's not my fault, it wasn't up to you... Inside Lupo's the music is blaring; outside at 8:15 the lyrics are just beginning to hit my ears. I want to cry. We walk in on the middle of "Dot" sounding from the speakers and my brother and I realize that it's almost over. Despite listening to All for about seven years, some more fierce and intense than others, I've only seen them once. Yeah, I've seen Descendants twice (there's a connection there and if you don't know it I'm not going to explain it.) and I met All two summers ago, but that doesn't matter. But it does matter when the two five-foot high schoolers in matching sequined TuBras® (That's Beth's definition for a super small tube top that covers only the necessity, available in stores at 12 a.m. November 19th.) have the sac to take a few timid steps into the three man mosh pit while I, who was taller and probably/sadly weighed more than the others, couldn't bring myself to venture in. At least, the blue haired girl wasn't there. Anyway... So I stood there singing along to "Until I Say So," "Life on the Road," and Descendants' "I'm Not a Loser" minus a few choice words and phrases. The crowd got into it and the pit grew for that last one and became stronger when the singer from Pennywise came out for an Agent Orange song, but when All played there were only a couple of us who knew. It felt strangely familiar.

Then it was over. I couldn't even buy a shirt; I felt like I wasn't there. They left the stage and I stood waiting. I know opening bands don't get encores nor do they get long sets and I began to wonder why I was still there. It just felt good to hear them play; I know what they're saying, I know what it means to me, and it just feels good. Fast forward to Strung Out and me standing there arms crossed nodding my head. I once read inside a Green Day CD cover that their music was going out to everyone, except for girls who did that. They even diagramed it, and on Sunday I was that black and white stick figure. With nothing else to do, I looked at the pink and blue lights

shining on the stage and started contemplating gender roles. You know it's a good concert when your mind drifts to the subordination of women in our society. I can't help thinking of it lately; I'm in a women's studies class. I have friends who can and do dance, mosh, have fun, and feel free at concerts. Why doesn't that happen to me? Not that I'm at all better for lacking the ability to stop thinking. Imagine for a moment not being able to let go. Missing one thing and being forced go with another. Try to write this out for random eyes and possibly apathetic minds. Come see why I stand back and judge.

I am jealous of the kids before me who are getting punched in the face and knocked to the floor. I recognized it within myself as I felt pride when eight of them crashed before my feet and I didn't fall. Although in the past when Liz and I got knocked to the pavement at one Warped Tour we decided that that was the mark of a great show. Come with me now. Do you know the lyrics, the chorus of the only Strung Out song I knew? *For just one moment the weight of the world doesn't feel so bad...* or something equally obnoxious or melodramatic as that. I saw this kid kiss his friend's shaved head after the latter had been half dragged out of the pit. I saw more than half the crowd force the singer from Pennywise off the stage during BroHymn, a tribute to their deceased bandmate and friend, and all I could do was criticize. Was this brotherhood? Was this truly the beautiful, rare, and precious collaboration of outcast youths with anger inside, but enough of something else to unite in voice and motion that I imagined it to be? Or was this just machoism forged into a convenient outlet of fake angst? Was it just pretty young girls rebelling from what they think controls them and hoping to find that badass boyfriend who treats them differently than he does everyone else, the ones with the clenched fists that will kiss their wounds? When security tossed everyone on stage I saw two girls shaking it like pole dancers on the corner. I looked at them and I thought with disgust, "You're not cool. You're only there because you're not a threat." So I'm a petty jealous pseudo-punk who wants to be a princess. *I guess that's just the way this story goes...*



drawing by Beth Brunet '00

Poets' Place

Dancer While You Were Out

BY JAMIE ANSELMO '02

20TH CENTURY TITAN

For the first time,
I am contented:
Completely happy
Because my strength,
My spirit, comes from within,
Not from any one person or thing,
But from ME.
This new-found hope of mine
Elates me, fills me with joy,
And for the first time,
I smile without justification.
I twirl in the warmth
Of my new-found sunlight—
The spirit that had for so long
Been weighted down by troubles.
With strong arms and legs
I push the past behind me,
And leap towards the future—
The rays of hope that warm my face.
I am a dancer—
The only dancer.
I am free.

BY AMANDA SYMMES '00

20TH CENTURY TITAN

Beaded honey
dew
drops
bullets
on a rooftop
not here.
A resonance
of
resistance
quells
fearsome on-lookers,
Mary-mother
nightlights.
Diamond cut
glances
stances
mark
the snowflake in
the pile of
others.
Identity
and
Difference.

a peculiar something

Gilded Monuments

BY KYLE LAMOUREUX '00

20TH CENTURY TITAN

seeking an imperfect world
to understand my tears,
I sense the pain
of the sun and the moon and the stars.
trapped in the sky,
united in the abused splendor
of messianic fatigue
teased by promises
of eternity and happiness,
ripe with adam's joy.
inspired by the persistent
glow of tomorrow,
they amuse a fallen earth
until succumbing to
the pale embrace
of the eve.
tickled by the necessities
of a make-believe world,
I instead sought an accomplice
in laughter.

BY JEREMY BOLT '00

FOOL

I end the day with
an empty pack of smokes
a pipe dream aborted,
and another conceived
for Fogerty's someday;
elusive lucidity
like stars behind clouds.
My reality;
regrets without resolutions
for the new millenium
(when apathy will reign)
if I were Shakespeare
I would laugh at the world
as my pen touches the page.
But I'm not,
so I poison
the purity of paper,
making a mess of
misunderstanding and tears,
waiting for lightning
to strike this mound
of shit-covered sanctity.

And no one will run
to gather the ashes
when I blow
like a dandelion
in the wind
of forgetful eternity,
far from wishing lips.

Getting To Know You



One of PC's most enigmatic celebrities, Kerry Leonard has managed to baffle the critics and win over the adoration of the public in her four years at this institution. Today, the features section will try its best to figure out just what makes this girl tick. Here goes:

NAME: "Kerry Leonard"

GRAD YEAR: "2000"

MAJOR: "Animal Crackers."

FAVORITE PLACE TO EAT OFF CAMPUS: "Bottomless Pete's."

BEST YEAR IN COLLEGE: "Sophomore year; they started replaying The Dukes of Hazzard on TNN."

ALUMNI OR RAY?: "Ray. He's such a nice guy."

FAVORITE BOOK: *So You've Decided to Steal Cable*

WHO WAS DOLE'S RUNNING MATE in '96?: "Wasn't it some former Harlem Globetrotter?"

WHO AT PC HAS INFLUENCED YOU THE MOST?: "Fran."

THE LEAST?: "Mark King."

HOW MANY ENEMIES HAVE YOU MADE SINCE COMING TO PC?: "What's the population of Rhode Island again?"

HOW MANY FRIENDS?: "Friends? What's this thing you call friend?"

HOW DOES A BEAUTIFUL GIRL LIKE YOURSELF MANAGE TO KEEP FROM CONSTANTLY BEING "MACKED," AS THEY SAY NOWADAYS?: "I have developed a strategy. It is called the belch." (she demonstrates)

WOW, THAT IS QUITE IMPRESSIVE: "Thank you."

IF YOU COULD DESTROY ONE BUILDING ON CAMPUS, WHAT WOULD IT BE?: "I'm a lover, not a destroyer."

IF YOU COULD REBUILD ONE BUILDING ON CAMPUS, WHAT WOULD IT BE?: "That little white house between Peterson and the grave yard. I prefer prairie-style architecture."

FAVORITE SHOP IN THE NO-LONGER-EXISTENT PC MINIMALL?: "Lane Bryant."

WHO WOULD WIN IN A FIGHT BETWEEN JAMES JOYCE AND FRANZ KAFKA?: "Kafka!"

HOW ABOUT FRIAR'S CLUB VS. BOP?: "The Friars have the numbers, but BOP would probably play dirty and hit below the belt. I give it to BOP."

WHAT IS THE SQUARE ROOT OF 36?: "Umm, isn't 36 a prime number?"

Fill Me In

When the package arrived at _____ (1) in the morning, the sky was _____ (2) and you were dressed in _____ (3) suspenders and not much else. Taking the package inside, you placed it in the center of your _____ (4) and danced around it until it emitted a strange glow. Having heard the signal you were waiting for, you began chanting the lyrics to _____ (5) in a violent and obtrusive manner, making sure to splatter your _____ (6) with incandescent paint so, "He may see too". As the wallpaper began to peel and ten-thousand _____ (7) filled the room, your favorite _____ (8) burst into flames, proclaiming the day of the unruly _____ (9). Encountering a strong craving for _____ (10), you ran towards your refrigerator, which had only _____ (11) and _____ (12). Settling on the former and grabbing a ziploc bag, you moved on. Smelling a stench that can only be described as _____ (13), the fire, just like the one in _____ (14), rages on in fury. Armed with only the contents of your ziploc bag and a smile, you remember the phaser given to you on your _____ (15) birthday ("God bless _____ (16)"). Setting the phaser on *The Day of the Package*, and aiming at fire, you collapse in a pool of _____ (17), drunk with sorrow yet emboldened in a deviant way. Finally relaxed as you become one with the fire, a peculiar silence recedes when you can't find _____ (18), your glowing pet. Speaking of things you can't find, your ziploc bag is now filled with _____ (19), and the package is still opened. Opening the package, you see only a mirror, reflecting only the _____ (20) of your soul and the _____ (21) bliss you are sure to find....



**Senior Night
at Newport**

Saturday, Nov. 20th
7 pm - 1 am



must have bracelet to get on bus
get bracelet Friday, Nov. 19th
9 am - 5 pm in lower Slavin
Buy tickets in BOP Office
\$10 (includes t-shirt)

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**Aloha Class of '03:
Here comes the sun!**

**Hawaiian Stag
in Peterson**





Friday, Nov. 19th
9:30 pm - 1 am
(doors close at 10 pm)
tix on sale in Ray Cafe \$5


Hawaiian gear and
other surprises at the door

Holiday Bazaar

Wednesday, Dec. 1st
10 am - 5 pm



Slavin Center



**Refreshments, Music,
Ornaments, Novelty Items,
Jewelry, Fleece Outerwear,
Name Origins, Baskets
and more!!!**

**College Bowl
is around the corner.**

Sign up starts Monday, Nov. 29th.
Find three friends to make a team of four!!!

Question #2: The attractions on this
Manhattan thoroughfare include
the St. Regis Hotel, the New York
Public Library, Rockefeller Center,
St. Patrick's Cathedral, and the
flagship store of the Saks chain.
What avenue is this?

Answer for last weeks question: world wide web (www)



Food Drive

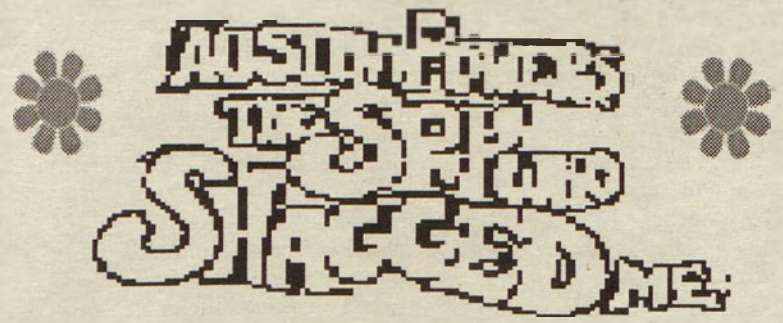


Nov 8th - 19th





Look for boxes in the dorms and
apartments and in
lower Slavin

BOP Sunday Movie:




Sunday, Nov 21st
'64 Hall 8 pm

**CY2K
"Semiformal"**




Friday, Nov. 19th
'64 Hall 8 pm
tix on sale in Ray Cafe \$10



The Cowl staff would like
to wish everyone a Happy
Thanksgiving!

Things for Thursday Upcoming Events

Dec. 2nd: Christmas cookie
decorating and pictures
with Santa 

Dec. 9th: Christmas tree
ornament decorating



Time: 11 am - 3 pm or
until supplies last
Place: Lower Slavin

Happy Thanksgiving from the S.A.I.L.
Office and Things for Thursday

*RJ Wind
Ensemble Concert*

*Thursday, Nov. 2nd
'64 Hall 7 pm*

*For more info, call the
Music Dept. at x2183*

*J Cantori
Concert*

*Saturday, Nov 4th
Priory Chapel 2 pm*

*For more info, call the
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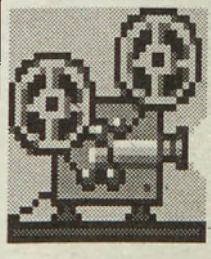
Coffeehouse

@ Stuart's:

every Tuesday from 8 - 11 pm

Nov. 30th
Open Mic Night
Sign up NOW to Perform
FREE Food

Dec. 7th
Christmas Celebration
Christmas Stories and Carols
Hot Chocolate and Cookies



**Channel 42
Movies for
November:**


Clerks


Field of Dreams

Mallrats

Reality Bites

She's All That

Top Gun 

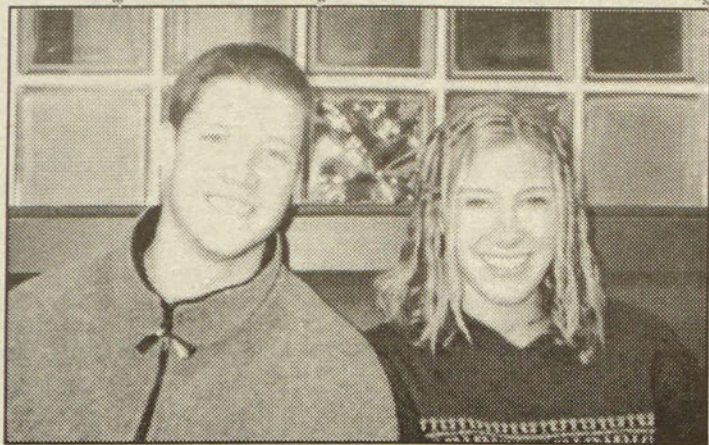


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Call in at 865-2091.

What's your favorite thing to eat on Thanksgiving?



"We like the breasts!"

Mike McLean '01
Tai Vandenberghe '01



"Sweet Yams."

Evan MacLean '01
Bobby King '01



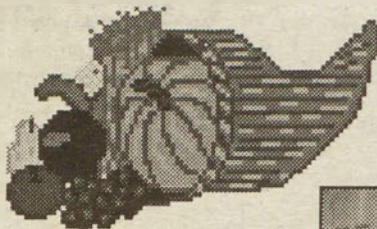
"Dessert."

Alison Berube '00
Katie Robustelli '00



"Pie à la mode."

Kristin Gallagher '00
Drew Meyer '00



"Juicy thighs."

Leigh Dean '00
Rich Miller '00



"Happy Meals!"

Matt Wells '00
Laura Smith '00
Jay McCann '00
Brooke Sullivan '00

Pebbles:
I'm all about stuffing!

Bamm Bamm:
Warm "American"
Apple Pie.

PC ATHLETES OF THE WEEK



Keith Kelly '00
Drogheda, Ireland

Kelly won the men's individual title in a time of 29:30, 16 seconds ahead of the second-place finisher, at the NCAA Northeast Regional Cross Country Championship on Saturday, November 13 at Franklin Park in Boston, Mass. Kelly helped the men's team finish second behind Iona (51 points) and qualify for its fifth consecutive trip to the NCAA Cross Country Championship



Sarah Katinger '02
Stratford, Conn

The sophomore hitter was named the BIG EAST Player of the Week as she led PC to a 2-0 week with wins at Pittsburgh and West Virginia. Katinger had 36 kills and 30 digs while hitting .298 for the week

Heather Cappello, featured in "Shadows," is also an Athlete of the Week

Basketball continues preparing for regular season

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Welsh explained that because his team is so young he will look to several veterans to set the tone for the team. "I'm certainly going to count on my veterans Jamaal Camah and Erron Maxey to hold a lot of weight out there. I'm very confident in both of them right now, that they can go out and give us a good night and score for us." Welsh also mentioned that both John Linehan and Karim Shabazz will provide important leadership upon their

return to the lineup. Shabazz a transfer from Florida State, has played at this level before and Welsh expects him to step in and contribute in a big way when he becomes eligible at the end of the semester.

Overall Welsh stressed, "Balance is going to be the key, I like a team with balance. One thing is for sure that the 1999-2000 Providence Friars will be an extremely exciting group."

Friar Pride

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the school won, the students won. Everybody won. If they lost, it hurt everyone. Everybody lost.

But win or lose, it was that feeling of ownership, that great sense of belonging to something bigger than yourself that mattered. It was something you could share with others.

Now, you might be wondering what this has to do with you. Is this a backhanded way of getting me to the next game? I don't know to tell you the truth. But I've heard so much about student apathy, and the boredom of being on campus at times, so the question arises: Why not come to a game?

Look at the students at Duke or Connecticut or look at the Chicago Cubs fans. They come to games whether they are championship caliber teams, or lowly cellar dwellers.

This, I think is the kicker. They have so much fun ridiculing of the other teams point guard who just shot an airball. They have fun jumping up and down in the stands with their buddies. Face it, the stands of a basketball game are the one place where you can act totally nuts and get away with it, so come down and indulge yourself.

I can remember coaching at the University of Alabama-Birmingham. It was a critical game for both schools and the UAB coach had the idea of paying some fraternity brothers to actually sit behind our bench and heckle the players and myself primarily. By the end of the game the frat brothers, who had never

been to a women's basketball game, had so much fun they gave the money back to the coach and ordered season tickets. I couldn't believe how much they disliked my suit. I don't even know if they watched the game but they did have a great time taking their free shots at me.

So much has been made of the great, original, creative chants those Duke students and Stanford students come up with. We can do that too. You might be saying, "When we win a national championship like Duke and Stanford then we'll come and have a big party at Alumni Hall just like you want Coach Jabir; until then, I'll just sit down in my dorm room and listen to Pearl Jam albums." That's natural, and I expect that attitude from people.

My argument is this, though: Why not be a trend setter? Get here on the ground floor and help this young, eager team in one of the greatest conferences in the country, get some kind of advantage. Take ownership of your women's basketball team and be the difference. Make it a tough place for Top 10 Uconn, Rutgers, and Notre Dame, and Top 20 Boston College to come and play. Be a part of creating something great. Yell, stomp your feet, give good natured rips at the opponents and the refs. Let your weekends start at Alumni Hall. What better way to get the adrenaline pumping? Make it your team.

Good or bad take ownership and be a part of something bigger than yourself. See you at Alumni Hall.

Athlete out of the shadows

BY ALISON CARTON '01
SPORTS STAFF

At the beginning of my theology class this past Tuesday morning the teacher was calling off names from his yellow index cards as usual, but this time he stopped when he came to the name Heather Cappello and said "Are you the girl who just won a cross country race in that Northeastern Meet this weekend?" With a smile on her face and a slight giggle in her voice Cappello softly answered "yes." I don't know what everyone else was thinking but I could not believe it. The fastest cross country runner in the northeast, which is no small accomplishment, had been sitting next to me in theology class all year and I had no idea.

Heather Cappello is a quiet yet competitive runner. Considering the high level of success that she has already achieved as a sophomore, admirably, Cappello is an extremely modest girl; quite a refreshing change from the conceited and often times less talented athletes I have meet here.

She grew up in Lockport, New York, and attended Starpoint High School where she captured the 1500 meter New York State Championship title her junior and senior year. Cappello comes from a track family, her dad was on the track team in high school and her sister Lisa, a senior in high school, is also an accomplished runner and may be a future member of the PC team. Cappello was heavily recruited by other big time cross country schools such as Perdue, Penn State, and Boston University, however, she chose Providence because of its prestigious track reputation and she liked the coach, Ray Treacy.

Cappello's roommate Caitlin McCarthy, a former member of the track team, said that Cappello has the best

work ethic of anyone she knows on the team. In order to train for meets she gets up at 7:00 every morning to run three or four miles before class and then joins her team for a six or seven mile workout in the afternoon. "You would never know that she is such a great runner because she separates it from the rest of her life. She doesn't talk about it that much and she definitely never brags about it," said McCarthy.

This past weekend the women's team captured their second consecutive NCAA Northeast Regional Cross Country Championships at Franklin Park



in Boston. Cappello finished first with a time of 17:12 in a field of runners from thirty-four different schools including six others from PC. Cappello took the lead from the start and pulled away from the pack between a mile and a mile and half into the 3.1 mile (5K) race. "I didn't go into the race thinking that I could win it but I

knew that I could stay with the top runners." The result is the best for Cappello since she has been at PC.

The next challenge for Cappello and her teammates will be the Nationals in Bloomington, Indiana Monday. Cappello will be running with the rest of the team who qualified for the event by finishing second at the Big East Meet two weeks ago in Van Courtlandt Park, New York.

Cappello said that she is more nervous for this race than she has been for previous races because of the talented national field she will be running against.

This computer science major who blushes when people refer to her as a great runner, and hopes to run marathons one day, will have to show the rest of the country just how good she is. She deserves all the success that she earns as a great athlete and a great person.

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them joint national champions.

The problem still remains where we have undefeated teams who are not considered for the national title, and this year we had, until PSU's fall from grace, the chance for three undefeated teams. The ultimate solution, as some have said, is to have a playoff system based on either the top sixteen or top eight teams.

To argue the merits of this system one must look at how the NCAA traditionally handles the doling out of championships.

In every sport, save cross country (and its cohorts track and indoor track), tournaments determine the national champions. These tournaments invite a predetermined amount of teams based on the amount there are in the field. For example, basketball and baseball invite sixty-four, while other sports include only sixteen or twelve. A committee of athletic directors determines the seedings, while sites are determined by a bidding process.

So why not use tournaments?

Money.

More money is made on college football than any other collegiate game, including basketball. The main cash producing product college football has is the bowl system. Companies pay to have their name attached to a bowl, television and radio stations pay to broadcast them, people go to see them, and they are not just a game, but a several day long fiesta. If the NCAA went to a championship tournament they lose all the sponsorship revenue, and other money-making projects tied to the bowl fall as well.

Though money is the primary concern of maintaining the bowl system, there are other aspects the NCAA uses for its defense. First, they claim that the season would run too long and students would be unable to keep their academics in order. Secondly, they say a tournament could hurt interest in the sport. Yet another apology is the fact the bowl system is traditional, and is one of the founding tenets of college football.

This is a load of bunk.

First, it is a flat untruth that the tournament approach would cost the NCAA money. In fact, I would argue it would net them more of the green than the bowl system while producing a clear cut national champion. They need only implement it correctly.

To do this they would have to shorten the season to ten games, and then take the top sixteen teams according to the BCS and have a national championship tournament. The national championship game can be sponsored and rotated as it is now so that it takes place in a neutral site each year. For the rest of the tournament the higher seed gets home field advantage. This would produce more games and more excitement. Just think of the playoff nicknames: Christmas Chaos, The Winter Wars, New Year's Nastiness, and many others. Hey, it could be like that other NCAA tournament event that grosses a ton of money in March each year.

This would also allow for enough time for students to concentrate on their studies. That is, if that is what they went to college for. There would be fourteen games over all, just as many as some teams currently play in a year, and if need be, the season could be pushed a little further into January, though the New Year's Day championship concept truly is a part of American culture.

As far as a tournament format hurting the interests of the sport just look at how the interests of the other sports are

affected in their tournaments. Answer: They're not. In fact, they improve the public attention paid to what might otherwise be called minor sports.

Finally, Bowls may be tradition, but traditions are made and broken every day. Change is a part of life, and if you can't deal with it just move into a log cabin somewhere in Montana and send explosive mail to people across the country. Heck, for all I care give the national championship game a bowl title just to keep that sense of nostalgia. You even could have a bowl system for all the also-rans who didn't qualify for the tournament too.

Coaches across the country are increasingly upset with the method of determining the national champion, and Joe Paterno, the head coach of PSU, has been calling for some form of a playoff format for several years. It is common sense, and has a precedent in the form of the other sports championship tournaments.

So, cut the BS of the BCS and let's have a playoff. No disputes, no ties, just one champion. What a novel idea, I'm glad I thought of it.

But hey, I'm just a sports editor, what do I know?

World Beaters...Friars defeat One World All-Stars

BY MATT YOUNG '01
SPORTS STAFF

The Providence College Men's basketball team finished up their exhibition season with an 84-72 win over the One World All-Stars on Sunday, November 14. The pesky All-Stars hung around with the Friars for much of the game, but eventually succumbed to the Friars up-tempo style of play in the second half.

Veterans Jamaal Camah and Erron Maxey led the Friars on the night, as each recorded double-doubles while also providing valuable leadership on the court. Maxey showed that he can be devastating from anywhere on the court as he connected from down low as well as from the outside. The junior hit several long range jumpers, including two of three shots from behind the three point arc on his way to recording a game high twenty-eight points. He also helped out significantly on the boards as he grabbed a game high thirteen rebounds.

Camah also continued to impress

for the Friars as he poured in fifteen points and picked up eleven rebounds en route to the victory. The Salem, Massachusetts native looked confident as he took the ball to the basket with authority continuously throughout the game. In one particular instance Camah dazzled the crowd as he connected on a sensational lay-up. Using his athleticism Camah took the ball from the top of the key and split two defenders somehow managing to tickle the twine.

"We have to lead by example," stated Camah about his role as a veteran on the team. Camah emphasized that if the veterans lead by example then it will help the younger players on the team.

"I think we are taking a step forward," said Erron Maxey on his team's progress to this point in the season. Maxey emphasized that learning is a step by step process.

"If you are willing to take baby steps then you will be able to learn," stressed Maxey.

In the first half despite building an early lead, the Friars showed signs of being a little tentative. After leading for much of the first half the Friars allowed the All-Stars to claw back into the game as they tied the score at halftime 41-41.

Head Coach Tim Welsh explained, "We have to have a better understanding that it is a forty minute game."

In the second half the Friars turned up the defensive pressure on the All-Stars and eventually wore them out. Erron Maxey brought the crowd to their feet with a powerful dunk, which gave the Friars a nine point lead with 9:55 remaining in the game. Maxey's dunk was set up on a block by David Murray. Murray played well for the Friars offensively as he showed versatility in the paint on his way to picking up twelve points and seven rebounds.

From there the Friars never looked back as they hung on for the victory. Coach Welsh emphasized that in the second half his team played with, "more energy, more enthusiasm, and with a purpose."

The second year head man also commented about his possible plans of using the Friars' patented pressing defense more sparingly due to the fact that he is guiding a young team which is facing a rash of injuries. "We have to be smart," stated Welsh.

One of the main reasons why the Friars may be forced to use the press less

early on in the season is because they are still without their quarterback, point guard John Linehan. Linehan's possible return to the lineup has been pushed back even further, and it is now likely that he will miss between five and seven games. Coach Welsh stated, "I'm hoping to have him for Rhode Island."

On Tuesday Providence Head Coach Tim Welsh held a preseason press conference where he talked about the prospects of the upcoming regular season. Welsh described his team stating, "I'm enjoying coaching these guys, they are getting better everyday but they are going to go through bumps in the road there is no question about that."

Welsh went on to emphasize that the trademark of his team will be their unique style of basketball. "We are going to play an exciting brand of basketball. We are going to be unselfish, we are going to play a 94 foot game."

"This is my team now and I think now I can get a chance to put my signature on the program," said Welsh.

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Lady Friars weather the Storm

Six players get double doubles for Friars

BY RJ FRIEDMAN '03
SPORTS STAFF

Outscoring their opponents by seventeen points in the second half, the Providence College Women's Basketball team won their first and final exhibition game on Thursday, November 11, defeating the Nor'Easter Storm 91-74.

"We went with a new lineup and were very pleased," commented Lady Friars head coach Jim Jabir after the game. "We improved on certain things that needed to be improved on, and accomplished our goals. Overall, we're happy with the improvement we showed."

Shooting three of four from behind the arc, the Storm kept pace with the Lady Friars and went into halftime tied at 42.

Junior Jen Gombatz recorded nine points to lead all scorers in the first half, while sophomore Catrina Hawley-Stewart grabbed nine rebounds and scored eight points in a strong half for PC. Dina Vernon, Erika Kienast and Tula Kofitsas each had six points for

the Storm.

Led by junior Monika Roberts, who opened up second half scoring on a hook shot, the Friars never looked back for the duration of the game. The lead of the Lady Friars got as large as nineteen points when PC finished off a 10-2 run with just under two minutes remaining in the game.

Six players finished the game in double figures for the Friars, led by junior Meghan Hinds, who went six of nine from the field and five of six from the free throw line to finish with nineteen points. Roberts finished with a double double of fourteen points and ten rebounds, and added four steals. Gombatz finished with thirteen points, seven rebounds and five steals, while sophomore Chrissy Vozab also contributed thirteen points.

Catrina Hawley-Stewart, who suffered a severe ankle sprain in the second half, also finished with a double double, grabbing fourteen rebounds to accompany ten points. While details of how long she will be out are still up in the air, an original prognosis has her out two to four weeks.

Freshman Stephanie Shoop also added twelve points and eight rebounds off the bench for the Lady Friars, while Kienast recorded sixteen points to go along with

sixteen rebounds to lead the Storm.

The Lady Friars will begin their regular season Saturday, when they host George Mason at 7:00 PM at Alumni Hall.

"The game against George Mason is a grudge match, since we took a tough loss to them last year in a heated battle. It should be a tough game and should tell us where we are," said Jabir. "We're anxious more than anything."

Roberts, co-captain of the team, is very excited about the possibilities of the season ahead.

"We've really developed a new attitude and are ready to prove that we're better than last season," said Roberts. "We improve every day, and we're just taking the season one game at a time."

After the season tip-off against George Mason, PC will travel to Tennessee for Thanksgiving weekend to take part in the University of Memphis Lady Tiger Classic.

"We've improved a lot since last year," concluded Jabir. "We're deeper, more talented, and we have a lot of promise. If we can put two halves together and play with the same intensity in both, we can make great strides."

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Keeping Pace: Defense Mechanism

BY JOHN ZILCH '01
ASST. SPORTS EDITOR

I'm old school and I'll be the first one to admit it.

What else do you call someone who watches Dukes of Hazard, owns a pair of Zubas and writes their first drafts with a feathered pen.

The hardest thing about being a traditionalist is watching football game on a Sunday afternoon. I'll pass through the games and witness atrocities like astroturf, a computer-generated yellow line that tells you where the first down marker is, and the Fox network using animated robots to bring the stats onto the screen. Wow, the times are changing.

Worst of all, this year the National Football League has reestablished the instant replay option. The idea that someone can make a mistake doing their job and then look back and change it is lubricious.

The idea that someone can make a mistake doing their job and then look back and change it is *ludicrous!* If our President had that option he would have

never gotten himself into Whitewater.

Of course it's hard to be old-school when you're 20. If I was, say, 45 my argument would be much better. I could make references to the defenses of the past; defenses that won Conference titles and usually Superbowls.

Forget about Drew Bledsoe, disregard Randy Moss, and nevermind Ricky Williams. The number one draft picks and former Heisman Trophy winners aren't going to win you titles unless you have a defense to back them up.

Whatever happened to the Purple People Eaters (Minnesota Vikings, mid 70's), the Killer B's (Miami Dolphins, early 70's), the Fearsome Foursome (LA Rams, early 80's), the Monsters of the Midway (Chicago Bears, mid 80's), and, perhaps the strongest of all, the Steel Curtain (Pittsburgh Steelers, late 70's) who won 4 superbows thanks to their show-stopping defense.

So why do I watch today? A couple reasons. One, watching football is a good excuse to eat ten pounds of nachos. But the biggest reason is the 7-1 Jacksonville Jaguars who have allowed

a miniscule 79 total points through nine games of play. You do the math.

Okay, fine. That's less than nine points per game, something you don't see anymore.

What we need now is a cool name for the Jags.

Today, teams rely more on the big play than controlling the other side's scoring. As the league continuously grows, the player pool expands and consequently the league-wide talent level lessens.

Memo to league owners: Build your defense now. Trust me on this, it's the wave of the future.

The Jags, a 1995 expansion team, are stealing the idea from the same franchises that founded it.

Jacksonville is Generation X's chance to enjoy a team like those of a couple of decades ago. Along with their defensive squad, they share other characteristics with the teams of old. For instance, they've had the same coach (Tom Coughlin) for the entirety of their history, they have a talented, media-dodging and pleasantly modest

quarterback (Mark Brunell), and perhaps their best player (Tony Boselli) is, gasp, an offensive lineman.

The only team comparable to the AFC leaders are the NFC St. Louis Rams, a team only two years old. They have many similarities with the Jags although they are less talented in that their quarterback (Kurt Warner) has a contract equal to the league minimum.

If this is the changing face of the NFL, let it change. Offense is nice, but sometimes less is more.

Those of you who live for the highlight reels have no consideration for the future. Like donating blood to a Mosquito Procreation Foundation, you'll feel good about yourself now, but soon enough you'll feel cheated.

With offensive shootouts come upsets, and with upsets come another Atlanta Falcons Superbowl.

For once I want to see a stalemate struggle to the caliber of a three hour arm wrestling match. For once I'd like to talk about the game the next day and not the Beavis and Butthead halftime show. Oh yeah, and I'd like to win the pool too

Cross Country runs rampant at regionals

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all, though. That gives us some motivation for this weekend."

PC finished just three points behind Iona University of New York, which placed all five of their men in the top twenty finishers, including a tandem of runners who finished third and fourth.

Sophomore Dermot Galvin finished sixth for PC in a time of 30:16, while sophomore Paul Reilly followed two seconds later to take seventh place. Reilly's performance definitely became a key spot in the Friars' win, as he charged from 15th to 7th in the final mile and a half.

"My back was hurting for the first five miles or so of the race," said Reilly. "I finally got to the soft part of the course and simply picked it up. The team did the rest."

Freshmen Adam Sutton (19th - 30:47) and Chris Livesey (24th - 30:54) rounded out the scoring for the Friars.

"The men's race was a battle," explained Coach Treacy. "In the end, it was between

us and Dartmouth, and their number-five man fell off at the end as we had expected. We couldn't have run much better."

When both teams fly out to Indiana this weekend, the men will be making their fifth consecutive trip to the National Championships, while the women will be making their eleventh consecutive appearance. In fact, the women have finished in the top fifteen every year this decade, including bringing home the National Championship in 1995. Odds are, that with good races, both Kelly and Cappello should bring home All-American nods.

"Our goal at the beginning of the season was for both teams to finish in the top ten. That still is realistic," concluded Treacy. "The men can and will perform better with a good week of training, and if the women run a good team race, it will lead to big things."

"Right now the pressure is off," said Ostrander. "We'll do the best we can, and the only place we can go is up."

Volleyball spikes West Virginia

Playoffs calling for Lady Friars

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Katinger recorded thirty six kills, thirty digs, and eleven errors in only eighty-four chances. She also had a .298 hitting percentage.

This season Katinger's accolades include 482 kills in 1300 total attempts. She has the top hitting percentage of the team at .234. Most impressively, she has a 4.97 kill's average per game. This ranks her twentieth in the nation. She places second on the team with 332 digs. She ranks sixth in the nation with her 3.42 digs per game record.

"We got off to a slow start this

season, but played such a tough schedule that it really prepared us for the Big East. If we play our best, we have a great chance of winning," said Lee.

PC finished third in BIG EAST competition. They face the Orangemen of Syracuse University, who rank as the sixth place team. Match time is 2:30 p.m. Friday, November 19. The winner goes on to face the Georgetown Hoyas on Saturday, and the championship game is on Sunday at the University of Pittsburgh's Fitzgerald Fieldhouse.

Women's Hockey splits with Northeastern Teams win on each others home ice

BY VIRGINIA CHENG '03
SPORTS STAFF

The Providence College women's Hockey team split a series with Northeastern last weekend in ECAC action as the Huskies took game one while PC bounced back to take game two.

On Friday at Schneider Arena, the Huskies took control early in the game, scoring their first goal at the 8:22 mark in the first period. PC's defense stepped it up in the latter half of the period and prevented Northeastern from doing any more damage. After the intermission, the Huskies struck early again 1:13 into the second period, Northeastern's Michelle Lorian broke through PC's defense and beat junior goalie Sara DeCosta for the Huskies' final goal, which sealed the 2-0 victory.

The Lady Friars had many opportunities to score, but just could not seem to get the puck into the net. Much credit has to be given to Northeastern's goalie, Erica Silva, whose quick hands turned away everything the Lady Friars could shoot her way. Silva stopped twenty-one shots while DeCosta recorded twenty-two saves.

PC's inability to convert many scoring opportunities was fresh on the team's mind going into the second game of the series on Saturday.

"We were a little down and a little upset that we lost," said sophomore Kim Mathias. "We all just got it together and had a good game on Saturday. I think we were all a little down after the first game and stepped it up in the second game to try and prove something to ourselves."

"We had offensive opportunities

but we weren't going to the net," agreed senior Alain Frankiewicz. "We were hesitating more, taking longer shots rather than going up close. In our pre-skate we actually worked on taking offensive drives to the net. Saturday night we came ready to play. We stuck to our game plan and kept going at them."

The Lady Friars turned the tables on Saturday at Northeastern's Matthews Arena, taking on the more aggressive offensive role. Both teams picked up their defense in the first period, not allowing the other to score.

This time, however, the Lady Friars were determined not to miss any more scoring opportunities. Junior Jessica Tabb started PC off at the 6:37 mark in the second period with her second goal of the season. Mathias had an assist on the play, and assisted on the next goal as well. Four minutes

into the third period, freshman Jennifer Butsch took advantage of a Friar power play and scored the first goal of her college career, making it 2-0. DeCosta turned away thirty-five shots on goal in the shutout victory.

"I think Saturday night we took a very big step," said Head Coach Bob Deraney. "I was very proud of the way we bounced back from Friday's effort. I can see enormous potential in this team. Our best hockey is still ahead of us."

The Lady Friars will need to take their aggressive stance into their next game against Dartmouth College on November 20, at 2:00PM in Schneider Arena.

The Friars, who improved to 4-2-0 overall, are tied with the Big Green for first place in the ECAC with a 3-1-0 record, so Saturday's game will be extremely important.

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Men's Hockey comes up short against UNH

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saves in the net for the Wildcats, and Ballard made 23 saves for Providence.

Friday night saw the Wildcats score the first goal of the game just 1:23 into the first period, as Jim Abbott took advantage of a 2-1 situation, and beat freshman goalie Nolan Schaefer on a rebound for the 1-0 lead. The Wildcats increased their lead to 2-0 when Lenny Gare was able to get a backhand past Schaefer at 9:59 of the first.

Freshmen defensemen Shawn Weiman scored his first collegiate goal for Providence at 11:25 of the first, when he was able to wrist in his own rebound shot past Conklin to make the game 2-1.

PC came out strong in the second period, outshooting the Wildcats 11-3 and tying the game at two all at 16:38 of the second. Pisani and freshmen center Devin Rask came in on a two on one break, and Pisani fired a slow slapshot that beat Conklin for his second goal of the year.

But it was the Wildcats who had the

final tally. 1:31 into overtime, Sean Austin fired a shot into a pack of players in front of the net, that found its way through and beat Schaefer for the 3-2 UNH win.

Conklin made thirty-one saves for UNH on the night, and Schaefer made nineteen saves in the loss.

The pair of wins improves UNH's record to 7-2 overall, and 4-0 in Hockey East. The Friars fall to 2-6, 0-4 in Hockey East action.

"In both games we had some quality chances" said head coach Paul Pooley. "We're getting good shots, but Conklin played well. We probably deserved to win one or both of those games."

The Friars play another home and home series this weekend against the Huskies of Northeastern. PC has posted a 29-18-4 record at Matthews Arena, and a 17-15-3 record at Schneider.

"We have to get on track" said Pooley. "Northeastern is playing well right now, and we just have to continue to work

Playoff bound Friars finish regular season on high note

BY JEN WATSON '03
SPORTS STAFF

The close of the regular season has come for the Providence College women's Volleyball team. Ending out the season with an impressive play over West Virginia University, winning the match 3-0. The Friars end their season 16-11 overall and 8-3 in the BIG EAST.

PC is named one of the hottest teams in the conference. "I am elated with the team's tremendous playing ability," said Ken Nichols.

Sunday afternoon PC traveled to Morgantown, winning three straight games, 15-10, 15-11, and 15-8. Sophomores, Sarah Katinger and Annie Cella led the way for Providence. Katinger had ten kills, seventeen defensive digs, with a .273 hitting percentage. She had just four errors in twenty-two chances. Cella added thirteen kills, a game best. Senior co-captain Colleen Lee had a game high thirty-one assists. She added to her record of service aces by putting two more on the board.

Saturday, Providence traveled to the

University of Pittsburgh, beating the Panthers 3-1. The Friars won the first two games 15-10 and 15-9. They fell to Pittsburgh in the third game, losing 5-15, but came back and took the fourth and final game, 15-13.

Katinger and Fillippi led Providence to the victory by outstanding play. Katinger recorded a game high of twenty-six kills. She made only six errors in sixty-two chances, having .306 hitting percentage. Fillippi had sixteen kills. She only made five errors in thirty-four tries with a hitting percentage of .324. She led PC with nineteen digs.

Five PC players made it to double digits for numbers of kills. Cella had twenty-one kills, followed by senior co-captain Brooke Chupalia who chipped in eleven. Junior Samantha Lennon pounded ten kills for the afternoon. Lee added seventy one assists for the match.

The honor of being the BIG EAST volleyball player of the week went to Katinger. She was the star of two league contests this past weekend helping the Friars post the win. For the weekend,

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BCS or BS?

In the wake of Penn State football's pitiful display these past two weeks the argument over the process of determining a national champion in college football has once again reared its ugly head.

Currently the format is based on a secret mathematical formula that takes strength of schedule, record, conference, and margin of victory into account when determining the ranking of a team. The top two teams in the Bowl Championship Series, as this rating system is called, meet in one of the bowls on New Year's Day. The bowl they appear in for the championship rotates each year from the Fiesta Bowl, the Rose Bowl, the Sugar Bowl, and the Orange Bowl.

This is an improvement on the previous system, if you could call it a system. It simply declared a national champion by who finished first in the Associated Press poll. This came under fire when the aforementioned Nittany Lions were undefeated along with Nebraska, and the NCAA called

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Off the Bench

Joe Valenzano

Cross Country qualifies for NCAA Championships

BY RJ FRIEDMAN '03
SPORTS STAFF

On a chilly fall afternoon in Boston, Massachusetts, the Providence College men and women's Cross Country teams added to their accomplishments of the season, both qualifying for the NCAA Cross Country Championships on Monday, November 22 at Indiana

squad, led by sophomore Heather Cappello. scored 62 points to capture their second consecutive NCAA Northeast Regional Cross Country Championship on Saturday, November 13 at Franklin Park in Boston, defeating a field of 34 other colleges from New England and New York. Cappello, of Lockport, N.Y., captured the individual title in a time of 17:12, leading the race from start to finish.

"Heather ran an absolutely brilliant race," praised Coach Ray Treacy, who has single-handedly built a cross-country dynasty at PC. "Her mere presence helped us succeed as a team. She took control from the beginning and is finally running with the confidence that can take her to some great accomplishments. The other runners were visibly afraid to run against her--she was the class of the field."

"I had my doubts before the race," Cappello modestly stated after her victory. "I pulled away from the field at the two-mile mark and just ran my race from there. I'm pretty happy."

Cappello isn't the only runner that should be happy with her efforts. Sophomore

Claire Shearman ran the race of her life, an "amazing run" according to Coach Treacy, moving from sixth place in the final mile to take third place overall in a time of 17:20.

"I am very happy with my finish, especially since it was my personal best," said Shearman. "I'm even more excited about going to my first nationals, though."

Junior co-captain Rachel Hixon was the third Friar to finish in the top ten, placing eighth in a time of 17:32, despite running on a bad ankle that she had re-injured twice earlier in the week. Senior co-captain Dana Ostrander placed 16th in a time of 17:44 and sophomore Katherine Casserly rounded off the top five finishers for the women with a 34th place finish in a time of 18:03.

Another point that shows the strength of the PC women was the fact that freshman Emily Tallen, a consistent fifth-spot finisher for the Friars all year long, tripped with about two miles left in the race. This made her lose her spot in the race and finish as the seventh and final runner for the

Friars. The efforts of Casserly to pick up ten to twelve spots in the final half-mile were the difference between winning and losing for the Friars.

When speaking of individual efforts on the day, no one was bigger than men's squad co-captain Keith Kelly, who literally ran away from the field to take the men's individual title in a time of 29:30 -- sixteen seconds ahead of the second place finisher

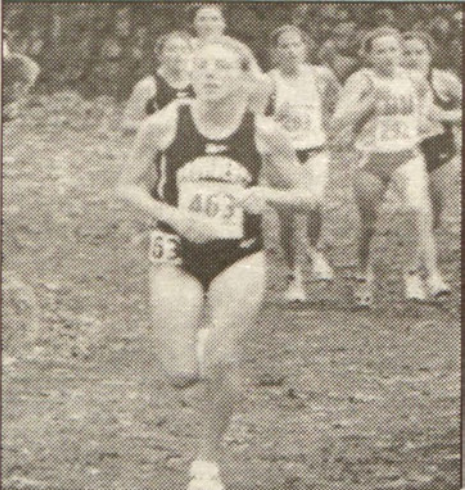


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Sophomore Heather Cappello also won the NCAA Northeast Regional in 17:12

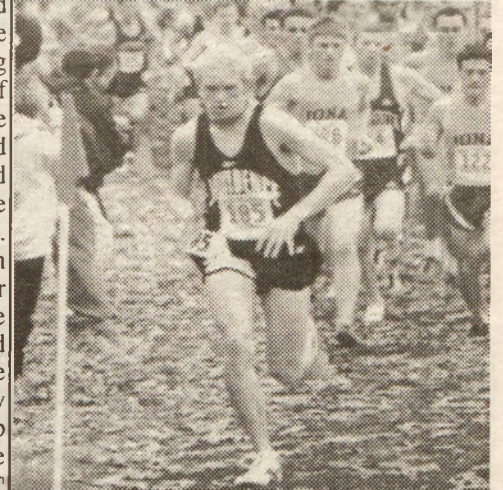


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Senior Keith Kelly won the NCAA Northeast Regional in a time of 29:30

from Brown.

"I ran the race at my own pace, and that was more than enough for me to win," commented Kelly on his performance. "I was disappointed that we didn't win it

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Wildcats outlast tenacious Friars Two good efforts can't produce wins for PC

BY DAVE REGAN '00
ASST. SPORTS EDITOR

The season has gotten off to a slow start for the PC hockey team. A rough schedule and problems with goal scoring has led the Friars to a 2-4 start to the 99-00 campaign; but with plenty of time to turn things around, head coach Paul Pooley and his team looked to turn things around, beginning with the number three ranked Wildcats of New Hampshire. Even with some of their best efforts to date, it was not meant to be. UNH took both weekend games with the Friars, a 3-2 overtime win on Friday night, and spoiling the home opener for the Friars last Saturday night, 2-1.

PC came out roaring in the home opener, putting plenty of good chances on UNH goaltender Ty Conklin, with senior captain Doug Sheppard and sophomore winger Drew Omicioli putting the most pressure on Conklin. But PC

junior goalkeeper Boyd Ballard was his equal in the other net, including a spectacular glove save on Matt Souza with

on Ballard at 14:46 of the second period. While on the power play, Souza blasted a shot from the right point that beat



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Junior goalie Boyd Ballard made 23 saves against UNH

twenty-six seconds left in the first period, keeping the game scoreless.

UNH finally broke though

Ballard to make it 1-0. UNH doubled their lead at the 16:17 mark of the second period, when Darren Haydar picked up

a rebound in front of the Friar net, and dented the twine for the 2-0 Wildcat lead. The Friars cut the lead in half just a minute and a half later. Sheppard took a feed from senior center Jerry Keefe, and blasted a shot that beat Conklin for his fifth goal of the year, and giving the Friars life.

The game, which was physical to this point, became more of a clean hockey game in the third as both teams looked to score goals and put the game way. Senior winger Fernando Pisani had the best chance to tie the game 3:50 into the third period, but Conklin was able to stickcheck the puck away from Pisani and eliminate a possible open net situation. Again, when UNH challenged on the other end, Ballard was Conklin's equal, robbing David Busch and Haydar of good scoring opportunities.

Conklin made twenty-six

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Bring down the house

You know, as a basketball coach I am always trying to find a way to get our team to the NCAA Tournament. The thrill of attaining such a goal is inexplic-

able, one of the greatest rushes you can experience. Along with that feeling of crea-

ting something not there before, something new, something you can take pride in, something you can take ownership of, and put your name on. In my sixteen years of coaching college basketball I have coached in some wonderful arenas. The crowds are intense, fun and totally engaged in their team, cheering and clapping at every shot or rebound.

And that was the overriding sense: it was their team, the fans took ownership. If the team won,

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Jim Jabir

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