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Making Way for St. Dominic Grotto Crumbles in Preparation for Chapel Foundation

By **CAYLEN MACERA '01**
Asst. News Editor

Walking down Grotto Lane, it is difficult to imagine that the rubble where the World War II memorial once stood will be transformed into Providence College's first centralized place of worship.

A chain-link fence, a bulldozer, and the sounds of drilling are sure signals that the new Chapel is underway—because, before the Chapel could be built, the former Grotto had to be dismantled.

Ground was broken on Wednesday, June 30 with a ceremony at the Grotto. The construction project included knocking down the wall and eliminating the hill behind it. According to Joe Brum, Chapel Committee Chair and Vice President of Alumni/Development, the "stones, original plaques, and original statures will all be saved and

reused to construct the smaller grotto, which will lead to the Chapel's main entrance."

"The second step is excavating the hole for the foundation and connecting the utilities: power, light, and heat to the site," said Brum.

Mark Raposa, Director of Business Strategy, added, "At the beginning of next week they will start the excavation for the foundation." The Chapel will have two levels; the bottom level will be the campus ministry center and the top level



Photo by Jason Grabowski '01

Broken cement blocks and a bulldozer fill the vacancy that was once the Grotto

will be the Chapel itself.

Silvia Nicolas, a fifth generation stained glass artist from Holland, is designing the windows inside the chapel. Her work can be found in churches throughout Europe and the United States. Brum added, "one of the great features of the

chapel is the stained glass window... The stained glass artist is very talented."

But the construction held an unforeseen obstacle when a retaining wall and footing was found

beneath the grass mound. Raposa said, "Once we started taking the stones down we [discovered] a cement retaining wall and footing that we didn't know was there." This threw the construction schedule off a couple of weeks. Raposa added "After the stone was stripped

we had to get another subcontractor to remove the retaining wall and footing... that set us back two weeks." Raposa also said, "At the end this week all remnants of the grotto will be gone."

According to Chaplain Rev. Joseph Barranger, "There have been discussions of incorporating small monuments to honor the Korean and Vietnam War Veterans so this way the war memorial has expanded to include others." He added, "Grotto masses will still be held."

Over the years the condition of the Grotto has deteriorated. "After working here so many years and seeing the decay of the Grotto, the Chapel will be a welcome addition... fixing the Grotto would be costly and the new Chapel will fulfill the intentions the Grotto was built for," said Ted DeNicola, Director

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Gravity Games Hit Providence

By **RYAN AINSCOUGH '02**
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When Kevin Robinson, a twenty-seven year old lifetime resident of East Providence, talks about his job, you get the impression that the life of a professional BMX biker is all pros and no cons.

"It really doesn't feel like a job. I'm getting paid for something I love to do," he explained enthusiastically. "To me it's like the 'American dream.'"

The aspects of the job he failed to mention, however, force most people to disagree.

Kevin has suffered "a broken pelvis, two broken legs, a separated shoulder, reconstructive surgery for an ankle and a lot of concussions."

In addition to a high threshold of pain, Kevin possesses an extraordinary amount of optimism and open-mindedness. Most of the athletes— as well as the spectators who participated in the Providence's inaugural Gravity Games this past week— share these common traits. (Well, maybe only the

second two.)

Over 200,000 spectators took part in this interactive, weeklong event. The atmosphere, according to most, was laid-back. "Everybody seems to

"The past five years, the city has improved eighty percent...people want to come downtown...it makes people more sociable."

-Kevin Robinson, BMX Biker

be calm and enjoying themselves," observed Louis and Gloria Marciano, one of a few elderly couples in attendance.

The week's events, which ran from September 5th through the 12th, were co-sponsored by NBC and EMAP Peterson, Inc. and will be aired on Sundays in October. In addition to the professional competition, which turned Waterplace Park, College Hill, and Roger Williams



Photo by Tim Coughlin '00

A skateboarder begins a descent onto the skating course Sunday.

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A Changing Campus ~The Student Perspective~

By **KRISTEN L. DIQUOLLO '02**
News Staff

The engines of bulldozers paving the way for an east campus parking lot, the clamor of jackhammers pounding through the Grotto, and the ringing of drills remodeling Slavin and Peterson are all too familiar sounds this semester at Providence College. While this work will benefit the school in the end, many have been inconvenienced in the process.

Alarm clocks may soon become obsolete for PC residents, for the resounding noise from the construction vehicles each morning have come to serve the same purpose.

"I can hear [the construction] in the morning sometimes, and it's annoying," said Michelle Burns '02, a resident of Aquinas.

Michelle Viani '02 agreed, stating, "The noise wakes me up every morning." Viani lives in Mal Brown with a view overlooking a newly leveled ground of dirt and stone. Her room-mate, Shayne

Harrington '02, shared complaints about having to keep their windows closed because the sound of jackhammers constantly floods their apartment.

Though Anne Donahoe '00, also living in Mal Brown, explained she is indifferent to the noise because she is awake for classes by seven o'clock. That was not the case two weeks ago. "It was irritating before classes began because I wanted to sleep in."

Despite these nuisances, the resilience of a tired college student should never be underestimated, for many students explained that the noise has not bothered them as much as it has others.

"I can't hear it over my roommate's snoring," joked Samatha Samberg '01 of Ditraglia.

Gabe Matyiko '01 has a similar outlook.

"The construction noise doesn't bother me while I'm sleeping... what's worse are the seven o'clock bells at Saint Pius. Those are three times as

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City Beats

By JENNIFER MORAN '02
News Staff

No more driving out of state for a trip to the mall, or to catch the latest flick. PC students look out: Providence Place has arrived, and it's just a few minutes away from campus.

A late summer opening of the new mall welcomed college kids back to Providence. It rises up from the heart of downtown with a splendid view of the city. While still under heavy construction, about thirty stores are open for business, and many more are on the way. Grand openings of stores and restaurants alike will grace the three floors throughout the year and into the spring.

Providence Place is an upscale shopping plaza with all the variety of shops, restaurants and theaters you would need to meet your every desire. Whether you are picking up a few needed things at CVS, or picking out a birthday present for your significant other at Nordstrom, Providence Place has it all. Just be careful, or you could lose all your money in one trip. Unfortunately, the mall wasn't designed with a student's budget in mind.

Stores that are now open include J. Crew, The Gap, Nordstrom, Express, Bebe, Guess, Brooks Brothers and more. Don't worry, Abercrombie and Fitch is opening soon. Also coming is Filenes's, Banana Republic and OOP!, the famous gift shop which can also be found on Thayer Street.

If you love high class shopping, make Nordstrom one of your first stops. You can scan the three floors while listening to live piano music, a trademark of the store. A café nestled next to the store's entrance never fails to draw lines of people at lunchtime. The store has a bright atmosphere and is always bustling with activity.

Soon students can dine in the food court, choosing from options like Cathay Cathay, Desert Moon Café, Flamers or Pizzeria Regina. Right now Ronzio's Pizza and Pickpockets are open if you need a quick snack.

Specialty food stores like Godiva Chocolate, as well as Ben and Jerry's and Lindt Chocolate, are a couple favorites. But if you're in the mood for a nicer atmosphere, check out Fire and Ice or Pizzeria Uno, where you can sit down and enjoy a good meal.

For you avid movie buffs, Providence Place offers a Hoyts 16 screen movie theater as well as an Imax 3-D theater. These attractions will be located on the fourth floor entertainment level. This makes it easy to stop in at the mall for a movie, a nice meal and a little shopping, all in one trip.

So now you are all excited to start spending your money at Providence Place - but how do you get there? Well, the mall is a five to ten minute drive from campus. Just go down Smith Street past the Newport Creamery to the State House. Then take a right onto Francis Street. This will bring you straight to the mall.

Parking is complimentary at the moment, due to the inconvenience of construction. Eventually there will be a parking fee, but with a receipt from the mall a lower parking rate will be available. To avoid the extra cost public transportation might be a better idea.

For those of you that need the extra cash, you might consider getting a job at Providence Place. There are job opportunities in the shops, restaurants and theaters. For information call 401-273-6255.

INSIDE CONGRESS

The 50th Student Congress is dedicated to establishing more effective modes of communication with the student body. Meetings are held on a weekly basis, every Monday at 5:30, and are open to the entire school. We will be posting agendas of topics to be discussed in general discussion, as well as issues to be presented as legislation, in Lower Slavin and outside of our meetings. This will allow students to attend meetings that they find to be of particular interest. We will also be using various types of handouts/advertisements, to keep everyone updated on the most important happenings within Student Congress... after all, this is YOUR ORGANIZATION.

The first official meeting of the Student Congress was this past Monday. The most important issues that were either debated, or that are currently circulating through our subordinate committees are, as follows:

- **Feasibility of the Rugby teams playing on campus on a permanent basis.**
While all sides involved are in favor of this, the biggest obstacle right now is the layout of the field (the dimensions/lines not being appropriate for an official rugby game). Since a use for the Hendricken Field is intended to be determined for a permanent basis, the school needs to look at what the best overall use for the field will be, and whether this will deem in usable by the rugby team. We will have a better idea on a time frame for this within the coming weeks.
- **The rules that an inactive/unofficial club needs to go through in gaining student support, and congress funding.**
Discussion centers around whether clubs that are unrecognized by the Congress should be able to use the Student Congress Club Fair to gauge school-wide interest. The dilemma present being that the intentions/constitutions of the clubs have not received approval, and therefore may not be in accordance with the school mission statement.
- **Dealing with safety problems off-campus.**
Primarily, ways to work with off-campus housing to crack down on landlords and their dealings with housing inspections and insufficient leases.

Both Freshman Class Officer elections and Residence Hall elections are Thursday, September 30th. All interested should attend the informational session on Monday, September 20th in Slavin 203.

All Students: Stop by the Congress Office in Lower Slavin at any time, and keep in mind that are meetings open to everyone. We will keep you in touch with our weekly agenda.

Compiled by Student Congress

Note to All Students

Charge: Possession of an open container
1. Fine \$100.00
2. Referral to Maureen Quinlan

Charge: Unauthorized possession of property of another
1. Disciplinary probation until December 31, 1999

Rape Aggression Defense (RAD):

1. is a nationally recognized basic education program of self-defense.
2. is designed specifically for women. Is a program that ranges from awareness, prevention, risk reduction, and avoidance to the basics of hands on defensive training.

RAD Classes:

1. are open to all female students, faculty, and staff.
2. are limited to 12 participants.
3. consists of six 2-hour classes.
4. meet on Tuesdays and Thursdays, from 6:30 to 8:30 PM.
5. location to be advised.

For more information on specific class schedules, or to reserve a space in a class contact Sgt. Ray Jarvis, Security Dept. at 865-2388, or e-mail rjarvis.

Student Services has changed their name to S.A.I.L., or Student Activities Involvement and Leadership.

PC Community Responds to Sexual Assault

College Addresses Need for Greater Awareness in Security and Safety

By REBECCA PIRO '00
News Editor

Last month, two Providence women were attacked and sexually assaulted in their homes, alone and unsuspecting.

One of them was a PC student. Early on a Saturday morning, an intruder, possibly accompanied by another individual, forced entry into the victim's house by cutting a screen in a kitchen window, according to a Providence Journal report. One of the intruders held the woman at gunpoint, and forced her to perform a sexual act, said Captain Martin Hames of the detective unit for Providence Police.

No one has been charged with the crime as of yet. Almost three weeks later, the woman is back at PC and doing quite well, under the circumstances, said Rev. J. Stuart McPhail, O.P., Vice President of Student Services.

But the healing process is slow. While this shocking incident occurred before most of the student body had moved in for the fall semester, many

students were affected by the tragedy. "I'm afraid to be by myself," said Laura Smith '00, an off-campus resident. "I love living here, but I have a very low sense of security here."

"It was a terrible incident," Erika Manos '00 said, a resident of Davis. "You always hear about (such crimes), but it doesn't actually register until it happens to someone close to you, or in your age group. You really don't even have to know them," she added.

Rev. Joseph Barranger, O.P. expressed hope that the campus will pull together to get past this incident and avoid future ones, starting with a deeper concern for others, and a greater awareness for their well being.

"Students should take responsibility for each other," he said. "Friends should watch out for one another." If people are at a party, he added, they should make sure that their friends are not leaving to walk home alone. "This might sound obvious, but it is amazing how many students start out in a group and then wind up walking through the neighborhood by themselves."

PC Security has been on alert ever

since the incident, said Philip Reilly, Chief of Security, and officers were patrolling the off-campus area every night up until last weekend.

"We are beefing up (on security) a little more than we have done before," said Chief Reilly. "Police rounds will be increased up through Columbus Day weekend."

Despite this particular incident in August, students need not fear that the College is in a dangerously high crime area, he said. "It is unusual this thing has happened," he continued, "because this is not considered a high crime area of Providence."

"The neighborhood situation has not been any worse (than in past years)," agreed Fr. McPhail. "In some areas it has even improved. But that doesn't mean that there aren't isolated incidents."

However, safety all comes down to the students in the end. "It really is up to the students to be secure," Chief Reilly said.

On and off-campus individuals need to develop safe habits at all times, such as walking in small groups, avoiding unlit areas and reporting

suspicious incidents to the police and College. Most importantly, doors and windows should be kept locked.

"If you leave your door open, you

~What should set PC students apart is the way that they care for one another, even when it's inconvenient~

Rev. Joseph Barranger, O.P.

are inviting a potential problem," Fr. McPhail said. "When you move into the city, you have to constantly remember to protect yourself."

Many students are realistic about the need to be smart when living in urban areas.

"We have a security alarm at our house, and we put it on every night before we go to bed. We also have two locks on our apartment door," said Keri Brown '00, an off-campus resident. "I feel safe for the most part."

"You have to be careful, not naive," said Maria Canetta '00, who also lives off-campus. "You have to be aware every minute."

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Safety Tips:

1. Never walk alone, always walk with at least one other person.
2. Know where the call boxes are located on campus.
3. Walk in well lit areas.
4. If there is an emergency dial extension 2222 on any call box.
5. Do not prop doors.
6. Use the escort service.
7. If you live off-campus make sure all of your doors are locked at all times.

Father Smith Voted In for Another Term

By BETH WATERFALL '01
NEW STAFF

Providence College's twenty-eight member Board of Trustees, a group of Providence College alumni, faculty, and others, made a significant decision last October. It is a decision that affects the PC community in many ways: the decision to re-elect Rev. Philip A. Smith, O.P. to the Office of the President of Providence College for his second five-year term.

Opinions about the Board's decision vary among students, faculty members, and other members of the community, but it is obvious from their unanimous vote that Board members are confident in their decision.

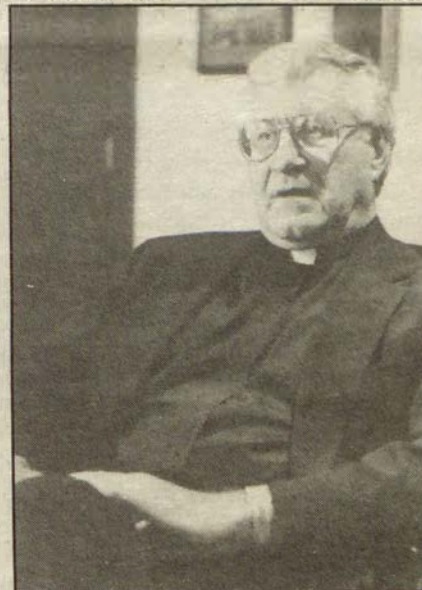
"The Board has been very pleased with Fr. Smith's performance over the past years," said Vice Chairman of the Board and PC alumnus David A. Duffy. "I think that this is a great time for Providence College, and Fr. Smith has had a lot to do with that."

Duffy declined to discuss the possibility of any other candidates being reviewed for the presidency, but added assuredly that the vote was a "slam dunk" for Fr. Smith.

Board members based their decision on apparent changes and improvements that have taken place at the College since Fr. Smith has been president, along with his performance at Board meetings and other direct criteria. But there is more that has improved during his first term.

"He's a fine administrator and the school is doing very well under his direction," the Honorable Judge Anthony A. Giannini, a member of the PC Board of Trustees explained.

Giannini also pointed out that the test scores, class rank, and overall quality of incoming freshmen to the College has



Fr. Smith, embarking on his second five year term.

improved since Fr. Smith has been.

Other criteria considered for the re-appointment traces back to 1994 when Fr. Smith was originally reviewed by the Board of Trustees. "He met [the criteria] then and he certainly meets them now," Giannini insists.

Fr. Smith was the only candidate reviewed for the position of President of the College, Giannini pointed out, and added that the only reason for the Board to consider anyone else would be if there had been a vacancy. Also, Giannini believes that "Father has done such a good job over the past five years...that it would be foolhardy to consider anyone else."

This re-election means that Fr. Smith will continue to serve as President of Providence College for five more years; his second term. Duffy, Giannini and members of the Board of Trustees are confident that Fr. Smith will execute his duties successfully and prestigiously, and that another "slam dunk" vote is possible in 2005.

P.C. Grabs #2 Seed

By MELISSA B. GAGE '01
NEWS STAFF

We are #2. Second only to Villanova University, Providence College has again ranked number two in the northern division of the *US News and Report's* annual college guide, *America's Best Colleges*.

"It is nice that someone else is supporting documentation of what the college has already had as an assessment," said the Vice President for Academic Administration, Thomas Canavan.

"Five years ago, it was certainly gratifying for Providence College to be ranked among the top three regional

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Thomas Canavan, Vice President for Academic Administration

universities in the north by such a well-recognized external source," said college president the Rev. Phillip A. Smith, O.P. "Sustaining that level of recognition as one of the nation's premier liberal arts colleges for five for five consecutive years - and maintaining the #2 position again this year - is a strong affirmation that Providence College is meeting the rigorous academic standards we have set for ourselves," noted Fr. Smith.

504 "regional universities" were surveyed for the rankings in four geographic regions (North, South, Midwest, and West). 146 of those schools are recognized by *US News* in

the north regional rankings. The top twenty-five percent of schools in each region are assigned a number ranking which identifies them as the best in their category. The schools that are remaining are placed in second, third and fourth tiers.

"Some schools choose not to participate, but that number is very small," said Canavan.

Each college is evaluated on eleven categories to produce an overall score. PC's overall score was a 91 out of 100.

The academic reputation score is earned from a survey filed out by the presidents and vice presidents of the college. The average freshmen retention rate, average graduation rate,

The percent of classes under 20, the percent of classes of 50 students or more, student to faculty ratio, and the percent of full-time faculty are some of the criterion that concern some students.

"You can get to know your teachers on a more personal level," commented Kelly Elam '01 on the student to ratio. "They seem to take a more personal interest in you," she added.

"The teachers don't seem to care about getting the point across," said one Junior with a different perspective of teachers on this campus. "It (classes and teachers) doesn't live up to my conception of what education should be," he added.

Some of the other guidelines used to rank each school are the SAT/ACT scores in the twenty-fifth to the seventy-

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Burst Pipe Causes Mayhem

By KATE SCHARTNER '01
NEW STAFF

Many rumors are going around about the construction going on between Slavin and the Peterson Center, but hopefully this will put an end to them. No, Providence College is not installing an outdoor underground swimming pool (although, that would be nice). The College's water system, though, is involved in the construction going on in this area.

Back in August, one of PC's water pipes burst, causing a problem with our underground water system. The pipe system was as old as the campus itself and showed much wear, stress and strain, said said Mark Raposa, Director of Business Strategy for the college. When the pipe burst, the college decided it was time to replace the whole underground system, visible through the construction going on behind the Slavin Center and in front of the Peterson Recreation Center.

"Four lines of chilled and hot water are being re-routed, which are going to reconnect to some of the existing lines," said Raposa. "This is being done for future use, so that the system will be reliable for years to come."

All of the exterior construction you see around the Peterson area deals with this pipeline problem. According to

Raposa, this construction is necessary because the burst water pipe was evidence that the College's old system needed to be re-routed and some of it replaced.

"The pipes are gigantic," added Raposa. "They are being installed in the lines that run thru Peterson, Alumni, Slavin, and the Physical Plant."

The work is being run by the Turgeon Construction Company who is coordinating the efforts of a few different subcontractors, along with the College. Turgeon's Paul Thomas is the supervisor of this project and the sight manager for the company on behalf of the school.

Turgeon Construction is also working on various other construction projects throughout the campus. The college, along with Turgeon, is currently working on a locker room project in the Peterson Recreation Center. They are also the company working on the construction of the new freestanding chapel on campus.

"Since they stuck the shovels in the ground over a month ago, hopefully the dirty part of the installation and exterior excavations will be finished by the middle of October," said Raposa.

"This water pipe installation is an extensive project," he added. "It will, though, benefit the college for years to come."

Balfour Center Announces Plans for the Year to Come

By JULIANNA PATSOURAKAS '02
NEWS STAFF

It is a brand new year for the Martin Luther King and Southeast Asian scholars, who gathered last week for the first time this semester to discuss various plans for the academic year.

"I am enthusiastic about you becoming part of the Providence College community," Rev. Thomas Keegan said to the 116 recipients.

The Martin Luther King scholarship, directed by Bateman L. Harris, M.Ed., was set up in 1968 after King's death to give financial aid to academically qualified U.S. undergraduates of color. The Cunningham Southeast Asian Scholarship, directed by Fr. Barrera, is given to qualified Southeast Asian students.

Dr. Wilesse Comissiong, Dean of the Balfour Center, told the group to take advantage of the Center and inform friends and roommates about its resources. "The Balfour Center is a resource center for the entire campus," Comissiong. Other speakers from the college encouraged the students to make the most out of this year at PC. The Balfour Center, located in Harkins 310, offers various multicultural magazines, books, videos, and audios that are available to all students to use for loan or research. The Balfour Center also provides decorating ideas to resident assistants for their floor for different months and festivities.

The Balfour Center fosters its tight environment with its assignment of peer mentors to the freshmen recipients. Each freshman scholarship recipient is paired up with a sophomore, junior, or senior mentor who is available to answer any questions the student may have. "We do everything we can to support our scholars so they complete four years here at PC," said Comissiong. This is the first year that students other than Martin Luther King or Southeast Asian scholars have received mentors. Comissiong

wants every first year student to know that if they want a peer mentor, they can stop by the Balfour Center.

Jackie Ferrer '01 and David Martinez '00 are the peer mentor coordinators. Over the summer, Ferrer surveyed both first year students and returning students about their major, interests, likes and dislikes and paired up students she thought would work well together.

"Your mentor is a resource person," said Ferrer. In the past, students have developed strong relationships with their mentor. "Some of the mentors who have apartments can cook dinners for their mentorees," commented Comissiong.

Angela Maina '03, a Martin Luther King Scholarship recipient, who moved to the United States six months ago from Kenya, shared the sentiment that all students should take advantage of the Balfour Center. "I just want to let everyone know that the Balfour Center is not open just to multicultural students but to everyone. It's an exciting learning experience and a nice way to meet people," commented Maina.

Comissiong looked forward to the coming academic year and reflected upon past years. "We have enjoyed a wonderful retention rate over the years and are confident we will have a high retention rate this year," said Comissiong.

Comissiong is very enthusiastic about the upcoming year and especially about the class of 2003. "This freshman group that has been recruited is just terrific," Comissiong said.

The scholars are looking forward to events this year such as a Martin Luther King vigil, poetry readings, a Black History month banquet, language lessons, and volunteer projects such as the Teach-In. These events are open to all students and faculty on campus. "To me, multicultural means many cultures... We all have heritages, that's one thing we all have in common," Comissiong remarked.

HEALTH & COLLEGE LIFE

By CAYLEN MACERA '01
Asst. News Editor

Alcohol awareness and drinking responsibly are two important lessons students need to learn when they first get to college. Alcohol is a drug, and like other sedatives it is a central nervous system depressant, according to the Alcohol pamphlet in the Personal Counseling Service.

The first way to drink responsibly is to remember you must be 21 to consume alcohol. "Drinking responsibly is if you are over 21, and you set a limit before you start drinking," said Barbara Fiorvanti, S.T.E.P. I Coordinator.

Social drinking is defined as no more than one standard drink per hour, and no more than three drinks in one day, but not every day.

Alcohol can have different effects on different people. Fiorvanti added, "You need to know when you are past your amount and that may be different for everyone." One drink for one person may have the same effect as three drinks for another person. How much and how fast alcohol is consumed, whether or not there is food in the stomach, and other factors such as weight, tolerance, personality, mood, and environment all effect how people will behave when drinking.

The effect alcohol has can be short term and long term. Alcohol can impair vision, other senses, memory, muscular coordination, and judgement. The larger the dose of alcohol, the greater the effects. If a larger amount of alcohol is consumed, its depressant effect on the brain can also cause unconsciousness, coma, respiratory failure, and death. Fiorvanti said, "Alcohol can also affect your immune system and your lack of energy."

Long term effects can also be serious. Alcohol taken in larger quantities over a long period of time can damage body organs, including the liver, heart, and brain. According to Shannon Cleary, co-coordinator of S.T.E.P I, other problems include, "Violent tendencies, drunk driving, and addiction."

Legal problems are another consequence when drinking. Poor judgement and irresponsibility when drinking could lead to problems with driving under the influence, violence, domestic and relationship conflicts.

Alcohol causes physical and psychological dependence. Psychological dependence occurs when a drinker uses alcohol as an escape from problems and stress. When a drinker continues to consume alcohol, a tolerance is developed. The drinker's body then needs to consume a higher level of alcohol to obtain the same effects. When a drinker's body needs alcohol to function, physical dependence is present.

Students need to think about the consequences of drinking before they pick up an alcoholic beverage. Fiorvanti added, "[Students] need to always look at consequences as a result of one's alcohol use."

For any additional information about drinking, please contact the Personal Counseling Service at extension 2343.

Class Absence Notification Policy

The Office of the Dean of Undergraduate Studies provides instructors with notification of class absences upon student request if one of the following conditions exists:

1. Documented medical condition or illness that results in two or more consecutive class absences
2. Illness or death of immediate family member (parent, grandparents, sibling, child)
3. Student representing Providence College in an official capacity as recognized by the Dean of Undergraduate Studies. Documentation from the appropriate department (athletics, academic department, etc.) may be required.

Students who request instructor notification letters for short-term illnesses will be expected to pick up this written notification from the Office of the Dean of Undergraduate Studies and submit this documentation to their instructors for review. Students should be prepared to discuss all makeup work and other academic issues with their instructors at that time.

Instructors who wish to obtain verification of one-day class absences may contact the Office of the Dean of Undergraduate Studies. Written documentation is not provided in such instances. Also, absence notifications are not provided after the last day of classes. Students are expected to contact their instructors if they find it necessary to miss a final exam.

Please note: Instructors and students should be aware that class absence notifications from the Office of the Dean of Undergraduate Studies are strictly informational and advisory. Students should plan to meet with their individual instructors to discuss the effect of their class absences on their academic course responsibilities.

Gravity Games: A Big Impact in Providence

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Memorial Park into alternative sport arenas, the Games included an interactive Festival Village adjacent to Kennedy Plaza in Burnside Park. Product booths showcased alternative sport products and smaller versions of a street course, a dirt course, a climbing wall and a dive tank, all for the spectator to try their hand at, filled the park with activity.

The crowd was entertained by alternative films played on outdoor big-



Photo by Tim Coughlin '00

screens and a variety of local bands. On Friday night, the musical aspect of the festival culminated in a concert featuring Kid Rock, the Foo Fighters, Primus, and Busta Rhymes at the Civic Center. All of the events were free, with the exception of the large concert.

Events such as the Gravity Games signal a change coming to Providence, noted many spectators. "I've lived here all my life," said Robinson while taking a brake from his Bike Vert practice. "The past five years, the city's improved eighty percent...people want to come downtown...it makes people more sociable."

The Marcianos agreed. "We're very impressed with the evolution of the city," they said.

Providence was chosen for the event partly because of this atmosphere. "The community understands these sports," explained Scott Seymour, executive director of Advantage International, who was involved in the selec-

tion process from the start. He went on to point out how 50,000 college students within a 250-mile radius guaranteed a strong fan base.

The city beat out eight other cities that were proposed for the event on the basis of acceptable conditions including

hills, proximity to water, and a city atmosphere.

What Providence has done for the events, and what the events have done for Providence, however, is secondary in the minds of most that attended the Games. What they have done for the athletes and the sports they love is a bigger concern.

"The Gravity Games are all about the athletes," Seymour said, describing how the athletes were catered to in every aspect of the games. They even had a hand in the design of the courses they competed on. This partnership created what Seymour described as "the best street course that has ever been built," as well as "the best dirt course."

The athletes themselves agreed. "They took care of the athletes better than most competitions," said Cesar Mora, one of the most renowned in-line skaters in the world.

Most athletes also commented on the easy-going tone of the events. "I think what they were going for was a more relaxed feel," said one skateboarder. "They succeeded."

It is not surprising that an emphasis on the enjoyment of the games, rather than the competition, would appeal to these alternative athletes. One athlete, for example, is humble when it comes to his performance, yet eager to relate his love of the sport. "I got to skate the course for four days," he said, "that's all I really care about."

Robinson expressed a similar love for his sport while explaining the beginning of his career in biking. It appealed to him due to "the freedom of it...no coaches, no dependence upon other people...it's all self taught." While he is momentarily suspended eight feet higher than the half-pipe ramp he performs on,



Photo by Tim Coughlin '00

cameras flashing and spectators rendered silent, it is not hard to see why he feels this way.

However, he does not, however, shy away from the fact that his sport, once a street corner diversion, is growing worldwide. "To me a sport is a sport," he said.

NBC will be bringing alternative sports to the attention of Americans across the country with these games, said Seymour. "It's being promoted like the Olympics...they're taking this very seriously," he explained. He went on to agree with Robinson in welcoming this attention. "Whether they like it or not, these guys are true Olympians because they do it for the love of the sport," he said.

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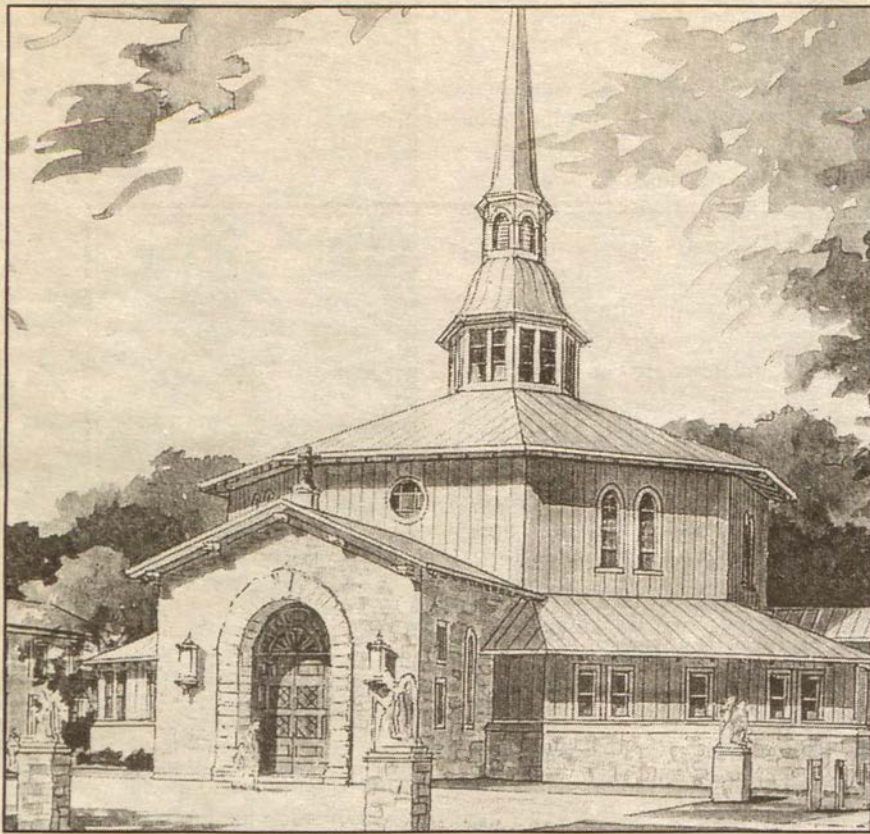
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An artist's depiction of how the Chapel will look upon completion.



This summer's groundbreaking on St. Dominic Chapel

Chapel Construction

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Ted DeNicola, Director Alumni/Development.

"That area (the Grotto) had been intended exclusively for sacred worship. Over the years as the Grotto has deteriorated, Mass has only been celebrated twice a year and the ground was used for other purpose... i.e. Grotto Beach," said Fr. Barranger.

St. Dominic's Chapel, the name chosen by students, faculty, staff, and the Dominican community, is "to be finished September of 2000, assuming we don't get any severe winter that could slow it [construction] down or a delay in material delivery," said Brum.

The Chapel Committee distributed a questionnaire through the Chaplain's Office at the beginning of the last academic school year to get input on the name of the chapel, and to decide on the religious themes. Two forums were also held with faculty and students to "brief them on the plans for the chapel and to solicit their ideas for the name, the theme (of the Chapel), and the project in general," says Brum. "The name St. Dominic came out pretty far ahead than

any other idea," added Brum.

"I loved the name St. Dominic because he is the founder of the Dominican Order," commented Fr. Barranger.

A dedication is being planned for the Fall of 2000. "We will plan a big dedication ceremony to officially open and dedicate the chapel, but it is a little too early and we want to see how the project is going," said Brum.

Since students have been back on campus, a sign has been placed on Grotto Lane saying that no parking is allowed past the sign. Brum said that this is a safety issue. "It will be an inconvenience but there is no way to get around it."

Brum said, "When the project is complete it will be something that everyone in the PC community will be proud of... it is a unique, high quality building that will be a special place of worship."

Fr. Barranger adds, "We must remember those wonderful experiences we have had with the Grotto in the past, keeping in mind what we see in one year will take our breath away."

College Responds to Assault

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every minute."

Fr. McPhail stressed that the College supports any student, on or off-campus, who suffers any form of violence.

"We want to put all of the College's resources at that student's disposal, including the Chaplain's office and counseling services," he said.

PC worked hard to get the word out when the incident first occurred, he added, to ensure students were alert and aware to the situation. Messages were posted on the off-campus safety and security board in lower Slavin, as well as on the mailroom doors.

"I didn't want the information to be missed, and we were trying to reach off-campus students as well," Fr. McPhail said.

He also encouraged students to keep the College informed about suspicious incidents, because, "If it's not reported to us, there's not much I can do to help."

Not only must students be aware of themselves and their immediate surroundings, but also they need to expand that watchful eye to their fellow classmates, neighbors and friends.

"What should set PC students apart is the way that they care for one another, even when it's inconvenient," said Fr. Barranger. "If we don't do this, then we not only fail our friends, we fail ourselves."

Gravity Games

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And it is this love of the sport, coupled with an overwhelming sense of acceptance and individuality, which brought together so many varied spectators. From the shirtless twenty-year-old with a six-foot python over his shoulders to the sixty-something couple from Cranston to the thirty-year-old couple with multi-colored neon hair, all that attended had something positive to say. It was this love and this atmosphere, in effect, that forced people to compare it to the Olympics and to the 'American Dream'; that helped evoke the colorful splendor of the city of Providence with an intensity that has perhaps never been experienced before.

Providence Ranked #2

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fifth percentile, the percent of freshmen who were in the top 25 percent of their high school class, the alumni giving rate, and the acceptance rate of each school.

One issue that this ranking system does not cover is that of diversity.

"Administration didn't seem to be actively concerned," said the anonymous Junior about his concern for diversity.

"We believe it is possible to objectively compare schools on one key attribute: academic excellence," said *US News* in a methodology statement by Amy E. Graham and Robert J. Morse. The tables that appear in their charts are to help you weigh the relative academic strengths and weaknesses of the schools

Changing Campus

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loud," he said.

Sleep is not the only process being disrupted by the ruckus. Normal classroom lectures are often forced to compete with the outdoor noise.

"[The construction noise] has definitely disrupted the classroom, especially in Feinstein and Moore," said Kate Sheehan '02.

Mike Flanagan '01, a commuter, added that "the noise is distracting—it makes it more difficult to hear the teacher... I think it's more unfortunate for the people living on campus, but, what are you gonna do?"

On the other hand, students with classes far from construction sites are indifferent about the level of distraction.

"I've only noticed the noise maybe once or twice [during class], but it didn't bother me," stated Jenny Ferrara '02.

All noise aside, the construction poses yet another inconvenience to students: they have been forced to re-route their daily treks around campus.

"To get to Harkins and Albertus Magnus is a pain, because you have to either walk along Aquinas or along Eaton," explained Erin Curry '00, who departs daily from Mal Brown.

Shayne Harrington expressed the same dissatisfaction.

"I hate that I can't walk through the Grotto because now I have to leave extra time between classes."

While the disrupted traffic flow is a nuisance, the construction also crossed the line into being a danger to students.

John Spinella '02 encountered this problem recently in Peterson. As he was leaving the weight room, two workers carrying a large piece of tubing almost hit him.

"I think a great majority of this could have been done over the summer when the students weren't around... that would have been ideal," he commented.

Several other disgruntled students shared John's opinion concerning the poor scheduling of the construction during the first week of school.

That said, what is the one thing that students regret most about the construction that has consumed PC?

"The campus is not very attractive to look at anymore. We would have had a beautiful view of the Grotto from our apartment!" said Erin Curry.

So, as the bulldozers keep paving, the jackhammers keep clamoring, and the drills keep ringing, life meddles on for students at Providence College with dreams of peaceful mornings yet to come.

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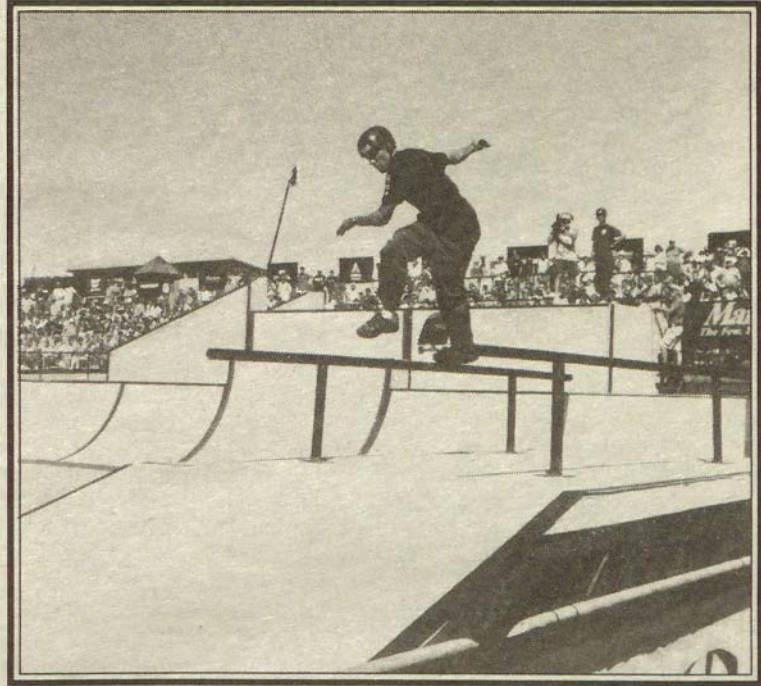
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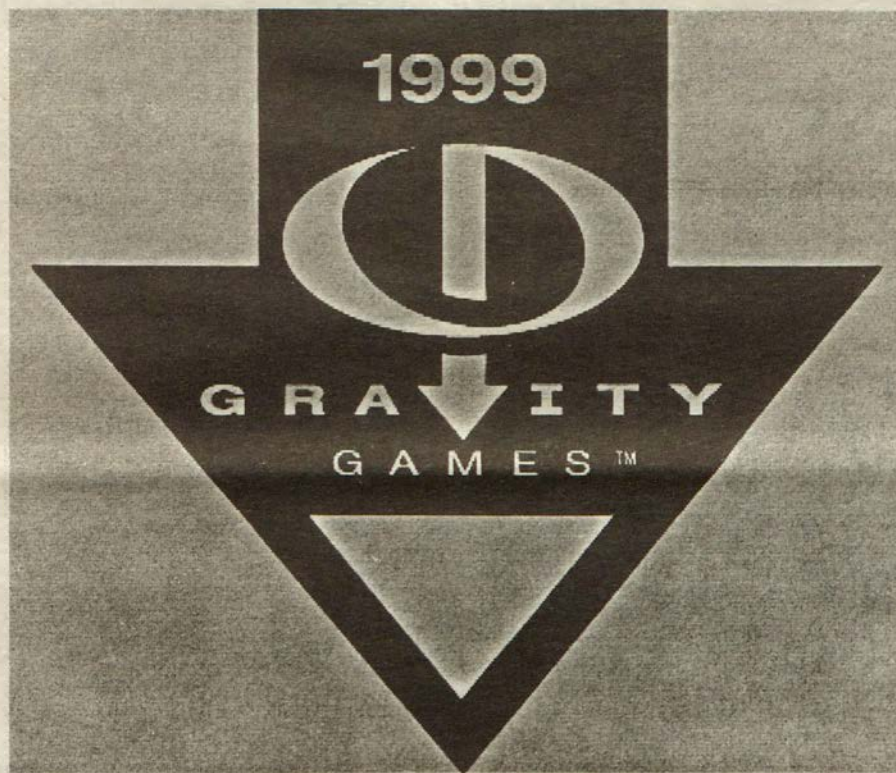
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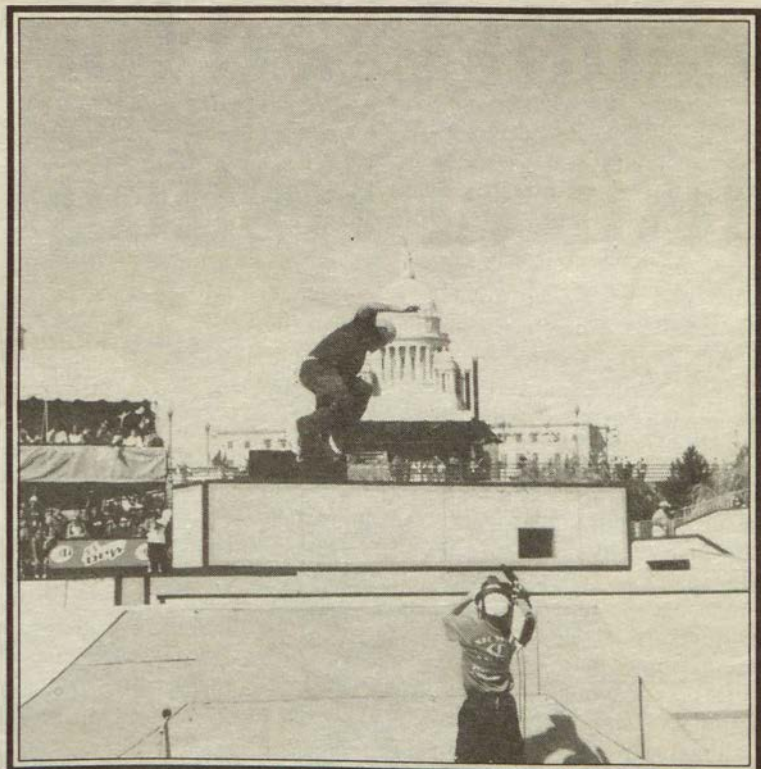
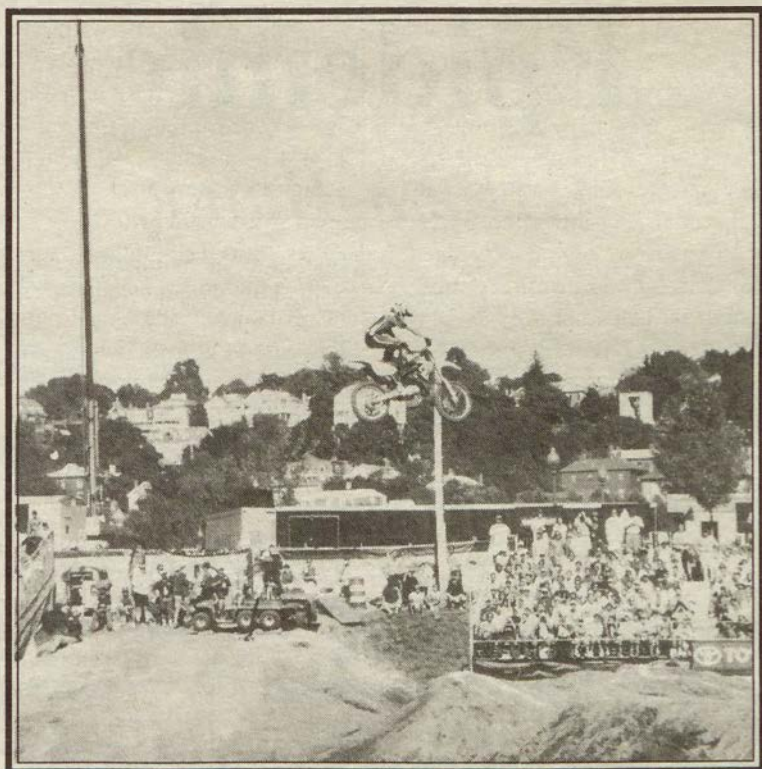
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“It really doesn’t feel like a job. I am getting paid for something I love to do. To me its like the American Dream.”
-Kevin Robinson



Scams Target Students

By JOHN MANSELLA '01
WORLD NEWS WRITER

It is roughly six in the evening on the night before a major academic assignment is due, when the phone rings with the distinct off-campus double ring. You answer, assuming it is an emergency, or a simple "hello" from mom and dad. The voice on the other end introduces themselves as a representative of a credit card company. You hang up the phone in a fit of rage.

These calls are more than an annoyance. Within the past couple of months, telemarketers have been targeting credit card customers, particularly college students and the elderly, with scams to make them pay for "protection" services that they do not need.

No, these are not the "protection" plans we see in the old mobster movies. These are plans that are generally to scare consumers about the possibility of theft, loss, or unexplainable problems that may become a problem in their account due to the emerging Y2K crisis.

One college student reported being charged \$240 dollars on his account, even though he insisted that he did not need the "extra protection" on his account. However, the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) mandates that credit card customers can only be charged up to \$50 in liability for superfluous services.

Most credit card companies waive such fees as a courtesy, however, and many others offer protection that is free. BankBoston sometimes waives the annual fee for credit card holders "based on good standing," as one representative explained. Visa, for example, offers two business days for a cardholder to report a lost or missing card. They call this the "zero liability" policy. Also,

many banks have made clear and tangible efforts to inform their customers of Y2K progress with their systems.

BankBoston, for example, has sent letters to customers notifying them that all Y2K computer changes have been made. They have also programmed their ATM machines to inform ATM users of the new computer changes. Citizens Bank, another regional bank, has also made a clear and tangible effort to inform their customers of their Y2K progress.

Credit card customers should look for certain signs that indicate a scam in a telemarketing call. Some scam artists recite part of the cardholder's card number and ask them to finish the rest, in an attempt to sound like a legitimate call. Some try to tell the cardholder that they are liable for charges up to \$400 or more, even if they do not consent to them. With all the fine print that comes with a new credit card, these scam artists operate by targeting those who are unaware of their rights and do not take the time to read the provisions of using their new card.

The American Bankers Association explains "Consumers should never need to provide their account information over the phone unless they initiated the call." They advocate calling the bank and asking if the program is in fact part of their services if you have doubts about a particular phone solicitation.

Consumers are advised to record their transactions carefully and scrutinize their billing statements to ensure that they are not being charged for additional services that they did not ask for or purchase.

If a solicitation reaches your home, apartment, or dorm room, it is in the cardholder's best interest to hang up and avoid giving personal information about themselves or their account.

Helium Used for Medical Testing

By MARY-JOY SPENCER
WORLD NEWS WRITER

The comedian's trick of inhaling helium to produce a high-pitched, squeaky voice is the newest advancement in learning how our bodies work. Through the use of hyperpolarized gases, doctors can now see how much air flows through the lungs—something other methods cannot do. Other scanning techniques such as MRI, (Magnetic Resonance Imaging) provide extraordinary illumination of certain parts of the body, but do not provide clear images of some organs. Helium supercedes the fairly hazy imaging produced by an MRI test.

Molecules of substances like gas spin randomly. When a laser is fired at certain gases, such as helium, the molecules temporarily spin in the same direction. This is called hyperpolarization. Patients inhale the hyperpolarized gas and hold their breath for ten seconds while the MRI scans. Helium is a benign sub-

stance, and is breathed by divers and comedians. Clinical trials are being prepared by New Jersey-based Nycomed Amersham Imaging to prove to the Food and Drug Administration that hyperpolarized helium lung scans are safe and useful.

The experimental technology is not just for lungs. Potential uses include testing for colon cancer, imaging the brain, and surveying the female reproductive system. The new method offers a much stronger image without the discomfort or radiation of some of today's testing methods.

Helium is not the only choice for a hyperpolarized gas. Xenon-129 may also be used. It is more abundant than helium-3, which Nycomed now must purchase from the former Soviet Union because the Defense Department will not sell its supplies. Xenon-129 may offer better brain scans because it can penetrate the brain, giving it an anesthetic effect.

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MRK (Merck, Co.)	68 1/16
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No Internet Taxation Without Representation!

By LISA KENYAN '02
WORLD NEWS WRITER

The newest craze in shopping is buying online and you can do it with ease from the privacy of your own home. And the biggest advantage is that you don't have to pay a sales tax on anything you order—at least not yet.

Congress recently chartered the Advisory Commission on Electronic Commerce to study the effects of taxation on the Internet and to make recommendations on taxing Internet sales. Many different issues factor into whether or not products on the Internet should be taxed.

One problem is what exactly constitutes a "product." The dispute pertains to whether the term refers to just products that are delivered or if it includes things like downloadable software as well. The next issue is how to keep track of sales. Where buying in a store is limited by geography, Internet sales are conducted in high volume between states. Internet companies would have to track the tax rate of each state in order to apply the correct taxes.

In 1998, the Internet Tax Freedom Act was passed, which said that no taxes could be imposed on Internet sales for three years, so that this idea and its effects could be studied. One fear that has risen in studying the Internet and sales

is that taxation may slow Internet commerce growth, which has boomed in the past few years. The opposing view is that Internet commerce is taking away from state sales and their sales tax revenue is decreasing, a revenue that state and local governments are dependent upon.

The Advisory Commission Chairman, Republican Governor James Gilmore of Virginia says that the board is thus far in agreement that Internet sales should be taxed just as physical sales are and that there is nothing to exempt the cyber world from taxation.

The problem then is how to go about taxing these sales, a problem comparable to that of mail-order sales. One idea that has been proposed is to have a uniform tax rate and system for all Internet sales so that they can be collected with greater ease. One option that has been offered is to make use of an Automatic Data Processing system so information can be collected and tracked and the taxes will be paid.

Politicians are worried that starting taxation on Internet sales will be seen as a new tax levy, which society may view negatively. The opposing side is that Internet sale taxation could bring in huge amounts of revenue, which could be allocated towards government programs and education.

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African AIDS Epidemic

GLOBAL BRIEF

By SARAH DWORAK '02
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Officials from the U.N. AIDS Organization, The World Health Organization, and World Bank met with various African leaders at an international press conference in Lusaka, Zambia, on Monday, September 6, to discuss the present AIDS crisis in Africa. At this 11th International Conference of AIDS and STDs, AIDS was declared a national disaster in at least 10 African countries.

Presently AIDS is claiming more victims in Africa than civil war and guerrilla warfare, with 11 million dead from the disease so far. More than two thirds of the world's AIDS sufferers live in Africa, and eighty percent of the world's AIDS deaths in the past 15 years have occurred on that continent. Five Africans become infected with the virus every two minutes.

The situation presents a serious social, political and economic threat to many African countries and is detrimental to a large portion of the continent's

population, including the most productive and highly educated citizens. This negative impact on Africa's human capital development is hindering, and in some cases, reversing health and social developments made in past decades.

The situation requires emergency response, which is being addressed by U.N. AIDS officials, the World Health Organization, and various African leaders, but not, surprisingly, the presidents of many African countries. At least 16 African presidents did not attend the conference in Lusaka. U.N. AIDS officials, African countries, and other organizations formed an International Partnership with a mission to "urgently mobilize governments, civil societies and the private sector worldwide...and to focus greater attention on the emergency nature of the epidemic."

In addition to a lack of government involvement from high-ranking officials, abuse of funds provided for purchasing drugs further complicates the situation. Nigerian researchers reported that \$88 out of every \$100 is misspent or given to officials as a kickback.

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American Eagle Victorious in Abercrombie Lawsuit

BY JOHN MANSELLA '01
WORLD NEWS WRITER

There is a popular song on the radio that repeatedly says, "I like girls that wear Abercrombie and Fitch." College students and teens are spending much money in clothing retail this year, particularly at Abercrombie and Fitch. American Eagle (Nasdaq: AEOS) has also surged in popularity, and its rising stock price is clear evidence of its booming success. Students and teens are beginning to fill their wardrobes with more and more attire that bears the "American Eagle Outfitters" name, a Pennsylvania-based company that has been involved in litigation with Abercrombie & Fitch (NYSE: ANF) for almost a year now.

The lawsuit was originally filed by Abercrombie and Fitch against American Eagle Outfitters for copyright infringement. Abercrombie and Fitch insists that American Eagle has been copying its clothing design. A federal judge originally ruled that Abercrombie and Fitch's line of clothing is not a "protectable trade dress" and that because of this, their lawsuit "lacks merit." Judge John D. Holschuh of the United States District Court, Southern District of Ohio explains, "Abercrombie and Fitch's action clearly had no basis in law."

The true concern in this matter is the strength of American business and the validity of competition. It is an issue of how much say the federal government

can have in private enterprise. Operating Officer and Vice Chairman of American Eagle Outfitters George Kolber says, "This type of junk litigation is a bane on American business, and is, in itself, anti-competitive."

Despite the conflict of interests, American Eagle Outfitters still operates 437 stores in 44 states. Its net sales at the end of July 31, 1999 were \$324 million for the year. This is a 43.7 percent increase over the same period last year. Abercrombie and Fitch experienced a slight drop in stock price over the past couple of months, plummeting from \$50 per share to roughly \$33 per share. Abercrombie and Fitch closed Tuesday at \$41 per share, a slow recovery from the amount of assets spent on the litigation with American Eagle Outfitters.

However deep the concern may be, it is still common to hear American Eagle referred to as "bootleg Abercrombie," and many students have commented on the similarities between the two clothing companies. Joe Robichaud, an Abercrombie and Fitch Sales Associate, says, "I think American Eagle bit off Abercrombie. Take the cargo warm-up pants for example—Abercrombie had them first, then American Eagle had almost the exact same style next season. They also dress their mannequins like ours, with several shirts on at once and all." And like Abercrombie and Fitch, American Eagle Outfitters also provides a magazine-like catalog, with reviews on music and specialized entertainment. So, do you "like girls that wear Abercrombie & Fitch?"

Websites for Students

BY LISA KENYAN '02
WORLD NEWS WRITER

One of the most lucrative markets to be captured by the Internet is college students. College students spend hours online in their dorm rooms, browsing their school's network, emailing, navigating the Internet, downloading music, and ordering merchandise, some of which is free.

Providence College is an interest for Internet companies, as Mascot.com has chosen this campus as a test school for their new website, as well as ASU and Williams College. Mascot.com is a site that has the vision of being a communication center within a campus, providing information and pictures on fellow students, classes, and the school. A representative on the Providence College campus says that their hope is that their site will create and increase communication and unity within the school.

EMarketer recently named CollegeClub.com the number one college website. The mission of CollegeClub is to facilitate communication and to create "the world's largest college community." The site was built and is run by college students and recent college graduates, bringing a first-hand perspective to CollegeClub. The original purpose of CollegeClub was to build a place where students could communicate with each other and share information on their schools, classes, interests and experiences.

CollegeClub offers a multitude of services in an easy-to-navigate directory, much like that used by Yahoo! Voicemail, email, and student profiles are all offered. Every interest imagin-

able is offered as well through different CollegeClub channels, including art, health and fitness, love and relationships, movies and music, politics, religion, philosophy, and rainbow for gays and lesbians. The site appeals to every interest and also offers services such as Apartment Finder and chat groups.

ECampus.com offers a different service to students, functioning as a place to buy textbooks at a lower price and even sell them. They recognize that sometimes college students lack money, and so they do their part to help them save as much as they can.

Another issue that Internet companies have recognized is the feeling of separation that occurs when a student moves away to school. CarePackages.com appeals to this market and offers a site where care packages can be sent for occasions such as "Back to School," "Final Exams," "Dirty Laundry," as well as for birthdays and holidays. This keeps the student and family in communication and constant contact.

Versity.com offers even more services to the college student and appeals to college professors as well. They offer a research center to share information, lecture notes where college campuses are hooked up to the Varsity.com network and a center to find campus jobs at your school. The only downside to these sites is that your campus must be hooked up to the site in order for it to be functional to you.

Many internet companies function with the idea of increased communication in mind when developing their college-gear websites. Their vision is to help the student and improve their college experience.



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Letter to the Editor

To the editor:

Since I firmly believe that not to make a statement undermines our culture and society and because I am a citizen of the USA, registered voter, combat war veteran, and a Providence College graduate, I was surprised and disappointed to see the flag of Canada (red maple leaf) displayed "alone" on the flag-pole in front of Harkins Hall on July 1, 1998 and July 1, 1999. This is "Dominion Day" in Canada. The British North American Act granted Canada its independence on this day in 1867. This is similar in a sense to our independence day which is celebrated on the fourth of July.

I sincerely wish a belated congratulations to the citizens of Canada on its 132nd birthday. However, I believe that the PC administration has created serious overtones of violating flag etiquette by displaying the Canadian flag *alone* in this manner because on July 9, 1953, a USA public law was approved that stated: "No person shall display the flag of the United Nations; or any other national or international flag equal, above, or in a position of superior prominence or honor to, or in place of, the flag of the United States at any place within the United States or any territories or possessions thereof; provided, that nothing shall make unlawful the continuance of the practice heretofore followed or

displaying the flag of the United Nations in a position of superior prominence of honor, with that of the flag of the United States at the headquarters of the United Nations.

Since the US Army ROTC presence on the PC campus has a flag ceremony every Veterans Day (November 11) at the flag pole in front of Harkins, I was surprised that they tolerated the Canadian flag flying alone, of which I mentioned in my first paragraph. Perhaps the PC ROTC commanding officer would choose to respond in a subsequent issue of the Cowl. I cannot help but wonder what Mr. Vincent "Buddy" Cianci's, who is rightfully "proud to be the mayor of the great city of Providence" (perhaps the producer of the television drama *Providence* would choose to insert the flag incident in an upcoming production), reaction would be if he knew that the Canadian flag was displayed alone over his great city. I also wonder what Congressman Patrick Kennedy (PC '91) would think of this flag incident as Providence College is within his Rhode Island congressional district 1. Perhaps Mayor Cianci and Representative Kennedy would choose to express their opinion in a future issue of the Cowl.

At this time I wish to offer a compromise to this situation. Providence College could erect a second flag pole (they have the bucks)

in front of Harkins. They could fly the Canadian flag on July 1 and the remaining days of the year they could fly the great flag of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations.

In conclusion, I wish to mention to the Providence College community that we (USA) are a nation of laws and not of men and women. We must adhere to the July 9, 1953 public law concerning flag etiquette. Ignorance of the law is no excuse in the United States of America which is symbolized by its flag consisting of fifty stars and thirteen red and white stripes. After all, students are expected to adhere to the standards of conduct off campus established by Providence College. Therefore, I will be redundant by urging the PC administration not to display the Canadian flag alone on the flag-pole in front of Harkins in the future.

Russell P. Demoe '73

Editor's Note:

After consulting the U.S. Code on Flag Etiquette and the Military Science department of Providence College, it was determined that in fact the American Flag should have been flown above the Canadian flag as it is an institution on American soil. If another international or national flag is flown it must be beneath the American flag or on another pole of equal height. However, the Military Science department said it was a not a sign of disrespect nor is it illegal.

From the Desk of the Editor-in-Chief

"As Providence College's Only Student newspaper, The Cowl is committed to serving its community with the highest standards of truth and integrity by responsibly creating awareness between the student body and the greater Providence College community. Furthermore, we resolve to provide a strong voice and be an accessible, valuable resource to all members of this institution. This is the Mission statement as determined by the Editorial Board on this 2nd of September 1999."

-Cowl Mission Statement 1999

The Mission Statement of The Cowl, drawn up at Summer Summit 1999 by the Editorial Board, reflects our goals and intentions for the year. Truth, integrity, and service to the community are things you can expect to find in our articles, editorials and in our publication as a whole. And with one week of classes under our belt, The Cowl is ready to begin a new year.

As PC's only student newspaper, The Cowl, prides itself on giving a voice to all who would speak on this campus. I would like to take this opportunity to personally extend an invitation to all the members of the Providence College community to write, write often, and

write well about the issues which effect you the most.

While the students and faculty retired for the summer to relaxing destination, progress moved forward for The Cowl. We have a new office, writers, technology, "water pipes," and most importantly-ideas. Ideas we hope will increase the quality of our publication and better serve the needs of the community around us.

On a personal note, our moderator, Fr. Vincent Delucia O.P., left the College over the summer to undertake the position of pastor of St. Pius. As a staff, we wish him the best of luck and hope that he knows what a lasting mark he

made on The Cowl.

Taking his place will be Kirk Brague, Vice-President of Student Services. He comes to us with a wealth of knowledge in the field of collegiate media and we welcome him aboard.

I also ask that everyone submitting articles or announcements to The Cowl, please consult our new submission policy and editorial policy listed in the A&E section.

Thank you for your continued support.

Carrie Spiros '00, Editor-in-Chief

The Cowl would also like to thank Sharon Hay and K.C. Ferrara in Student Services for their constant effort to keep us informed with developments in our office.

In the Spotlight

Matt Duchnowski



Another year, another new and interesting discussion to be provided by the Commentary staff. Weekly, two Cowl members will discuss a pressing issue which deeply affects the Providence College community, or the world as a whole. This week, we address the issue of on-campus parking at Providence College, and its apparent pitfalls. Admittedly, there are numerous students who are hamstrung by the policies here at P.C., but is the security staff doing as much as possible to correct these concerns? On the side of the frantic student, Maryssa Reed. On the side of the diligent Providence College Security Staff, Joe Creamer. Enjoy the enlightening discussion which will ensue.

Point/Counterpoint

The Cowl Commentary Staff Attacks The Difficult Issues

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PC Parking...

A Desperate Situation

BY MARYSSA REED '00
COMMENTARY STAFF

Where did you park your car this morning? Fortunately I was one of the few individuals who was in the right place at the right time when finding a "good spot." A good spot is usually characterized as somewhere relevantly close to where a student lives on campus and is generally no more than one hundred feet from the building. Eighty percent of the time you will drive around the parking lot for thirty minutes until seeing a car with its reverse lights on and two beady eyes in the rearview mirror silently screaming at you to go away.

In the past years, the parking situation at PC was known to be hectic and chaotic in most instances. Why does parking seem to pose a problem for students? I am now a senior and in my sophomore through junior years my parking sticker was valid in the Raymond lot only. In my junior year, I contemplated why I could not park in the Dore lot since I was a resident of the apartments? On the journey to becoming a senior, you wait for this bundle of sugar coated privileges otherwise known as "seniority." One can infer from the latter that I endured two years of parking in the Raymond and Schneider lots while waiting for the

year when I might finally have some parking privileges. Surprise! It only makes perfect sense that the year I become a senior the whole system is altered.

The present parking situation consists of sophomores through seniors all with the same green parking sticker. The given parking sticker is valid in both the Raymond and Dore lots which means

to live on campus, although I do admit complaining a few times last year when I wanted to park in the Dore lot.

Granting all students the same parking opportunities may be an attempt to reduce chaos and lessen the number of tickets administered, although it seems as though it may pose some inconvenience for all students as well. Parking assignments should be based on

essence it definitely inconveniences both students. All students would like to park closer to where they live, but that may not always be an option when students are arriving and leaving at all different times. If students only knew whom they could switch spots with!

It seems to make better sense if parking lots were designated for each class. If the number of parking spaces exceeds the number of drivers in a particular class's lot then those spaces may be filled with students from another class based on when the application for a parking sticker was returned to the security office. This possible solution of mine may not be the best one, but maybe it could reduce the problem of some students parking on the lawn and the long walks some have to take to return to their buildings. The distribution of the same parking stickers throughout campus may be an attempt to solve problems, although it seems a bit unfair to those of us who used the previous system in past years. I feel that sophomores through seniors should all have the opportunity of parking on campus, but it might just be a bit easier if lots were designated for certain classes. I have a feeling that I will still be parking in the Raymond lot many times this year. One word of advice to all drivers on campus...get there at the right time!

Finding parking that is convenient at PC is all about good timing.

that you park where you can find a space. This year students all have equal opportunities for parking no matter what their year or where they live. Whatever happened to seniority?

In previous school years, sophomores and juniors were to park in the Raymond lot because seniors living in the apartments had the privilege of parking on lower campus nearer to their buildings. The latter is definitely understandable because seniors should have priority especially if they choose

where students live on campus and their class year. Finding parking that is convenient at PC is all about good timing. For example, a sophomore living on upper campus would rather have the Raymond lot than the Dore lot, but maybe the Dore lot was the only option at the time he or she had to park. At the same time, a senior would have wanted that parking spot in Dore because it would be more convenient and closer to where he or she lives. Of course it is not the fault of the sophomore, but in

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Security Provides Excellent Options

BY JOE CREAMER '01
COMMENTARY STAFF

The PC Security Department comes under heavy fire whenever students have problems finding parking spots on campus. Students cannot find a spot so they park everywhere. Rumors fly; perspectives are warped. This year appears to be no different. Once again there is a lot of whining and the facts are scarce.

According to the Security Department, the new policy regarding lot assignment is thus: resident students will be able to park in whichever lot has available spaces; be that Lot R (Raymond) or Lot D (Dore). This is a change from past years when students were assigned to only one lot either the Ray or Davis lot. Sometimes juniors were assigned parking spaces in Raymond. Now they will be able to park in Dore near where they live as long as there are available spaces and when the lot fills up students will have to park in Ray. Sophomores who live on lower campus will be able to park there as long as there are available spots. This will also remedy the problem that sometimes occurred when one lot was full due to people without parking permits parking in that lot. In the past, if a lot was full students worried, often for good reason, that they would be ticketed for parking in the wrong lot. Now, if Ray is full then students can park in Dore and vice versa.

Also, according to the Security Department, sophomores just picked up their parking permits this week and so Security has not yet ticketed anyone for

not having a sticker or for parking outside designated spots so long as the student did not block a fire lane or an access way. The Security Department believes that the extra cars which are now on campus probably belong to

Seniors, juniors and commuters are guaranteed spots. Students with special circumstances receive spots and then sophomores who applied for permits enter a lottery. Half of all sophomores who applied got permits this year. Once all parking permits have been issued, the

Security Department will begin to ticket any cars on campus that do not have parking permits. This should ensure that there are the same number of spots as there are permits. Another improvement is the thirty or more new parking spaces behind the Hunt-Kavanaugh building that are not yet completed, but will soon help the lower campus parking situation. These changes ought to make parking much more convenient.

Chief Reilly of the Security Department says that "student parking at PC is a free privilege." At most other colleges and universities, such as Brown, all the students and faculty pay for parking or find their own. At PC, over 800 of the estimated 900 students who apply for parking happily receive a free parking spot enclosed behind fences and with security. Chief Reilly estimated that almost \$4,000 is spent on parking stickers and tickets. Maybe those students should appreciate what they have and understand that parking is a privilege not an entitlement.

This issue may appear rather trivial, and on the surface it is, yet it leads us to see something more important that is that we should be thankful that we have our own cars (or in my case friends that do not mind chauffeuring me around). We should be grateful that unlike so much of the world we have the independence and convenience that a car gives us and realize that it truly is trivial whether or not we have a long walk to our parking spot.

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students on a waiting list who are hoping for parking permits but failed to apply last year, or to students who have their cars here temporarily. As well, students with special circumstances need these privileges. For example, those who must

guaranteed spots. Students with special circumstances receive spots and then sophomores who applied for permits enter a lottery. Half of all sophomores who applied got permits this year. Once all parking permits have been issued, the

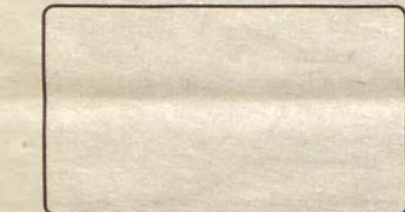
Big Red Boat Shoes

By BETH BRUNET '00
SPECIAL TO COMMENTARY

Did you know that by writing and sending a "Letter to the Editor," you can voice your utmost concerns and feelings regarding campus life and life in general. In other words, you are given a small, two-dimensional area in which you can vent. Yea, baby.

Let me give this a go. . . I have been given the impression that most upperclassmen are not exactly happy about having to re-enter the academic rush - all-nighters, tedious reading and writing assignments that appear to have very little long-lasting significance to our futures in the "real world," and a constant inhalation of uppers in their finest forms, pop and butts. Most of us are combating the side effects of withdrawal from our all-too-brief (or always too brief) summer hiatus. (I know I get the shakes just thinking about it.)

But there is a problem on this campus which is of greater concern to me. PC, as many of us have come to understand it, is a beautiful little world in itself, isolated from the rest of society, a.k.a. "the real world." PC is a world in which one's social life and academic standing



take top priority. Many students (veterans and rookies alike) experience a relentless pressure to conform to, and, in effect, perpetuate the stereotypes of a PC student that are currently held by citizens of both "PC world" and the world at large.

Many find this pressure all-consuming. They fall victim to what I shall hereafter refer to as the "PC superego." All-black club clothes and chunk heels, prep gear, and the latest brand-name footwear become the uniform for PC's J.Crew-Model-Lookalike-Contest. Some students are late to class because they had to change their outfits. . . fifty times. And on the way to class, they simply haven't the time (we try to convince ourselves) to look up, to say "Hi," to acknowledge the existence of those blurs (I'm trying to help their case here) who appear to be their fellow classmates. Ah, the pressures of trying to uphold the imposed reputation as a high-middle class student. It's just. . . lame really.

I had planned to better explain the symptoms of students affected (or should I say infected) by the PC superego. However, I will NOT be superficial or condescending. I know that we all know what I am talking about. And I know we all know the recommended solution: Knock it off. Resist the temptation to be superficial. Say "Hello" to acquaintances. Let others know that you know their names. Combat and reform the PC superego! Crimp your hair just for the heck of it! Wear big red boat shoes! Do something, say something, or wear something that captures your personality and individuality! And most importantly, don't be afraid to laugh at yourself. We are too easily embarrassed and too often concerned with what others think. We are leaders entering a new millennium. Break loose. Give 'em a show.

Guerilla Goodness

AS RETOLD BY CLARE GORI '01
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It's a crisp winter day in San Francisco. A woman in a red Honda, Christmas-presents piled in back, drives up to the Bay Bridge tollbooth. "I'm paying for myself, and for the six cars behind me," she says with a smile, handing over seven commuter tickets.

One after another, the next six drivers arrives at the tollbooth, dollars in hand, only to be told, "Some lady up ahead already paid your fare. Have a nice day."

The woman in the Honda, it turned out, had read something on an index card taped to a friend's refrigerator: "Practice random kindness and senseless acts of beauty." The phrase seemed to leap out at her, and she copied it down.

Judy Foreman spotted the same phrase spray-painted on a warehouse wall a hundred miles from her home. When it stayed on her mind for days, she gave up and drove all the way back to copy it down. "I thought it was incredibly beautiful," she said, explaining why she's taken to writing it at the bottom of all her letters, "like a message from above."

Her husband, Frank, liked the phrase so much that he put it up on the classroom wall for his seventh graders, one of whom was the daughter of a local columnist. The columnist put it in the paper, admitting that though she liked it, she didn't know where it came

from or what it really meant.

Two days later, she heard from Anne Herbert. Tall, blonde, and forty, Herbert lives in Marin, one of the country's ten richest counties, where she house-sits, takes odd jobs, gets by. It was in a Sausalito restaurant that Herbert jotted the phrase down on a paper place mat, after turning it around in her mind for days.

"That's wonderful!" a man sitting nearby said, and copied it down carefully on his own place mat.

"Here's the idea," Herbert says. "Anything you think there should be more of, do it randomly."

Her own fantasies include: (1) breaking into depressing-looking schools to paint the classrooms, (2) leaving hot meals on kitchen tables in the poor part of town, (3) slipping money into a proud old woman's purse. Says Herbert, "Kindness can build on itself as much as violence can."

Now the phrase is spreading, on bumper stickers, on walls, at the bottom of letters and business cards. And as it spreads, so does a vision of guerilla goodness.

In Portland, Oregon, a man might plunk coins into a stranger's meter just in time. In Paterson, New Jersey, a dozen people with pails and mops and tulip bulbs might descend on a run-down house and clean it from top to bottom while the frail elderly owners look on, dazed and smiling.

In Chicago, a teenage boy may

be shoveling off the driveway when the impulse strikes. "What the hell, nobody's looking!" he thinks, and shovels the neighbor's driveway, too.

It's positive anarchy, disorder, a sweet disturbance. A woman in Boston writes "Merry Christmas!" to the tellers on the back of her checks. A man in St. Louis, whose car has just been rear ended by a young woman, waves her away, saying, "It's a scratch. Don't worry."

Senseless acts of beauty spread: a man plants daffodils along the roadway, his shirt billowing in the breeze from passing cars. In Seattle, a man appoints himself a one-man vigilante sanitation service and roams the concrete hills collecting litter in a supermarket cart. In Atlanta, a man scrubs graffiti from a green park bench.

They say you can't smile without cheering yourself up a little - likewise, you can't commit a random kindness without feeling as if your own troubles have been lightened, if only because the world has become a slightly better place.

And you can't be a recipient without feeling a shock, a pleasant jolt. If you were one of those rush hour drivers who found your bridge fare paid, who knows what you might have been inspired to do for someone else later? Wave someone on in the intersection? Smile at a tired clerk? Or something larger, greater? Like all revolutions, guerilla goodness begins slowly, with a single act. Let it be yours.

Leave Me Alone

By KIM CUTRONE '00
COMMENTARY STAFF

It used to be easy to be alone. Once upon a time, not long ago, a person could easily close a door and shut out the world, enjoying their own privacy as they could flip the switch to turn off a light. As technology advances and lack of human trust increases, humanity is finding itself increasingly under the world's public lens. Whether it's in the form of hidden surveillance camera or daily news broadcast, it seems we are never alone and our inalienable right to privacy is threatened around every corner that we turn.

Cameras are popping up everywhere like beacons for a new generation. They keep children from stealing Twinkies from the local 7-11 as well as prevent terrorists from planting bombs in federal buildings. Yet is it really appropriate to hide a camera in a dressing room to catch people shoplifting clothing? Why should a random security guard get a peep show in exchange for the fact that someone may or may not steal an article of clothing? No wonder there is so little trust amongst people in our world. Just the idea that someone could be watching while one undresses completely alters the trust bestowed in humanity and in our society. Stealing is a punishable crime, but hidden surveillance in dressing rooms violates a person's right to privacy. An individual should possess the right to decide who views their body and when the situation is appropriate. If there is hidden surveillance then notification should be clearly posted so that every person has the right to choose whether they wish to be viewed. People are commonly persecuted for voluntary, public indecency, while the law allows others to view us in our most intimate state unknowingly. What will come next? Cameras in bathrooms to prevent people from forgetting to flush? I

suppose one could argue that lack of flushing could become a public health threat. Are we equating the worth of the human body and our right to maintain our pride to a few pieces of clothing? There are surely more effective alternatives to cameras in dressing rooms. Why not employ more individuals to watch the customers in stores instead of violating hundreds of people unknowingly? More jobs would be provided and we wouldn't have to

us all victims of our own technology.

The problem of privacy violation not only exists in our day to day lives but extends to the media as well. The most obvious violation of privacy was this year's most prominent news story - the Bill and Monica scandal. The entire incident was pure gossip. The media became the proverbial grapevine of the United States of America. When it comes down to it, who really needed to know about Clinton's sex life? I hardly

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worry about who has seen us in our birthday suits.

The terms "windows" has become more than just the name of a program when it comes to the machine that the world cannot function without - the computer. Our computer monitors may as well be windows into our personal lives. The Internet has provided anyone with the ability to maneuver a computer with a veritable gateway to millions of people's private information. The recent Hotmail scandal in which a glitch in the web allowed email access to many of the customer accounts shed light on this fact, but is not the only threat which the internet poses on personal privacy. Everytime someone types in a credit card number or personal information on the web, the possibility exists that that information could land in the wrong person's hands. Chances are, whether you know it or not, you are on the web. As much as the Internet has expanded our world and minds, it has also widened the gyre of information that is obtainable about the average human being, making

think that Clinton's foreign policy was in any way remotely related to whether him and Monica were "doing it all for the nookie." Does Clinton's social and legislative status render his privacy alienable? If the media cannot respect the privacy of the highest official in our land, then how can the average Joe expect to be able to enjoy his own private world.

Instead of looking both ways before one crosses the street, one should look both ways before trying on that shirt or typing that phone number onto the Internet form. As totalitarian attitudes and ideas expressed in such science fiction books as "1984" and "A Brave New World" seem to hit closer and closer to home, it is time to take a step back and get out of each other's business. It is a wonderful thing to live together with fellow neighbors in our melting pot of a world, and another to violate each other's individual rights. Privacy is an endangered concept in our growing world. Who would have thought that there would be such beauty in being alone?

SPECIAL COMMENTARY:

DISCOVERING PROVIDENCE COLLEGE'S RECORD ON DIVERSITY

Over the past five years, many issues have come and gone from the consciousness of the Providence College community. However, there has been one stalwart issue which has remained ingrained in the hearts and minds of Providence College students, faculty and administrators. Social, ethnic and racial diversity on this campus, many believe, is a necessity tantamount to the future of our college. Yet, there are some which view this as a border issue, unnecessary to the future of our school. There are two major points which can be raised about diversity at this college, dealing first with the Western Civilization program, and secondly with faculty hiring student admissions. This week, the issue of the Western Civ will be addressed, followed with next week's biting commentary regarding hiring and admissions.

Western Civ...It's Time for a Change

By **MARCUS K. DOWLING '00**
COMMENTARY EDITOR

As a Providence College student now entering my senior year, I feel as though my time at the school has been quite positive. I have definitely had the life altering experiences that one may endure at the collegiate level, and have made countless friends. However, there is one

Definitely much has already been accomplished in altering the experience that we receive of the western world in DWC. The discussion of Islam and Judaism in religion, and discussion of South American colonization in history, are concerted efforts to win the praise of nay sayers like myself. These measures are steps in the right direction that must be commended, but not rested upon by

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certain and specific area in which I feel that I have been edified, but not completely satisfied. The level of education that a student receives at Providence College is definitely tantamount to any high profile school in the nation. In 1997, U.S. News and World Report, in its college choice guide, verified this statement by giving Providence College the number one ranking for northeast area schools. Although this is something in which all that attend this institution should be proud of, this praise should be noted with a shadow of doubt. College, in my belief, should serve as an entrance path towards preparing students for the world that they will face upon graduation. But, as our world become increasingly multicultural our school fails in exemplifying the true ideal of a university at the current time. Many of you in the reading public may find the need for the subtle secularization of Catholic colleges to be an issue comparable to treason. I do not write this to demonize the fine educational opportunities present here at P.C., but merely to offer ways to increase its viability at the present time. Within my commentary, I will attempt to expose many of the holes in the Providence College experience, and provide excellent stopgaps for their future.

Foremost, the Development of Western Civilization program must be addressed. Certainly, a program that mentions the accomplishments of Christian missionaries in such remote and foreign locales as New Zealand, Japan and El Salvador must also feel the need to bring to light the work of the citizens of these nations. The Western world does not just include the continent of Europe. Furthermore, the importance of areas such as Africa, Asia and South and Central America should not find relevance when graced with European faces, but their culture should be celebrated, much in the same manner as their European neighbors.

the PC administration. Further inclusion of other civilized areas must be a goal of the Western Civilization program in order for it to truly reflect the development of western civilization. As of right now, it is my belief that this program stands in grand salute of the European world, and its dominance over its neighbors. The study of the European world should be neglected. The continent of Europe offers much to the success of the DWC program, but it should not be the sole focus of its content.

Truly, it is terribly difficult to be both Catholic and a college in these most dire circumstances. When stated, this argument sounds normal, but when scrutinized becomes troublesome. The work of the same Christian missionaries that were mentioned earlier has created a world in which (as taught in Western Civilization) Vatican II was written in order to diversify the church, welcoming various languages and cultures into the Catholic fold. Why, then, at Providence College, a school unabashedly steeped in Catholic tradition, does diversity continue to be an issue of contention? Providence College has assumed a position as one of the most elite universities in the nation. Many see this as an accomplishment on which one can rest their laurels. However, this editorialist sees this as the mere beginning of one of the finest revolutions in recent memory. No, blood will not be spilled, neither will guns be brandished. The revolution of which I write is one of thought and commitment. I do not write this as only an African-American male, but with a loftier aim in mind. Every student benefits from cultural diversity. I came to college with the belief that I would leave here a greater enhanced and more intelligent person. I will achieve my goal, but it will leave a foul taste in my mouth. Hope for the future is all that I can offer. Let us hope that over time, the grievances presented in this article will be addressed. The future depends on it.

Coming soon...

20th Century Titans

stay tuned to the Cowl Commentary section for further details...

Hit the Town... Not the Bottle

By **DAN REED '02**
COMMENTARY STAFF

A few weeks ago, I was in one of the many filled-to-capacity cars cruising down I-95 taking students back to their homes at Providence College. As we approached the outskirts of the city, I strained to spot the new Providence Place Mall and view its progress firsthand.

When I left at the end of the last semester, it still appeared largely a shell, and I could not believe that it had already opened. Still, it was obvious that the construction crews had labored mightily to finish half of the structure in time to open this fall. Though the other half of the mall is still a collection of steel beams and construction material, the amazing progress over the past few months is a testament to the tremendous energy that has transformed downtown Providence over recent years.

It is undeniable that the city is a great asset to our college. Anyone who has been to Waterfire, shopped on Thayer Street, or taken advantage of the cultural opportunities the city offers understands the vitality of Providence. Additionally, there are a myriad of restaurants and nightclubs of all varieties to attract any taste. Now, with the addition of the Providence Place Mall, the downtown area can boast of a large retail center, as well as another entertain-

The other transportation option in Providence is provided by the RIPTA bus service. Buses make stops both at the corner of Eaton St. and Douglas Ave, across from the 7-Eleven, and at the Newport Creamery, although not many students are aware of it. Aside from the lack of publicity the school gives to this service, PC students do not find buses an attractive transportation option, as it is hard to plan a quick trip downtown while dealing with bus schedules, and buses are (unfairly, in my opinion) viewed as dirty and unappealing by the students with whom I have spoken.

Providence College does offer an alternative form of transportation that reaches out to the other side of the city, but it remains virtually unknown to much of the student body. Each Saturday, the school runs a shuttle bus to Thayer Street, but a very small percentage of the student body take advantage of this service. The rest of the time, the PC shuttle is occupied in trips to and from the 7-Eleven and CVS, or hauling masses of drunken students to Clubbies and off-campus parties on the weekend. Some nights, we are so fortunate as to have the Metro shuttle making the Prime Time run, allowing our students to avoid the long drunken walk up and down Douglas Avenue.

Though shuttle services have the local bar scene pretty well covered, it is a sad irony that our school does not

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ment venue with the inclusion of a massive multiplex on the fourth floor that will open in the spring.

However, students at Providence College, especially those without cars on campus, rarely take advantage of the offerings found downtown. A majority of students, when asked about their weekend, will talk about their trip to a neighborhood bar, or an event on campus. Many people at Providence College, rather than make the trek downtown, prefer to head up to Boston or visit friends at another school.

Does our student body have some aversion to the downtown area, or is their an underlying cause that makes the downtown area less accessible? Quite simply, there is an unfortunate lack of transportation options between PC and downtown Providence.

Unless a student has a car, (which presents its own problems in the form of parking and possible theft) PC students generally travel downtown via taxi. Though local taxis are convenient and comfortable, their high cost makes it impossible for many students to utilize them regularly. On average, a trip downtown in a taxi costs between five and seven dollars, and there is an extra charge if more than two people take the same cab. When added to any other costs of an evening, this cost dissuades many students from spending their Friday and Saturday nights downtown.

provide regular transportation to the more culturally enlightening areas downtown. By giving students an easy way to get to the bars, while simultaneously offering no inexpensive way to leave the Smith Hill neighborhood, the administration is complicit in the ongoing abuse of alcohol by much of the student body. Simultaneously, by not offering transportation to those students that wish to avoid this scene and enjoy our city's offerings, they neglect a sizeable portion of the student body. This lack of transportation largely forces students to one of two categories: those who drink and those who stay in their dorms.

This problem could be easily remedied, however, and the new Providence Place Mall offers the solution: Providence College should establish a regular shuttle service to and from the mall. Runs could be made either on the hour, or even every half hour, since the mall lies relatively close to our school. If this service was established on the weekends from about noon until 1 a.m. on a trial basis, the school could gauge how popular the service was, and adjust the schedule accordingly. Given all the attractions downtown has to offer, I would imagine that the PC shuttle would soon be seen at the Providence Place Mall almost as frequently as at Clubbies.

19 Reasons to Leave Campus...

Fine Arts

1. *The Center Cannot Hold: Art from 1900 to 1920*, (thru 9/30) RISD Museum
2. *Focus on Form: American Furniture*, (thru 9/30) RISD Museum
3. *Harry Callahan: A Selection from the Permanent Collection*, (thru 12/5) RISD Museum
4. Gallery Night. Take the arTrolley from One Citizens Way (in Water Place Park) to various galleries downtown. (free). (9/16, 5-9 PM) For info: 274-9120
5. *Barnaby Evans: Rikyu's Second Dream*, (thru 9/26) RISD Museum
6. Express Diversity (9/25, 11AM to 4PM) Free admission to RISD Museum
7. *Gala Concerto*, (9/18, 8 PM) Providence Performance Arts Center

Music

8. Music and Coffee Night, (9/17) 297 Thayer Street 455-0844
9. Coal Chamber with Machine Head, Slipknot and Amen (9/25) Lupo's
10. Nowhere Fast (9/17) (\$6) The Met Café
11. Michael Rose (9/19) (\$12) The Met Café
12. Joseph Silverstein and Michele Levin- Chamber Music (10/6, 8PM) Alumnae Hall (for tickets and more info 863-2416)

Theatre

13. *Othello*, (thru 10/10) Trinity Repertory Company (SPECIAL \$10 THURSDAYS)
14. *Avner the Eccentric*, Leeds Theatre (9/14)
15. Ralph Allen - "The Rhythm, Style and Meaning of Jokes" Leeds Theatre (9/17)
16. *3 by 3: Shattered Shakespeare, One Act Showcase* (9/17-9/19), Jenks Junior High School (\$5)
17. *Six Degrees of Separation* (thru 10/10) The New Gate Theatre

Etc.

18. Figure Drawing - \$5 (9/20, 7PM) AS220
19. Weekly Comedy Acts (thru 9/30) The Comedy Connection

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- Trinity Repertory Company- 201 Washington St., 351-4242

Black, White & a Shade of Grey

By JESSICA TABAK '01
A&E EDITOR

So you've read the play, possibly numerous times, and for numerous classes. You probably struggled through it, and may ultimately not even have liked it.

It's okay to admit it. Trust me, I'm a sympathetic ear. Despite being a Shakespeare aficionado, *Othello* has never really gotten under my skin. Not in print, anyway.

I found out last Wednesday at Trinity Repertory Theatre that seeing *Othello* on stage is an entirely different story. A dynamic production directed by Amanda Denhart, *Othello* brought alive the characters and motivations that so befuddled me on paper. I finally felt like I understood irrational literary mysteries like Othello's alarmingly rapid descent into jealous madness and Desdemona's unflinching devotion. Their speeches were more than words, and the story they perpetuated was captivating.

With the modern setting alternating between a military camp and the Venetian court, *Othello* has a biting urgency and accessible immediacy that is enhanced by the production's twentieth centuryisms. Soldiers, dressed in modern fatigues, engage in fast-paced fight scenes in which wooden guerilla warfare staffs are used in lieu of Elizabethan swords. Othello and Desdemona indulge in display after display of rather rowdy public affection, convincing even the most love-wary of audience members of their lustful enamoration. There are even a few rather racy (but not quite inappropriate) physical interpretations of what I used to think were innocent lines (another benefit of the visual, I guess). Surprisingly, none of this comes across as blasphemous or even stupid. Unlike some belabored attempts to "modernize" Shakespeare, *Othello* never becomes a trendy statement first and a dramatic masterpiece second. Shakespeare's work is nothing if not malleable, and this Trinity production manages to push the play's boundaries without ever crossing over them and into the grounds of literary sacrilege.

The high impact, high energy, highly accessible production that results is a statement of fierce vitality. The descent of Othello from a man possessed with love to one possessed with jealous hate is frighteningly clear. As his passions alter, his humanity becomes uncomfortably apparent. The audience can foresee the tale's inevitable conclusion, but fears the honesty of its consummation. The fine line between love and hate is smeared in a decisive twist of the mind, and the audience is left staring at an unflattering image of themselves.

Breathing fiery life into *Othello* is John Douglas Thomson (*A Preface to the Alien Garden*). Thomson is sheer intensity as the open-natured Othello. Whether being the lover or the murderer, he never strays from the essence of his character. He is a man ruled by his passions and destined to fall to them, but not without a psychological struggle. Thomson conveys this tragic duplicity with hot-blooded immediacy, giving his



Jennifer Mudge Tucker and John Douglas Thompson in Trinity Repertory Production of *Othello*

character a captivating on-stage presence.

Also noteworthy is Jennifer Mudge Tucker (*As You Like It*) as the ill-fated Desdemona. Hers is a character whose seemingly superhuman devotion is sometimes hard to fathom, but Tucker handles her character artfully enough to pull it off. She brings to Desdemona a sweet naivete that makes her devotion easier to swallow and her death harder to take. Particularly moving is the potentially perplexing "Willow Song" scene, in which Tucker allows her character's internal misgivings to belie the haunting beauty of the melody she is singing.

The only peg in the puzzle that doesn't quite fit is Iago (played by Eric Tucker). Taking a curiously childish approach to the diabolical villain, Tucker seems too much the jokester and not enough the calculating force of evil that Iago

is. Instead of being a calculating fiend, he comes across as more of an immoral guy who just got really lucky.

Even without a purely evil Iago, the struggle between man's heavenly and hellish natures is on clear display in *Othello*. As the curtain closes, what love is and how it becomes hate blur into a hazy mass of grey, leaving the audience trapped in an unsettling sea of ambiguity.

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Short Takes

For Love of the Game

BY BEN SWEENEY '00
A&E STAFF

Kevin Costner's latest addition to his collection of sports related movies once again involves baseball. In fact, this is Costner's third baseball movie. So what could he do to make this one stand out from the rest? Nothing. That was left up to director Sam Raimi. Raimi's kinetic style made him famous in such cult films as *Evil Dead*, *Army of Darkness*, and *Darkman*. Last year Raimi made the leap into the mainstream with *A Simple Plan*, which earned Billy Bob Thornton an Oscar nomination. *A Simple Plan* proved that Raimi could produce a serious, mainstream movie that still pushed the envelope with inventive camera work and editing. In *For Love of the Game*, Raimi tries to do this again with a more conventional Hollywood formula movie.

DIRECTED BY:
SAM RAIMI
RUNNING TIME:
138 MINUTES
CURRENTLY
PLAYING AT:
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The movie involves Billy Chapel, a forty-year-old pitcher starting in his last game. During the game Billy flashes back on his life, mostly concentrating on his relationship with Jane (Kelly Preston), an on-again, off-again love. The movie balances the game and the flashbacks very well and draws the viewer into both. Costner is convincing as Chapel, a man who must decide what is worth more to him—his love of baseball or his love for Jane. Raimi's innovative camera work and sound editing elevate the movie even further, adding to the excitement that builds throughout the film.

The Astronaut's Wife

BY MATT DUCHNOWSKI '01
A&E STAFF

It was the last week of August and I found myself staring blankly at the movie listings. I had seen every movie listed except for *Runaway Bride* and *Iron Giant*, and I wasn't about to do that to myself. I promised myself I wouldn't.

Later that day, I saw a commercial for *The Astronaut's Wife* and was reborn. Little did I know that my summer was about to be sullied.

DIRECTED BY:
RAND RAVICH
RUNNING TIME:
109 MINUTES
CURRENTLY PLAYING
AT:
SHOWCASE SEEKONK

The story: Unbeknownst to her, Jillian Armacost (the statuesque Charlize Theron) is carrying the alien baby of her possessed husband Spencer (played by bad boy Johnny Depp).

To understand the ins and outs of this melodramatic sci-fi one needs only to view the commercial. The tale is neither intriguing nor climactic. For two hours, I prayed for a twist that never came. As for the special effects, none were used, none were needed, none were entertained.

The Astronaut's Wife is the bastard child of Roman Polanski's *Rosemary's Baby* and second cousin to *The Devil's Advocate*; three households, none alike in dignity. Not only does an actor like Johnny Depp need a better script; he deserves it. I consider him to be one of the best character actors since the death of our beloved Phil Hartman. I'm looking forward to seeing him in Tim Burton's *Sleepy Hollow* this November.

BY JESSICA TABAK '01
A&E EDITOR

This is the story of a boy named Dildo. The year is 1976, and the climate is one of bored decadence and indirection. Dildo (Tim Dunphy, played by Shaun Hatosy) is a bad boy. His friends have nicknames like "Drugs" and he spends the majority of his hours getting high with them on top of the local water tower in his dead-end hometown of Pawtucket, Rhode Island, with occasional ventures into the land of the disco club. School is nary a thought. Life, for Dildo Dunphy, is a big blurry dream of sweet oblivion and blatant idiocy.

That is until—while high with his friends—he manages to run his junker straight into a parked cop car. And so, with one asshole sloop, Dildo moves from being a happy-go-lucky junkie with free reign over his life to the same said junkie trapped in prep school purgatory. Once there, he hooks up with some better dressed, equally oblivious junkies with nicknames like "Jizz" and he spends the majority of his hours getting high with them in an abandoned house near the school. He meets a beautiful girl (Diane Weston, played by Amy Smart) from the girls' prep school across campus, and the inevitable unlikely relationship begins to develop. During the remainder of the movie, Dildo learns about love, loss and second chances, grows as (and arguably into) a human being, and manages to win the hearts of fellow characters and audiences alike.

It sounds a little bit ridiculous, but somehow it works—and remarkably well. Loosely based on the semi-autobiographical novel by Peter Farrelly of the same title, *Outside Providence* is at times about as outrageous as using semen as hairgel. The patented Farrelly Brothers humor (the two wrote the screenplay with Mike Corrente) which is dappled throughout the movie, is just as funny as it was last summer. These two are possibly the best comic screenwriters currently getting paid for what they do, with an offbeat style so distinctly (and curiously) endearing that

it's impossible to articulate. I don't always approve of what they're doing, but I always laugh at it.

But what makes this movie more than just a drug-infested laugh fest is the Michael Corrente influence. The movie's co-writer and director, Corrente's touch graces the movie with the tender honesty necessary to make *Outside Providence* more than just a funny film.

The relationships depicted in the movie, especially the one between Dunphy and his widowed father (played by Alec Baldwin), are what give *Outside Providence* its resonance and what ultimately allow it to surpass general categorization. In a movie so reliant upon believable relationships between characters, the actors can be a filmmaker's best friend or worst enemy. Here, everyone seems to rise to the challenge quite nicely and, despite the glaring Paww-tucket accents that many of the characters speak with, rise above caricature and into the realm of character. Most exceptional is Alec Baldwin, who plays the younger Dunphy's callous but well-meaning father with aching honesty. Anyone still sour about *The Marrying Man* need only see Baldwin here to get over it.

A classy piece of high drama it ain't, but *Outside Providence* doesn't have to be. It's a well filmed, well written, well acted piece of film that made me laugh (a lot), made me cry (almost) and made me think (sort of). It's fun, it's hip, and it lets you know what your elders were doing when they were your age. **Grade: A-**

Editor's Note: Keep your eyes open for Providence College alumni who managed to get themselves in the movie. Come by the Cowl office able to identify at least two and I'll give you one of those Pokemon cards that the kids are so wild about.

Divine Providence



Dildo and his Dame

OUTSIDE PROVIDENCE

DIRECTED BY:
MICHAEL CORRENTE

RUNNING TIME:
103 MINUTES

CURRENTLY PLAYING AT:
SHOWCASE SEEKONK RTE 6

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Urban Elementz Summer Clips

By RALPH "40" TAVARES JR.
A&E STAFF

Well children, welcome back!! By now, things are running in full gear, or neutral, depending on what year you are in. Summer proved to be a bit disappointing as far as music. One of the biggest disappointments was the fact that Mobb Deep's *Murda Muzik* was late and that it didn't even live up to the hype. If you are an avid Mobb Deep fan, you were probably waiting for the new album since April and have been watching the same "Quiet Storm" video on MTV and BET the past few months. (Yes!! We have BET!!) To top it all off, the album wasn't even as good as I thought it would be. The album was good, but it should have been better since I waited five months for it.

There were a few other highlights this summer which included the BOMB album from Genius of the Wu-Tang Clan. Personally, I think this album is the best solo release from the clan yet. Unfortunately, the album was entirely too short and leaves fans like myself anticipating the next album.

Gangstarr released an amazing double album of their best hits. This two-CD set has 33 of their best songs, a dedication to the late Big L, and four new songs. If anything at all brilliant happened this summer, it was the release of this album. Hands down.

Rawkus Records, a label known to bring many underground rappers into the light, released a compilation called

SoundBombing Part II. This album received heavy rotation in my car CD player, at home, and in my walkman. I could pick this album up ten years from now and still jam to it. I will do an article on this review-worthy album very soon.

Those are the only groundbreaking albums I heard all summer long. Everything else that is newsworthy is only mediocre. What I am going to review now are the newsworthy, hyped-up albums that didn't quite make the grade this summer. Here they are, in random order.

PUFF DADDY - Forever

Puff Daddy is pissed off on this album. There is no getting around that. He's sick of everyone on his record label, he's sick of everyone pointing fingers at him, and he is sick of everyone hating him. Most of the album is dedicated to Puff complaining about everyone hating him, criticizing player hating, and telling people to get off of his back. Most of the problems with Puffy started when he used

old beats and revamped them to a more 90s type feel. So what does Puff do to get people off of his back? He does the same thing again. The same beat biting that got everyone mad at him in the first place. His rhymes are underdeveloped and the only breaks we get as listeners are when cameo appear-

ances save the album. Redman, Lil' Kim, Biggie, and Busta Rhymes are just a few names who bring this album together a little bit. Puffy's beats are good, but some of them just lack any creativity. For an example, listen to the two singles that are out on radio stations today are *P.E. 2000*, and *Satisfy You* with R.Kelly. Both beats are completely stolen, one from Public Enemy and the other from a group called the Luniz. Bottom Line: Disappointing. C

THE HIGH AND MIGHTY - Home Field Advantage

I was impressed with this album a lot more than with Puff Daddy's. This group has been ruling underground radio shows for a couple of years now with their popular song "Mind, Soul, and Body." I actually saw them in concert last year down at the Living Room. I was very impressed and was glad to see they finally got a record deal with Rawkus Records. Their first album is a promising start to what should be a bright career.

They started off strong with their hit single *B-Boy Document '99* featuring Mad Skillz. This song was featured on *SoundBombing II* and opened a lot of eyes to the lyrical skills of Mr. Eon. The beats on this album are not the best I've ever heard, but Mr. Eon shines lyrically

Reggae, and the closest I ever came to it was listening to Mad Lion who was more of a rapper than a Reggae artist.

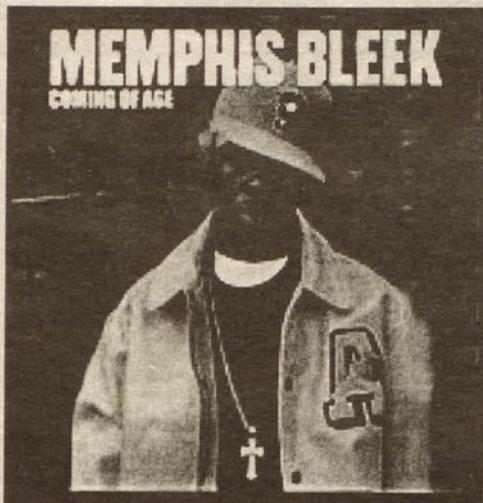
I was not impressed at all. Maybe two or three songs on this album really stuck out. Everything else sounded the same. The beginning of the album was alright, with good songs by Beenie Man, Sean Paul, Buju Banton, Beres Hammond, and of course Mr. Vegas. But I couldn't help but get tired of this after about ten or twenty minutes because it sounded the same, cover to cover. I was even more disappointed to see "Heads High" on the Reggae Gold 1998 compilation. Honestly, how bootleg is that to throw the SAME song on a

1999 greatest hits album that was on your 1998 album? Come on now! The only place I'll be listening to this CD is at a Reggae party because I love to dance to it. Otherwise, the album will be collecting dust.

Bottom Line: Terribly Disappointing D+

MEMPHIS BLEEK - Coming of Age

Now here's an average album that is produced by Shawn Carter, also known as Jay-Z. Memphis Bleek has a decent album and an array of guest appearances from Roc-a-Fella Records, including



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anyway. The beats could have been made with a bucket and a piece of wood, and Mr. Eon could still have made them sound phat. Many people will overlook this album on record shelves because The High and Mighty are not a well known group, but if you are a true fan of hip-hop, do yourself a favor and pick up this album. Bottom Line: Solid Attempt B+

VARIOUS ARTISTS - Reggae Gold 1999

Feeling a bit daring at the record store, I picked up *Reggae Gold 1999*. Honestly, half the reason I picked it up was because of that fly song with Mr. Vegas, entitled "Heads High." I figured the rest of the album would be similar, if not better than that song. Mind you, I don't listen to much

Jay-Z himself, Beanie Siegal, Ja-Rule, and Noreaga. The beats are not the worst I've heard in my life but are unsatisfactory coming from Roc-a-Fella. Some of the best cuts are "M***a 4 Life," "What You Think of That," and "Memphis Bleek is..."

Now here's what I think. Mind you, this is only my opinion, and I could be totally off on this. I honestly think Jay-Z did not make a true attempt to make this album the best he could. Memphis Bleek has potential to be a good rapper, but falls into to circle of repetitive, burned-out, been-there-done-that lyrics. If this album came out two years ago, I would have been more impressed. Everything Bleek rhymes about is a mirror image of everything Jay-Z has already rhymed about. Next time, Memphis Bleek needs to come out from Jigga's shadow and shine on his own. Bottom Line: Could Have Been Better C+

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Music Notes

By MICHELLE SMITH '01
A&E STAFF

The Folk Implosion
One Part Lullaby (Interscope)

Lou Barlow and John Davis return with a new album that's sure to please! Recorded in Lou's house and mixed by Wally Gagel, (Eels, Sebadoh, Superchunk), *One Part Lullaby* is a gentle and "wonderfully textured" album of melodies. Or, as the album cover says: "the new album from the band that brought you 'Natural One'." Yup.

The Dark Fantastic
The Dark Fantastic (Up Records)

The dark fantastic is a new, haunting band on the Up Records label. The Edward Goreyesque cover of a twisted, dead tree against the dark blue sky sets the listener up for a journey on the dark side. Dark and brooding in the vein of Nick Cave (the vocalist even sounds eerily like him at times), it also reaches points of being almost pop, but more like the Stone Roses. It's a perfect album to get ready for Halloween with!

Basement Jaxx
Remedy (Astralwerks)

As you read this, Basement Jaxx is one of the biggest and hottest musical acts in Britain. This album is a must for fans of Daft Punk and anyone who is into experimental dance/house music. As Muzik magazine describes them: "The band about to change the face of British dance music with the best house album ever."

Ben Harper and The Innocent Criminals
Burn to Shine (Virgin)

Ben Harper's fourth album is arguably his best one to date. Pulling diverse influences from John Hurt, Jimi Hendrix, Curtis Mayfield and Bob Marley, Ben Harper explores sides of himself not seen before. He is "not a songwriter, but a full out composer, who never compromises his soul." From R&B tunes ("The Woman in You") to human beatboxing ("Steal My Kisses") Ben Harper presents a musically exciting and diverse new album.

G. Love and Special Sauce
Philadelphonic (Okeh-550)

One of the bands most loved by college kids in the country, G. Love delivers another album of "acoustic blues, grooves and hip-hop" sure to funkify your soul. Besides the horrible album cover, *Philadelphonic* is a collection of funky, catchy tunes that are sure to be requested this fall. For fans of The Beastie Boys, Beck, Roots and Fun Lovin' Criminals, G. Love is sure to please. Oh yeahh....

For a free listen to tracks from these CD's, call WDOM at #865-2091 and request a song. WDOM (tentatively) goes back on air September 27.

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The Crabs' "Sand and Sea" : Summer's Definitely Over

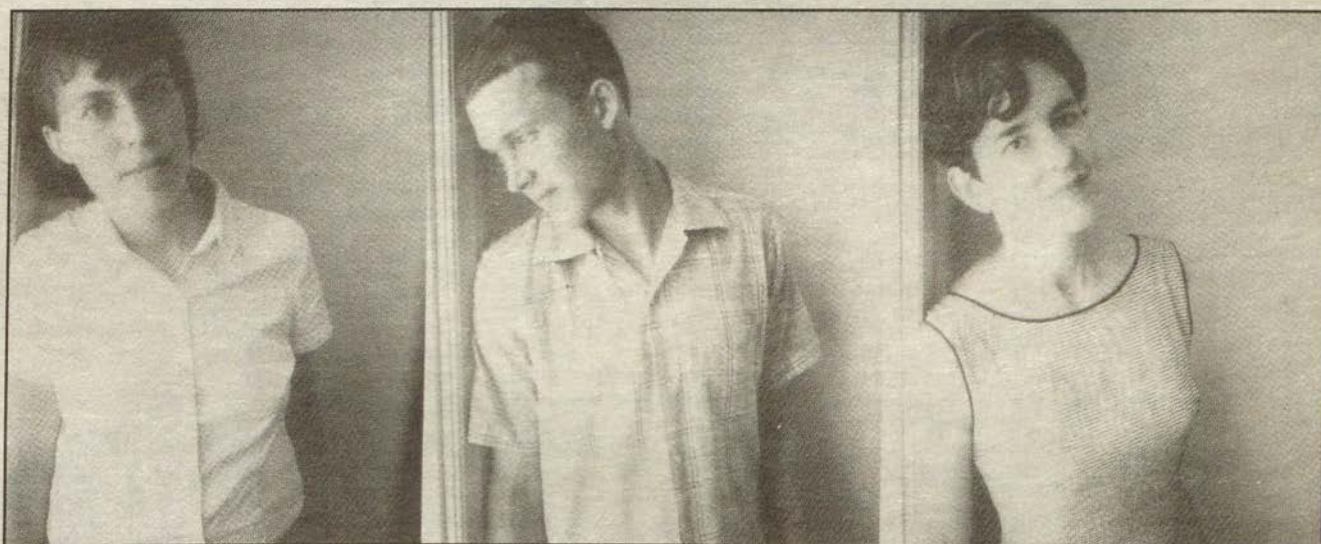
By JULIE KENNY '01
A&E STAFF

I figured that, with the days getting cooler and shorter and everyone getting back, however reluctantly, into the "school mode," taking a listen to The Crabs' *Sand and Sea* might be a good way to recapture one last bit of summer. You know, maybe a beach theme (train of thought: sand, sea, crustaceans), upbeat music, catchy lyrics, etc.

sound the same, except for "End of the World," which has a nice beat to it. Someone must have given Lunsford some decongestant mid-way through recording the album, since his voice doesn't sound quite as "stuffy" or forced as it does on other tracks. "Snow in Summertime" starts out promisingly, with Jackson doing a credible Liz Phair imitation (they should have handed her the lead vocals for every song). The vocals have a rough, flat alto quality but

put any sort of new spin on them or offer any new insight. No real emotion comes through in either the vocals or the lyrics. And at that point I was looking for any sort of emotion. Forget the Happy Beach Theme. I would've taken apathy, anger, regret, or something equally negative. But the vocals and lyrics - and emotions - sound just as synthesized as the instrumentals.

The songs are all pretty short. Ten tracks don't even add up to thirty



Sarah Dougher, Jonn Lunsford and Lisa Jackson of The Crabs

However, if you're looking to pick your spirits up a little as you're staring at the Ancient Western Philosophy book on your desk, you're going to want to skip this album from Jonn Lunsford, Lisa Jackson, and Sarah Dougher.

The first and second tracks, "Tumbling Away" and "Market Size," are very reminiscent of works by StereoLab, the French artists known for their synthesized, almost artificial and repetitive sound. They even have the monosyllabic female back-up vocals. In fact, I didn't even realize that the first song had ended and the second one had begun. "Ladies' Choice Reprise" sounds a bit like an amateur Indigo Girls song, featuring simply Jackson and Dougher. It's a nice change from the songs that feature Lunsford, which all seem to

are different enough that they're interesting. It doesn't sound like she's trying too hard. However, the lyrics aren't as philosophical or personal as those of Phair, and the end of the song just fades away. The album ends on "I Surrender," one of the better tracks.

I was looking for something that would make this album worthwhile. Closer examination of the lyrics had the opposite effect. Lines like "I want it, and I will take a fall/And it's incredible/That you'd sell your soul and not have it all" and "It's hard, it's hard/Looking for something/Can't seem to find it/In the miles of nothing/It's hard" are pretty artificial and "canned" sounding. The songs mainly relate to (A) loving and losing, and (B) isolation. Pretty universal themes, but The Crabs don't

minutes, which may account for the lack of real diversity in the sound. Maybe The Crabs didn't have time to add better instrumentals or try some vocal tricks or write any truly inspiring lyrics. In fact, two of the songs are pure "instrumentals" and lack vocals completely. Maybe The Crabs were really rushed. Or maybe they gave up. The songs are listenable, but non-descript. Borderline monotonous, there's no real unity among them. There are basically three different styles they've included on the album, none of which really stand out and give the CD any character. Giving lead vocals to Lunsford and going the synthesized route was a mistake for The Crabs. That Ancient Western Philosophy isn't looking so bad after all.

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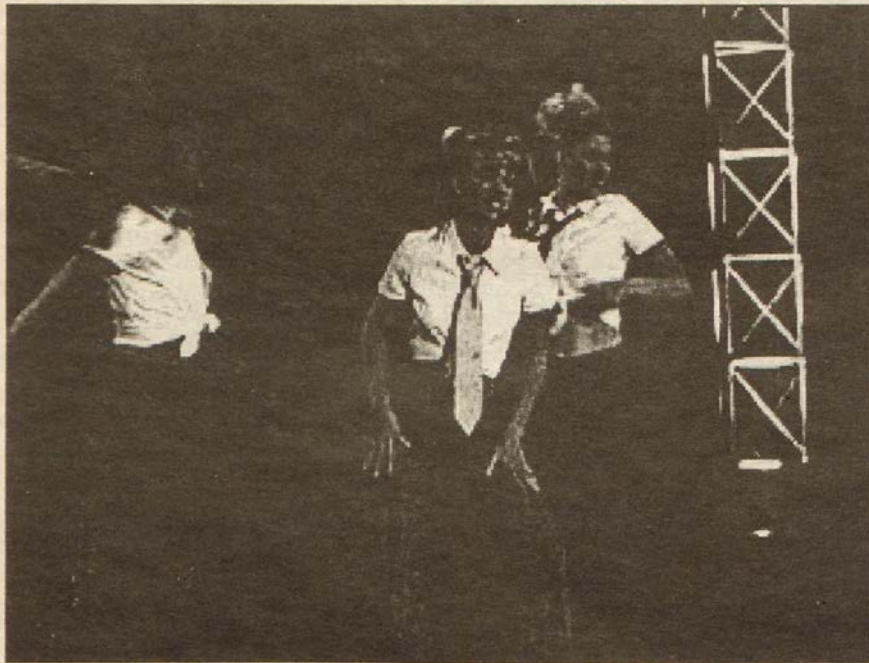
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Everyone's Favorite Jailbait: Britney Spears and Friends

By ADRIENNE LARSEN-SILVA
A&E STAFF

To be perfectly honest, this was the first time I have ever watched the MTV

Video Music Awards in their entirety. Judging by this year's production I can't honestly say that I think I have ever missed anything. Generally, it seemed that there are only a few styles of music

There's Something About Providence

By ERIN KELLER '02
A&E ASSISTANT EDITOR

Was I the only one who felt a certain pride that last summer's hottest comedy *There's Something About Mary* took place in Rhode Island? Come on, when Ben Stiller wore his Providence College T-shirt (although in a scene perhaps you or I might not have chosen) weren't you just the least bit proud? Well, now there are all-new reasons to feel like you're living in a popular place. The entertainment industry has "discovered" Rhode Island—Providence in particular—and has placed several hits in our city.

For example, does the prime time NBC program "Providence" ring any bells? Personally I cannot find one person living in Rhode Island (or otherwise) who admits to watching this show. Yet someone must be, because the network prides itself on its strong following. (Have you seen the commercials where they feature the letters they've received concerning the show? Feel the love.) And TV Guide adores it. So NBC's new gem has found its home (and its title) in Providence.

Think that's good? People are even leaving CapeSide, Massachusetts for the Ocean State. Yes, that's right; the character Andie of "Dawson's Creek" left the beloved creek to return to her hometown which turned out to be none other than Providence, Rhode Island. Do we sense a pattern yet?

But wait, we're not done. The animated have decided to follow suit. Fox's new animated show, "Family Guy," takes place in RI. And from what I've seen, the characters seem to continually refer to their residence. In

fact, whenever the family stands in the yard, the Fleet building is visible. Even more publicity. Which is good, in my opinion. Before it was Aaron Spelling programs set in California, law shows like "Ally MacBeal" and "The Practice" taking place in Boston, and virtually all other shows are in New York, so it's nice to have a new trend, and even better that it's so local.

So why is Providence suddenly the place to be? Perhaps we have Mayor Buddy Cianci to thank. For the past several years Cianci has been making

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Providence more... visually appealing shall we say? Because of it, Providence is becoming quite the attractive city, much more so than it used to be. This provides the big wigs at TV and film production companies with a northeastern city that isn't the Hub or Gotham. And goshdarnit, we need the change.

Secondly, Providence is experiencing a visible artistic Renaissance. The streets have statues, sculptures and other art works (a special thank you to the Rhode Island School of Design.) The Waterfire shows enhance the city's nightlife. And perhaps all this flourishing culture has produced a new media interest. Nothing attracts art like, well, art.

Finally, the men who started the hype, the Farrelly brothers, have brought the circle around again, with their new comedy *Outside Providence*. The movie takes place in Pawtucket, Rhode Island, but happily enough the title includes this new hip town. (For the review on this movie, see page.)

So RI has a lot of colleges. And it has (have you heard??) a mall. And suddenly everyone, including Pacey's girlfriend, is moving here. Lucky you.

whose videos can make any headway at an awards show like this: rap, hard rock, and teeny bopper pop. Not that I have anything against these genres, but the show as a whole suffered from lack of variety. Then too, these aren't the Grammys. The quality of the video only is what counts (and even then, sometimes you wonder). The range of presenters on the other hand was amazing. There were of course the people one would expect to see at an event like this, such as Will Smith, Madonna, and Janet Jackson. But you have to wonder whatever possessed MTV to ask Buddy Hackett and Regis Philbin to be there.

As far as performances go, most were only mediocre. The opening was notable simply because of the odd blend of musical styles, including a gospel choir, Aerosmith, Run DMC, and Kid Rock all singing together. Also performing were Britney Spears and 'N-SYNC, both of whom sang to badly re-mixed versions of their songs, and the now leather-clad Backstreet Boys. Other acts included

Nine Inch Nails, TLC, Jay-Z, Lauryn Hill, and Eminem with Dr. Dre and Snoop Doggy Dogg. And what awards show would be complete without Ricky Martin singing "Livin' La Vida Loca" yet another time? I'll admit the man puts on a hell of an act, but his dancing never fails to remind me of someone being electrocuted.

To me, the most interesting aspect of the show was the choreographed group dances. Say what you will about the Backstreet Boys, 'N-SYNC, and Britney Spears' music, but there is something impressive about a large group doing a perfectly timed, well-staged, upbeat dance number. However, in my book, Fatboy Slim's group gets the award for the most original number. A spoof of the more polished routines, the dancers' enthusiasm and (literally) flashing costumes made it interesting. Perhaps this is my biased dancer's perspective coming through, but

honestly, there wasn't much else of interest in the show.

Regarding the actual awards, there were few surprises. Ricky Martin took the awards for "Best Dance Video" and "Best Pop Video," and Will Smith won "Best Male Video." Lauryn Hill made a clean sweep, winning "Best Female Video," "Best R & B Video," and "Best Video of the Year." Several that did come as surprises were TLC's win for "Best Group Video" and Fatboy Slim's "Praise You" for "Best Director in a Video." Other winners include Eminem for "Best New Artist in a Video," Jay-Z for "Best Rap Video," Korn for "Best Rock Video," and Fatboy Slim for "Breakthrough Video." Also, Madonna won for "Best Video From a Film," the Beastie Boys for "Best Hip Hop Video," and the Backstreet Boys took the "Viewers Choice" award.

Overall, I'd have to say that this is not among the season's "must-sees." If you happen to catch the rerun and you have nothing else to do, watch it. It will kill some time. Otherwise, don't wait



Kid Rock Getting Busy

with a blank tape and baited breath for MTV to show it again. Honestly, how many times can you really watch Kid Rock scream "Bawitdaba?"

Security Awareness Fair

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Vendors and Foods and More

Who's Afraid of the Big Blair Witch?

By JESSICA TABAK '01
A&E EDITOR AND RESIDENT CYNIC

Unless you've been comatose all summer, you're familiar with the phenomenon that was *The Blair Witch Project*. Dubbed the most cleverly

THE BLAIR WITCH PROJECT
DIRECTED BY:
DANIEL MYRICK &
EDUARDO SANCHEZ
RUNNING TIME: 80 MIN.
CURRENTLY PLAYING AT
SHOWCASE WARWICK

marketed indie film (a category that *Blair Witch* fell into before it was bought by Artisan) since the birth of

the indie film, *Blair Witch* is more than just a movie. It's a website, a case file, and—some would argue—an unsurpassable horror movie experience.

I am not one of these people. Despite having been (or possibly because I was) more than excited about the movie's opening, the movie itself left me very aware that I had just watched a movie. Absent was the psychological trauma that had plagued the minds of more than a few of my friends after seeing it, and in its place was a funny sort of feeling that filmmakers Daniel Myrick and Eduardo Sanchez were writing about something a lot scarier than witches.

As a marketing scam (Did I write that? I meant S-C-H-E-M-E), *Blair Witch* was brilliant. When the movie first appeared at Cannes, the movie posters consisted of "missing persons" shots picturing the movie's three young stars. Little other information was given, but folks soon caught on to the fact that for more information, they should visit a certain website at www.blairwitch.com.

The site, chock full of "case information" and "crime pictures" that could be arresting only to someone who believed in their morbid authenticity, became a boiling sensation. We all love a true crime story, and we more than had it here. Besides giving us the fairly banal circumstantial evidence related to the disappearance, it left a tantalizing possibility dangling in front of our eyes. Apparently, there were eleven reels of video tape found under the old house where the Blair Witch presumably resided, and the website quietly stated that these reels were going to be made public in July 1999.

Then, as promised, came the movie. To keep the hype-growth steady, the film was opened in thirteen locations throughout the country for a trial run of three weeks—just enough time to get the movie bought by a big company (Artisan) for a few million dollars and for that big company to feed upon the (almost) pure profit margin. Movie goers everywhere piled

into theatres to see the real-life footage of three young filmmakers getting snuffed in the woods. Many expressed disappointment upon learning that the footage was not real. How much better the film would have been had it actually been real, instead of just a clever ruse.

If only wide-eyed America could have comprehended what a clever ruse it really was. Myrick and Sanchez claim to have made *Blair Witch* as an attempt to redefine the horror film, but in the

shameful curiosity.

The entire *Blair Witch* phenomenon—the "legend," the website, the movie—tinkers with the unknown. Not only with what is unknown to nature (ie. scary, fur-covered witches), but also with what is unknown to us, the unentitled voyeurs. Each media element promises more of a glimpse at "real horror" than the one before, culminating in a movie that ironically shows us very little of what we're after. There's no blood, very

Such are the movies by which legends are made. Celebrity is more timing and presentation than it is creation, and *Blair Witch* puts in quite the timely show. Despite annoying characters and banal ad-lib dialogue (I was more than once reminded of a T-shirt I once saw listing the various different functions of the F-word), *Blair Witch* has become a success—both commercially and otherwise. Audiences get the thrills, Artisan gets the big money, and Myrick

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process they have seamlessly uncovered the perverted curiosity of the American mind. They pulled the wool over the eyes of a country in which voyeurism is more fervently obeyed than religion, leaving us ensnared in the net of our own

little guts, and nary a glimpse of the monster everyone is so afraid of. This lack of information keeps us watching, hungry for more, until the last tantalizing moment when the camera drops and the tape goes dead.

and Sanchez get to expose the American public for the deliciously invasive pack of scavengers that we are.

I'll let you guess who gets the last laugh.

Heather Donohue of *The Blair Witch Project* putting on her best scared face



Advice for the Class of 2003

BY MATTHEW FARLEY '00
FEATURES STAFF

"What dorm are you living in? Ah, Meagher Hall. I used to live there, you know. Yes, indeed. Believe it or not, it used to be an all-guys dorm way back when you were just a sophomore in high school. That's right. Pretty amazing, huh? I'll bet you didn't know that there used to be a mini-mall where Alumni is right now. Really, there was. It was great! You could get ice cream delivered to your door from Slick Willie's. They also had a dry cleaners, some breakfast shop and a video store that had about six titles to choose from and was only open three hours per week. I'm being serious."

What you have just read is an example of a senior talking to a freshman. We, the seniors of Providence College, feel that we are quite superior to the rest of the students here because we have been here a year longer than the juniors, two years longer than the sophomores and a whopping three years longer than the freshmen! We were around in a time when mailboxes were in Slavin and you could get five dollars worth of food at alumni in exchange for a meal at Raymond. We feel that we should be revered by the rest of the school just because we've been here longer. The strange thing about all this is that we are actually treated with reverence by the younger members of the student body, especially by the freshmen.

Yes, the lost sheep who wander on and around the campus in large flocks are the ones who are most willing to accept the fact that the seniors know everything there is to know about life. Therefore, whenever a stray freshman stumbles onto an off-campus party, we seniors are more than happy to condescend to them for a few minutes. And when I say a stray freshman, I mean it. The hosts of off-campus parties just about never invite any freshmen to their parties. Only occasionally will a younger sibling or former classmate who is a freshman (by former classmate, I mean a freshman who went to the same high school as a senior or junior) be invited to come to a party with a few friends. Note to any younger sibling or former classmate who is invited to an off-campus party: don't bring more than four of your new freshmen friends; more than five freshmen at a time is too much for the upperclassmen to bear.

What I'm getting at here is that juniors and seniors love to talk with a small group of freshmen during the first weeks of school. After the first few weeks, the novelty wears out and we're pretty much ready to terminate all communication. But during these few weeks, we feel that we hold important knowledge which the freshmen should feel honored to have bestowed upon them. We made mistakes when we were just starting out here at PC and we don't want the freshmen to make those same mistakes. There were so many things that we would have done differently if only we could. A small group of freshmen is like a second chance for a junior or senior. We want you to listen closely and heed our advice because we think we know the answer. In most cases, we don't really know the answer. But, more often than not, a freshman will listen quite politely to whatever ridiculous set of guidelines a senior tries to sell him or her.

And what is this all leading up to? Hi, I'm Matt Farley and I'm a senior. I'd like to take this opportunity to address the whole freshman class. I feel that I have a whole lot of wisdom that I've aquired in my first three years at PC and I want to share just a little bit of that wisdom with you. So, here goes.

Freshmen, I suggest that you write down the names of all the people you come in contact with during your first month at PC. This will provide you with lots of laughs when you finally get to know your classmates better. You see, all freshmen initially find themselves with a group of people who they have never seen before and will forget about right away. Weeks, months or even years down the line, you could end up meeting these people again in a completely different situation. Unless you write down the names of the people that you encounter this month, you'll never realize that you've already met them.

All you have to do is, at the end of each day, write down the names of all the people you've met and, maybe, give a brief description of where you were and what you were doing when you met the person. Don't study this document. If you study the document then you'll know exactly where and when you've met everybody you know and, upon being reintroduced to the

person, you'll find yourself telling the person exactly where and when you were already introduced and you'll appear like some kind of obsessed loser. So, just write down the names of all the people you meet for the first two months of school and then put the document away for at least a year.

As the years go by, you will know more and more students from your class. Some will be your good friends, some will be acquaintances, some you will know who they are even though you have never spoken to them and others will remain complete strangers. If you take my advice and start keeping track of all your freshman year encounters, you will be amazed to find out how many people you know well that had been introduced to you during these months and then been forgotten about. Years from now, you might go through this little document and laugh hysterically upon discovering that you had met this person or that person so early in your college career.

I've always wanted to be able to go back to orientation and the first week of school just so that I could see all the friends who crossed my path before I knew them. By writing it all down while it happens, you will be able to go back and see at least some of the people you encountered before you actually got to know them.

Little Delights

BY COLLEEN LEE '00
FEATURES STAFF

Imagine a jellybean the size of a pinkie fingernail exploding fireworks of ripe, luscious pear into your mouth the instant you bite into it. It tastes so good you swear it is better than the actual fruit plucked from the tree!

Sometimes it does not take much to put the smile back on my face. And this weekend, after disappointing results on the volleyball court coupled with seeing a friend's mother suffering with a terminal illness, I felt as if nothing would wipe the frown away. Sure enough, however, one tiny piece of candy reminded me of my own mother slicing pears for my brother, my sister, and I when we were little. It lifted my spirits.

As I chewed the pear-flavored jellybean, other delights popped into my brain and my smile began to expand. Nothing cheers you up quite like the small pleasures often taken for granted.

Details are too often lost in the jumble of a story or an explanation, but sometimes, if remembered, they are the most potent points of the story. Speaking with a roommate of mine one day, I mentioned a high school friend of hers by name. She nearly jumped out of her shoes in excitement! Perhaps it was recalling the details that made her so happy, but I think it was because someone had really listened to what she had to say.

Other times, however, a word is not even necessary. Walking around campus, a trend to avoid hellos, acknowledgement, or even eye contact with people unfamiliar to us seems to exist. I fell into that trademark PC stroll, on one occasion, when a complete stranger smiled at me before I had a chance to avoid his glance. I grinned in response. That person had made my day!

Earlier this year, I had the chance to chat with my oh-so-very pregnant sister. All the family talk involved purchasing a crib and a stroller and painting the baby's room. My sister felt a bit overwhelmed, and needed a rest from it all. She put my hand on her expanded belly that served as the drum for the baby's beating kicks. It was the most incredible experience ever! So, whenever

things get overwhelming for me, I think of my niece, Ella, who dares to drum her own beat.

Too often we are too impatient to pay attention to the details, or too cool to smile, or too old to eat jellybeans. These small efforts, however, are capable of evoking the greatest pleasures.

Don't miss a beat. Make a list. Keep it close to your heart. And when things fail to proceed smoothly, just the thought of your life's little delights will sustain your smile and your desire to plug away at life!

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Grace

She,
a sparkling ember
on a fading day,
a rising sun
among a thousand falling stars,
a humble and obedient
servant of God
on her knees before destiny
as day turns to night.

She,
a teacher and precedent for the
lawless
with a smile pure serenity,
singing among angels and
reaching out warming hands
over this world of ashes and un-
knowns.

And this is my grandmother
who guided us through
with a mat that said "WELCOME"
and a face that meant "HOME."
No—
not gone now,
but glimmering always,
hidden now from our eyes,
and waiting until the last dawn
to invite us to tomorrow
when we must move on.

She is found
In the lasting memories of us
over whom she rises,
a saving light eternal
and radiant hope always
along paths obscure—
this she is to me.

For Grace Toohey
Who passed this summer

BY JEREMY BOLT '00
FEATURES EDITOR

Poetry Corner

Moments of Soul of the Roundness Century

BY AMANDA SYMMES '00
FEATURES STAFF

She aches for embrace
Like a cat creatively arches itself
Against chair's leg
Yet, like a yawn denied,
She knows it is fruitless—
For desire merely feeds desire
'This is hard,' she says
While others remind her
'One day at a time.'
Easy for them,
When for her seconds
Pass like snowflakes
Flutter to concrete
Landing pad.
Soon, the blizzard of time freezes
Her thoughts, her emotions like
A tepid glass of water, untouched.
And glances break angry
Moonshine on her cheek—
She blinks and shields her face,
From a glare which isn't there.
Shadows laugh at evening dusk
Marking its territory:
Phony footsteps in sand.
'Farewell,' too fine a goodbye
For the honorable grief which is
Soon to roll past.

Each Night



BY JAIME ANSELMO '02
FEATURES STAFF

I die each night
To think of you so far away
Only to sleep and be reborn
Into the Heaven of your arms.

BY KYLE LAMOUREAUX '00
FEATURES STAFF

unprecedented appeal,
undeniable consequences

a grave dug by the proud,
a mirror for the weak

superficial acclaim;
the neglected dimension

the muffled cries of desolation
remain...

Last Call

BY JILL YABLONSKI '00
FEATURES STAFF

So here's the last call for regrets... I know September's a little too early to turn on the lights, but the sooner I'm blinded the better. I understand that this whole No Regrets mantra I have running through my mind, taunting me, is an unrealistic goal, but its simple appeal grows every day. Mmm... a life without inhibition and bitter hindsight, sounds nice.

I can quote and quote about the importance of following dreams, hope, and only regretting, if you must, the things you've done and not that which you haven't, but what does that matter? My words often find themselves lacking conviction in the face of action. Ultimately, I think the greatest strength a person can have is that which enables them to be free, to do whatever whenever, and I'm

not the strongest girl around. It saddens me that such a basic, hopefully easily accepted, idea isn't frequently lived out. My perception of the world as a far too homogenous, watered-down place prevents me from accepting the idea that the majority of people out there are completely happy, absolutely free. So if anyone out there feels like going a little crazy, please do. If maybe I have wasted my space preaching to the converted, inspire me. If you don't, I can't say I will.

Regardless, just remember what my brother once wrote to me, "DON'T GET CAUGHT! If you do deny everything, they have no proof." Luckily, many of those who are here to discipline us are secluded in their walls anyway. So become blind to the other more viable influences and opinions that may surround and inhibit you. Now a personal note to Liz and Julie. Out of the three of us, the last one out of our Liberty City... you know what to do.

BIG RED SHOES

BY BETH BRUNET '00
FEATURES STAFF

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Entree Menu

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Dinner Pot Roast / Macaroni & Cheese

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Especially For You Italian Chicken

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Entree Menu

Lunch Taco Salad / Pasta Primavera

Dinner Sweet & Sour Chicken Stir-fry / Grilled Vegetable Provencale

Pizza Gusta Special Buffalo Chicken

Especially For You Fajita's Fiesta

Spitfire Special Mesquite Bbq Ribs

Wednesday

Deli Panini Special Bbq. Chicken Quesadilla's

Entree Menu

Lunch Meatball Subs / Tortellini Greko

Dinner Spinach Ricotta Quiche / Chicken Tenders

Pizza Gusta Special Tomato Basil

Especially For You Attack of the Killer Potatoes

Spitfire Special Banjo Ham

Thursday

Deli Panini Special Cordon Blue Sandwich

Entree Menu

Lunch Chicken Broccoli Supreme / Roasted Vegetable Enchilada's

Dinner Cajun Honey Pork Loin / Penne Primavera w/ Creamy Tomato Sauce

Pizza Gusta Special Sausage

Especially For You Tortellini Terror

Spitfire Special Roast Pork Loin

Friday

Deli Panini Special Tuna Melt

Entree Menu

Lunch American Chop Suey / Baked Fish Sandwich

Dinner Marinated London Broil / Spinach Lasagne

Pizza Gusta Special Chinese Chicken

Saturday

Deli Special Mexican Taco Salad

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Pizza Gusta Special Pepperoni

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Entree Menu

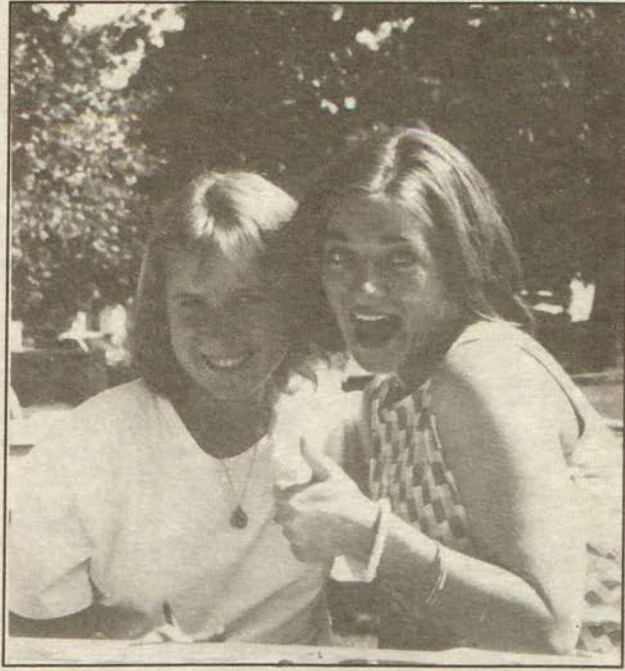
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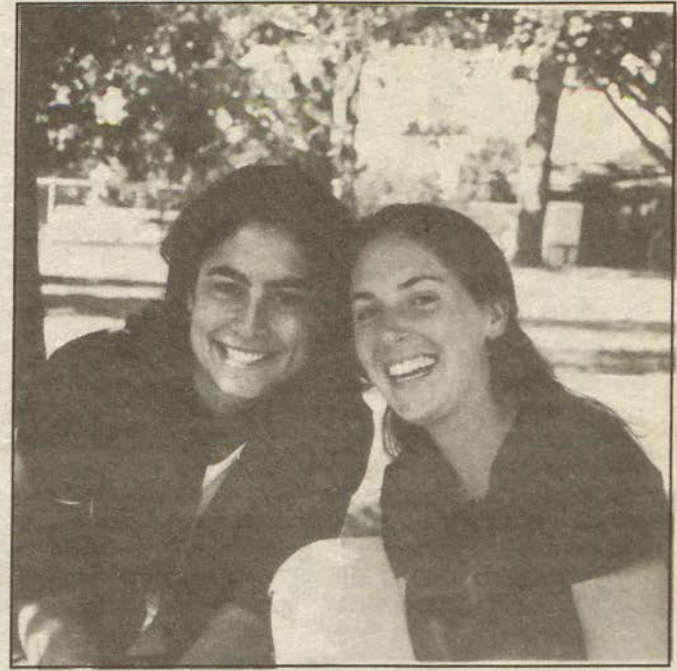
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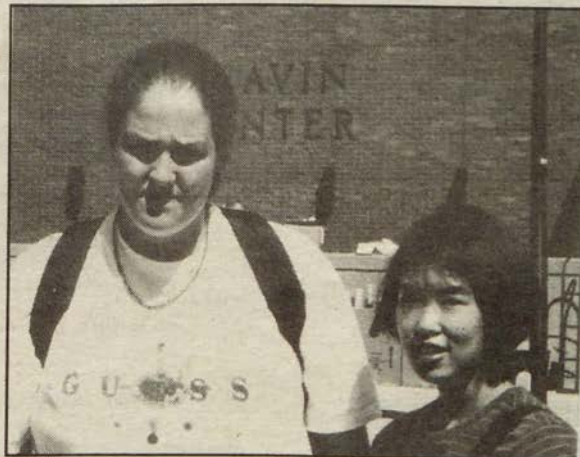
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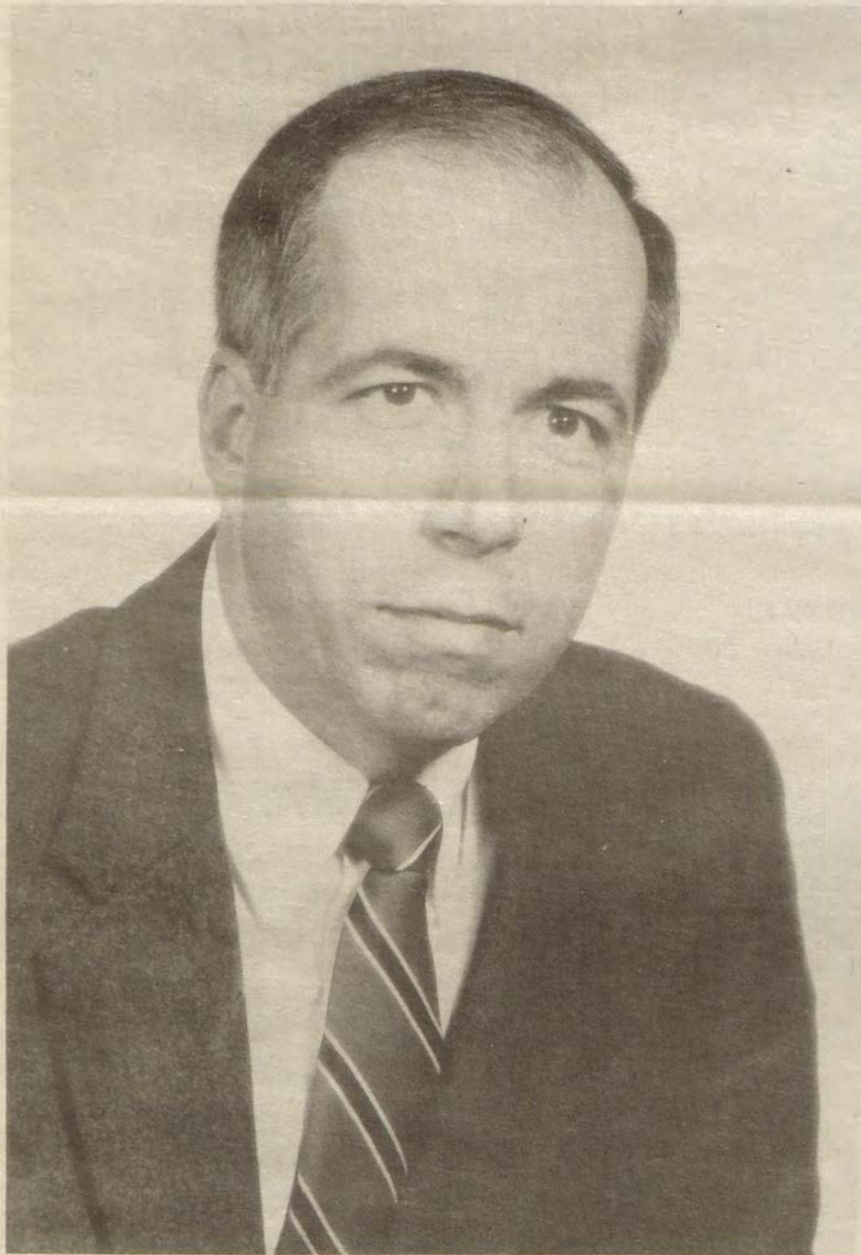
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PC Field Hockey Drops Two

BY MATT YOUNG '01
SPORTS STAFF

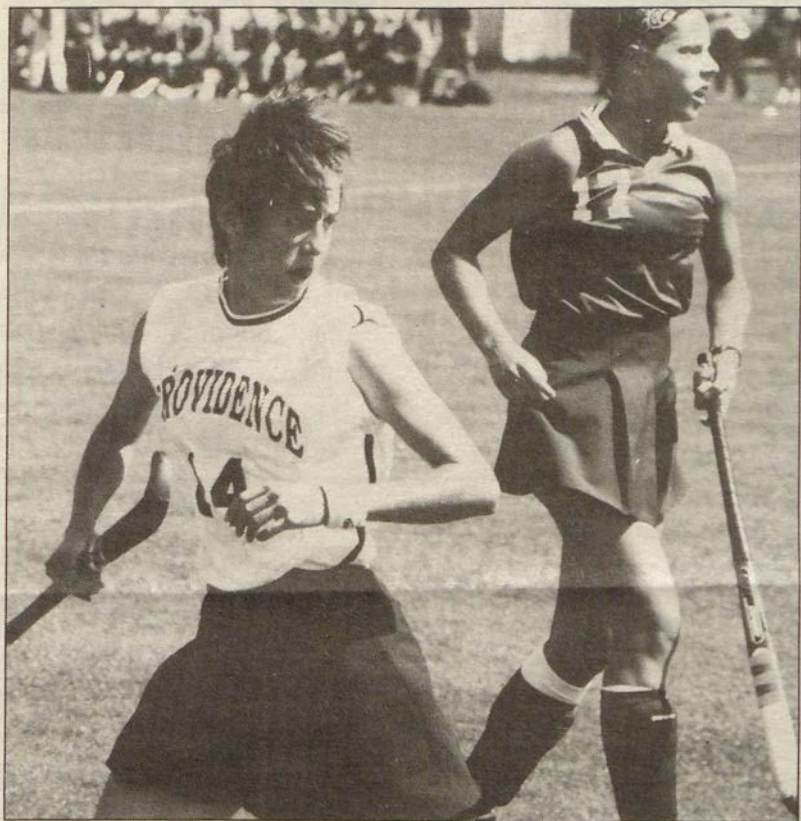
The Providence College Field Hockey team suffered a heartbreaking loss at the hands of the Brown Bears on Tuesday. The Bears overcame a 4-2 deficit in the second half to post the victory 5-4. The loss drops the Friars to 0-5 overall, 0-1 in the Big East.

The Brown Bears came out clicking on all cylinders early in the first half forcing the Friars back on their heels. Despite the early pressure, Providence managed to keep the game scoreless. The Friars responded by putting on some pressure of their own, which led to Providence's first goal by Carrie Leoncavallo. Providence added to their lead on a beautiful goal by Erica Hebert. Hebert tipped home a sensational centering pass from Breanne Wojnarowicz pushing the Friars lead to 2-0. However, Brown cut the

their hard work paid off as they scored to come within one of the Friars at 4-3. At the 12:27 mark Brown tied the score as Hyun-Joo Park scored her second goal of the game. Finally, Brown surged ahead for good as Megan Patterson scored on a penalty flick. Friars' goaltender Andrea Weyl made a valiant attempt at stopping the penalty flick, however the ball deflected into the top of the net. In summing up his teams second half performance Providence coach Bill Davidson said, "we didn't recognize the dangerous situations and we got away from our strategy at times."

However, Coach Davidson took several positives out of this offensive battle stating, "We played portions of the game well. We are scoring goals and younger players are stepping up."

Earlier in the week, the Connecticut Huskies showed why they are the favorite to win the Big East Conference this season by beating the Friars by a



By JOHN ENGLISHMAN '03

Embattled Junior forward Jamie Lerch fights on against the Connecticut Huskies last Saturday on Hendricken Field.

Providence lead in half at the 5:02 mark on a deflection in the circle that found the top corner of the net. Freshman Jennifer Chin helped the Friars' cause as she scored the final goal of the first half extending the Friars lead to 3-1.

The Brown Bears looking to jumpstart their game, changed goalies at the start of the second half. The move paid off in the end as the Bears were able to pull off the improbable second half comeback. Cara Gardener scored the first of her two goals on the day to close the gap to 3-2 for Brown. However, Providence answered with Hebert scoring her second of the day, on a corner. Brown continued to battle, and

score of 4-1. Despite losing, Providence played well, hanging around with the explosive Huskies for seventy minutes. Providence goaltender Andrea Weyl played superbly in net for the Friars. She summed up her teams performance saying, "We played with a lot of heart and hustle. We played together as a team and I think this game will be a great building block for the rest of the season." Coach Davidson summed up the Friars week saying, "Connecticut showed us we can play at a top level, but the Brown game showed that we were vulnerable."

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Homecoming

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student life at Providence considering that I have partaken in them over the years as well.

This aside, I was delighted to learn that the students were taking action against the perceived improprieties of the administration's decision. I read of debates and rallies where students openly and honestly expressed themselves, unafraid to stand in opposition.

Although the results of the administration's decision remained unchanged, the passion and eloquence exhibited by many students and the effected athletes must be commended. As I followed, the heroic efforts of the baseball players during their waning days as teammates, I could not help feel a genuine sense of pride in the resilience of my fellow students. Their story was one of inspiration, determination and most importantly, class.

Although the Title IX controversy raged for much of the year, eventually claiming

as its victims the Men's Baseball, Golf and Tennis programs, there is a certain good that can be extracted from the experience.

The students of Providence College, at least for a brief moment, bonded together against that which they deemed intolerable and unjust. In spite of the ultimate outcome, they forced the administration to take note and answer for their actions. The protests obviously had some effect on the weary administration, which refused even to send a representative to the final home baseball game, citing possible hostility as the reason for their absence.

Whatever the reason, throughout the controversy the students of Providence College acted in a manner that laid the groundwork for a new, more dynamic student body, one that will demand responsiveness and challenge the perceived administrative rigidity that has temporarily thwarted the speed of our progress, but not the capabilities of our minds.

This week's Pinch Hitter is an avid fan of PC athletics. He is a Political Science major and is also a member of the Pep Band.

Keeping Pace

BY JOHN ZILCH '01
ASST. SPORTS EDITOR

And that elderly woman thought the skateboarding crew hanging out behind 7-11 would never amount to anything...

"They're just trouble!"

"Can't they do something constructive?" someone's grandmother would yell.

"What's skateboarding going do for you in ten years anyway?"

"Okay...that move was kinda cool actually."

Well Ma'am, the triple ollies and kickflips are finally paying off for these alternative-athletes.

The first annual Gravity Games dropped into Providence this past weekend and Isaac Newton should be rolling over 360's in his grave.

A lot like ESPN's Extreme Games, the Gravity Games were extreme and included events such as Aggressive In-Line Street, Skateboarding Vertical, Wakeboarding, and Freestyle Motocross, amongst others. The only thing these guys didn't do was bike without brakes.

Wait hold on. My mistake, 26 year old Troy McMurray of California actually rode a BMX that did not include brakes. His reasoning was simple: "They don't pay me to ride brakes," as he is stated in the Providence Journal. Troy, The Patriots don't pay Drew Bledsoe to wear a helmet, either. Instead, Drew collects his paycheck by throwing 340 yards and beating the New York Jets 30-28 as he did this past Sunday in a game where second rate quarterback Vinny Testaverde got hurt and the NBC commentators made it seem as catastrophic as Coach Parcells missing a meal.

Speaking of getting hurt, that's another thing the Gravity Games participants are good at. But what would you expect? You've got skateboarders propelling themselves 100 feet into the air and then saying to themselves 'Hey, where's my board?' Last time I saw someone so helpless in mid-air I was seven and watching a Looney Toon where Bugs Bunny would fall out of a plane and look around a bit before finally descending to a ground that doesn't hurt that much. I think these guys have seen a few too many cartoons because

they're downright crazy. But they do have some courage, some stiches, and should definitely be called athletes. I mean for the stunts they pull you have to call them something.

I guess I could have written about football kicking off another exciting season, or baseball closing down. (I refuse to say that baseball is just getting interesting. People who say this are the same people who say that basketball's only good for the last two minutes and that pro wrestling is fake.) But c'mon, this is fun stuff. Every minute or so you can witness a competitor take a pretty gruesome spill, a clip sure to be edited out of the "Providence" TV show.

If you missed the Games, I'm predicting they'll be back because a recorded 200,000 plus people stopped by this year. Of course, I also bet a friend a lunch that the Blair Witch kids would get out of the woods. (There's no footage after the credits, by the way.)

Here's a question for you though: How much bigger will this event get? The action is there for sure but as far as superstars go, well, there are none nationally. No one knows In-line Street skateboarding champion Joe Smith, but instead we know the last place guy who overgreased his wheels and landed in Providence Place.

Even in a sport like Tennis, which is just now climbing out of a long popularity drought, the superstars do attract. For example, Saturday Serena Williams won the US Open. Her older sister Venus also made it to the semifinals, but it was Selena who would capture the tournament title in defeating Martina Hingis. The sisters have squared off before and the family matchup is going to attract as many sports aficionados as Anna Koumikova does teenage boys.

With the superstars come the competition, and with the competition comes history. The Red Sox - Yankee rivalry is bar none the biggest in sports history. Speaking of, as an avid Boston Sports fan I must mention the Red Sox success over the weekend. I won't gloat though; Boston fans are humble and good sports and we won't rub it in the faces of Yankee fans out there.

We'll just sweep that topic out the door.

In closing, it is a weekend well spent, but I doubt a Gravity Hall of Fame will be opening up anytime soon. Although this sport could serve as a circus for the next century, it's growth potential is, well, still up in the air.

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Volleyball Begins 1999-2000 Campaign

BY JOHN ZILCH '01
ASST. SPORTS EDITOR

The Providence College Women's Volleyball team opened the '99 season with the perennial invitational tournaments and although they didn't fare well in wins and losses, the team did show promise.

While a handful of freshman recruits have joined the squad, many of last year's veterans are back for another year on the courts. Coached by Ken Nichols, the team includes many of the players who contributed last year. Amongst those players are senior captain Colleen Lee and sophomore superstars Sarah Katinger and Annie Cella.

However, recently it has been junior Heidi Filippi turning heads. In the first tournament of the season, Filippi was named to the All-Tournament team.

She recorded 33 kills and completed 12 digs and 15 assists.

The team went 1-2 for the weekend beating Illinois-Chicago (3-0) and losing to both Tennessee (3-0) and host James Madison (3-0).

The following weekend PC traveled to the Marquette Invitational and would match their last performance. This time around, Providence would defeat Mississippi State and lose to Marquette and Bowling Green. In the Marquette matchup, Colleen Lee impressed a crowd of 389 as she aided her teammates with 58 assists in a losing effort.

If the squad isn't tuned up yet, there is still time for adjustments. Conference play does not begin until October 2nd when UCONN comes to Alumni Hall in the Big East opener for Providence.

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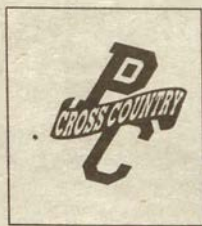


KEVIN JONES '00
MEN'S SOCCER

The Junior forward scored the game-winning goal at 1:26 of the overtime as PC defeated Harvard, 3-2, on Sept. 12.

Jones also assisted on Providence College's game tying goal with 6:27 remaining in regulation.

He leads the team in scoring with 6 points.



HEATHER CAPPELLO '02
CROSS COUNTRY

The sophomore finished first in a time of 17:47 to lead the women's cross country team to its 14th consecutive University of Rhode Island Invitational title on Sept. 11.

She hails from Lockport, NY.

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Straight Sets

Tennis Teams Sweep New Hampshire For A Very Impressive Start

BY JOE VALENZANO '00
SPORTS EDITOR

Tradition.
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Determination.

These are the qualities that the Providence College Tennis program strives to exemplify. If it has done anything, the Title IX decision that eliminated the men and stole scholarships from the women, has only augmented the effort that the teams put forth.

Going into the season the strength of the Friars on both sides of the court was in question, but this past week some answers started to appear.

For the men, who if Title IX had it's way would not be here, this year will be a tough one. Despite losing their one, four and five to graduation, the team was hit with the transfer of their expected number one for this year to Massachusetts. All of this forced players to move up a notch, and has even forced Coach Carl LaBranche to play several sophomores, who did not even step on the court last year, every match. Pat Moynihan, Matt Jarvis and Craig Roselund were the ninth, tenth and eleventh men last season, but were now thrust into the fourth, fifth and sixth slots.

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"They knew that we would need them, and that they would start," said LaBranche, "So I was pleased to see that they worked exceptionally hard over the summer."

All of this would seem to point toward a very disappointing campaign.

But, don't expect that.

If the teams' play against New Hampshire on Tuesday is indicative of their talent, they may yet prove many people wrong.

The men shutout (7-0), and utterly dominated a New Hampshire team, that quite frankly, could have beaten them. The Friars, led not only by incumbent leaders Paco Fabian, Keith Dressler, and Chris Riccobono, but also sophomores Pat Moynihan, Matt Jarvis and Craig Roselund, swept through the singles matches and lost only their last doubles match.

For a team not expected to be around this year, they gave a gritty and determined performance.

"These kids came to Providence and saw their dreams burst last October," commented LaBranche, "It was a great experience for me to watch them succeed like that."

The women fared just as well as the men, having won their match 8-1.

The women had a tournament this past weekend at Syracuse where they played against six of the top sixteen teams in the country. It actually enabled them to have a warm-up for their Tuesday dual match against New Hampshire.

The year seems very bright for the Friar women, the question is just maturity.

"With sophomores at positions one, four and five, the question is 'How soon do we grow up?'" said LaBranche, "We have the ability to push and hang around with the top sixteen in the nation."

With Title IX behind them for the moment, the tennis' team are now striving to show everyone what it means to be a part of the PC tennis tradition.

The Men's next matches are at the New England Intercollegiate Invitational next weekend. They have no home fall matches. The women have several upcoming matches. Consult your sports calendar for the dates.

Back Again

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will be found out when the Friars skate in their opener in early October.

The final new aspect of Friar athletics that I will address here is that of the Men's Basketball team.

No Sean Connelly everyone. He's off to Ohio State.

No Peter Farrell Marcelino. He's off to places unknown.

No Jamel Thomas. He wasn't off to the draft.

These are your new bang 'em up Friars. The majority of the team is made up of junior college transfers, and the first real Tim Welsh recruiting class.

Now depending on who you talk to, the team will be on one extreme end of the spectrum: either really good, or don't bother buying a ticket bad.

Teams on tap: Michigan State, Massachusetts, North Carolina State, and Arkansas. Not a bad slate, but definitely not an easy one. We'll just have to wait and see if Timmy's troops are up to the task at hand.

Something Borrowed.

Due to the aforementioned construction, the coaches have been temporarily displaced. Their new offices are down at Schneider Arena. They are borrowing the Friends of Friar Hockey

office for the moment to conduct their daily routines and business.

Weak I know, but hey, it goes with the cool lead.

Finally, there is Something Old.

As it has done in the past it seems the PC student body is adopting an apathetic approach to its athletic programs. This may be due in part to the Title IX decision of a year ago. After all, why support teams that the school itself does not even seem to support?

On the other hand they are our classmates, and it is just common sense to support them. Whether they are having a tough season or a productive season, let them know that we are behind them. I'd rather be the one pillar of support at their games, than watch from afar, Miller Light in hand, as their teams and confidence get shattered.

Meanwhile here at the Cowl there is one overarching principle that has not changed, and hopefully never will:

We will seek the truth and give our opinions, however different they may be. We give food for thought, though some of what we serve tastes like what Friar Boy leaves across campus.

With that, welcome back.

And while you're here, please sit back and enjoy the banter. As we proved last year we pull no punches and take no prisoners.

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- 2) 5 pt. From 1968-1999 how many head coaches has men's soccer at Providence College had?
- 3) 4 pt. When was the last Big East title for Providence College Women's Soccer?
- 4) 4 pt. Who was the first man to break the 4 minute mile?
- 5) 5 pt. What were the original 6 teams in the NHL?
- 6) 2 pt. Who has thrown the most no-hitters in the history of baseball?
- 7) 3 pt. Who holds the world record for most home runs hit in a career?
- 8) 4 pt. Who won the Conn Smyth trophy in 1995?
- 9) 2 pt. Who won the national college football championship last year?
- 10) 9 pt. (3 pt. per answer) Name the three Chicago Bears head coaches who have won their rookie coaching debut?

In order to enter the competition, please fill your answers out on a separate sheet of paper with your name and phone number and drop it off in the Cowl office at 104A Slavin Center no later than Monday, September 20, 1999 at 3:00pm. There can be only one entry per person, an individual can win only once, no entries are allowed by any member of the Cowl, and all decisions rest with the Sports Editor.

To Laud Over

BY M.F. STAUFF
ASSOC. EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Western Connecticut—my home for the past fourteen years—is synonymous with Yankee Country. The problem is that I am a transplanted Bostonian from within the Hub. Since I moved to the heartland of the Bronx Bombers, there has been little for me to cheer about in regards to my baseball devotion: the Boston Red Sox. In fact, my first year there was Buckner's Blunder in the series with the Yanks' cross-town rival.

It is difficult being a Red Sox fan deep within the frontiers of the New York pinstripers. There is no television coverage of Boston sports—except for the rare national broadcast—and the local paper gives my hometown team token coverage little better than that of the Montreal Expos or Colorado Rockies. I spent year after year following the Red Sox solely by their daily box scores. I tried to make the game play out in my head as best as I could—unfortunately weak bloopers to center become hard line drives to right.

This last weekend gave me something to finally brag about if I go home. I have been afraid to declare my loyalties ever since '86 when my friend—Martha (the first girl I ever kissed)—and I were the only people in my elementary school rooting for the Red Sox. Anyway, the event which makes me truly want to go home and holler my delight to all the Yankee doubters is the recent three-game sweep of the Yankees by the Red Sox. Not only did it reinforce the possibility of an actual race for the American League East pendant, but each game was a work of art in itself. As when I grew up, I did not have the chance to see the games on television but relied on the results through the box scores.

I remember sitting on my neighbor's couch this past Friday evening and realizing—too late—that the Red Sox and Yankees had played earlier that evening. I slid out the door and logged onto a wonder of the modern world—the Internet—to read the box score. The final score was 4-1 in favor of the Sox with Pedro getting the victory. More than that, he nailed home 17 strikeouts and allowed only one hit. This tied him with Nolan Ryan for the most 15+ strikeout games in a single season (the record is at six). I can only imagine what the intensity at

Yankee Stadium was this night as Martinez mowed down 12 out of the last 15 batters who dared approach his greatness on this evening.

The second game on Saturday was more of a nail-biter. It was hardly a dominant pitching performance as both teams tallied a combined 21 runs and 22 hits. The hitters took advantage of poor pitching with 16 walks issued by 12 pitchers between the two bitter rivals. This was a game of fireworks as Nomar led the Sox with two of his team's five home runs. To help rub the salt into Yankee fans' wounds even more is that Nomar jumped a point ahead of Jeter in the batting title race. This second victory left me drooling for the sweep. I desperately wished I could sit at home Sunday and watch the game on television. Instead I was committed—freely and of my own volition—to travel to a friend's house for her birthday.

So Sunday evening rolls along and I get back to my apartment convulsing with anxiety to learn how the Beantown team did. Much to my pleasure, they won!!! It was hardly in as dramatic a fashion as the first two games, but it was an amazing series sweep I could kick back and direct a smirk to my friends at home over—something rarely done in recent times. The Sox were led by a gutsy Saberhagen. He knows full well that his oft-reconstructed shoulder could go on the next pitch he throws but he keeps taking the mound for this (hopefully—check that, I must remember to keep the faith) playoff bound team.

Enjoying this series (in my opinion, possibly the best of the entire season) was too easily accomplished. It reminds me of home and growing up—a place where I have (regrettably) not been too often recently. I have the perfect opportunity now to harangue my Yankee friends and return some of the harassment they have piled on me over the years. This series gives me something to laud over as a Red Sox fan. This is the love affair with baseball for Americans and especially for me. Pretty much everyone probably has an association with this game that makes them truly smile and no matter where your loyalties lie you know that the next day your friends will still be your friends.

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Picking Up Where They Left Off

BY SHEREE THORNTON '01
SPORTS STAFF

Who is going to fit the "Gladys" slipper and replace the "Cheetah" Dupre?

Last fall, graduates Gladys Ganiel, Rhode Island's 1999 Woman of the Year, and three-time All-American Sarah Dupre were Providence College's top runners.

They helped the PC women's cross country team capture the New England Championship and earn the 10th ranked spot in the country on the NCAA Women's Cross Country Poll.

However, junior captain Rachel Hixon (Media, PA) has no problem picking up the slack and helping to led her cross country squad back to another New England Championship, as well as, and outstanding season.

Placing her own mark among the Friars women's cross country team, she has already earned the Women's Intercollegiate Cross Country Coaches Association Academic All-American honors.

Hixon's 15th place finish (17:20.32) at the NCAA Cross Country Championship was her first All-American accolade.

Other top returning runners for the Friars are senior captain Dana Ostrander (Ballston Lake, NY), sophomore Heather Cappello (Lockport, NY), and newcomer Emily Tallen (Kingston, Ontario).

Head Coach Ray Treacy has the challenge of coaching and young Friar team, who will run against high level competition.

"People think that since two of our top seven, Ganiel and Dupre, are gone that we will struggle," said Hixon. "Personally, I think that we are going to surprise a lot of people. We are stronger than they think."

Having a young team is an advantage because everyone has room to improve and workouts are going really well.

That makes the coaches excited about this season," concluded ecstatic Hixon, "Because Dana and I are going to try to be good strong leader for the team like Sarah and Gladys were."

Coach Treacy and the Friar women's team won their season opener against the University of New Hampshire Wildcats Friday, September 3 at 3:00 p.m.

PC (18 points) defeated UNH (38 points) by clinching five of the top eight spots.

While the Cats were back in the alley, Hixon, who won the race in a time of 19:00, headed the Friars. She was followed by teammates Cappello (second - 19:00), Ostrander (third - 19:00), and Tallen (fourth - 19:00).

In the following, PC ran past Central Connecticut and the University of Rhode Island to win its 14th consecutive University of Rhode Island Invitational last Saturday, September 11 in Kingston, RI.

Heather Cappello who finished first in a time of 17:47 led Providence.

"It was my first time placing first, so I was pretty excited," says Cappello,

"We have a good squad and

should do well every meet, if everyone works hard."

The Friars were energized, so they keep "going, and going, and going" on to capture the first five spots and dominate the meet.

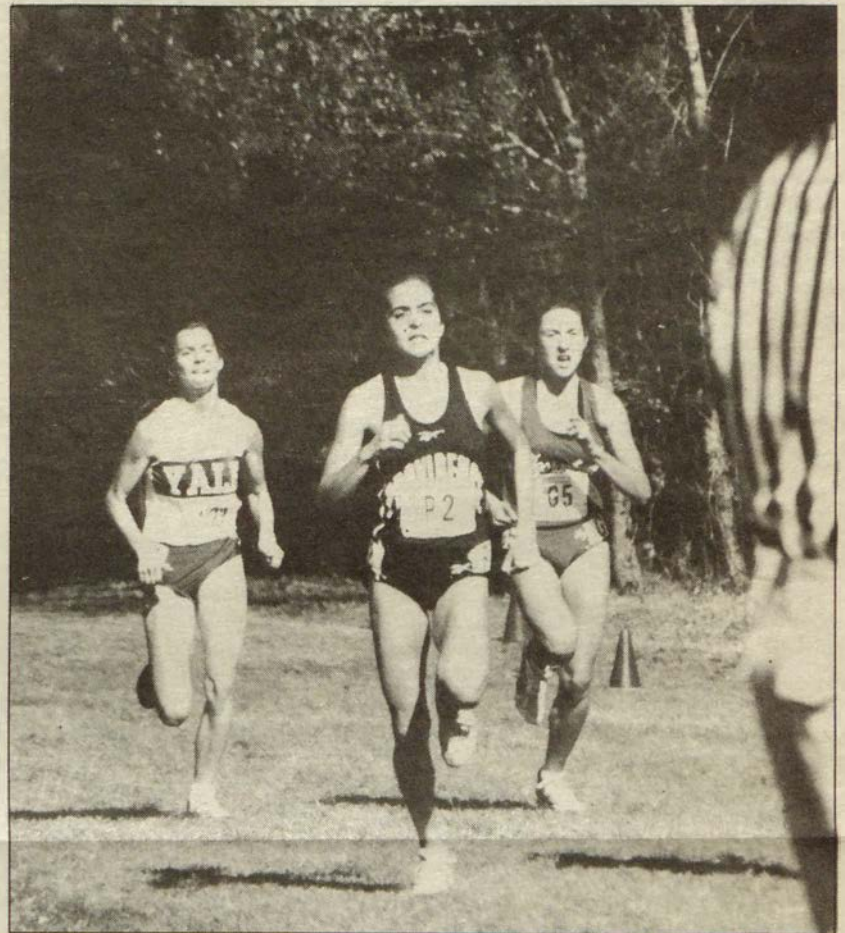
Senior Dana Ostrander followed in a time of 17:57, Rachel Hixon (third -18:04), Emily Tallen (fourth -18:24), and sophomore Kathryn

Casserly of Salwy, Ireland (fifth -18:36) all scored for PC.

The Friars will be back in action next Saturday, September 25 at the Roy Griak Invitational at the University of Minnesota in Minneapolis, MN.

"Minnesota is an important meet. This gives us a chance to see how we match up to good, solid teams," ends Hixon.

Tradition keeps on rolling.



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Rachel Hixon leads the way at one of her latest meets.

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Welcome Back

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I don't know about the blue, but the rest of that quote can apply to Providence College Athletics this year.

Off The Bench
Joe Valenzano

We'll start with the new, since there are many aspects of PC athletics that have changed since we all left for the glory and joy of summer employment.

If you haven't noticed by now, the athletic department is in a serious state of disrepair. Despite rumor, this was not caused by the extended celebration the school held for the baseball team upon their return from the NCAA Regionals back in May. Rather it was caused by the three and one half million dollar renovations to the locker room facilities in Alumni and Peterson.

These upgrades were announced at the same time as the Title IX cuts from a year ago. They are designed to improve the previously sad excuse for locker rooms the school previously offered.

On the positive side, when these new athletic halls are completed, the Women's Volleyball team and Women's Basketball team will have the ability to host a tournament during their seasons. This is something the previous facilities could not have realistically supported. It will also make the treatment received by all the PC sports teams more equal. By this I mean the men's basketball team will no longer be the only Friar club with a four-star locker room.

At least that's what the plan calls for...we'll just have to wait and see if it is the ivory tower that is promised.

There are new coaches in Frairville as well.

For starters, the one who most may have met is Tracy DiMillio Kerr. Ms. Kerr is the new head coach of the women's soccer team; she is also the fourth coach in five years for that program. Women's soccer has fallen on dire times since it last won the Big East in 1994, though Kerr seems to have injected a new energy and confidence in her players, and hopefully she will take up an extended residence here at PC to help rebuild the program.

There is also Bob Deraney, the new head coach of women's hockey. It took a while, but the athletic department finally named this man head coach near the end of the recruiting season. I am sure that Mr. Deraney is very qualified for the position, but the effect of the delay in his announcement

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Turning the Corner Women's Soccer Gets First Win

BY DAVE REGAN '00
SPORTS STAFF

The last few seasons for the Providence College Lady Friars' have been extremely hard to say the least. After qualifying for the N C A A Championships in 1993, the women have suffered a long dry spell that has only produced thirteen wins since. New head coach Tracy DiMillio Kerr, a former All American from perennial powerhouse Virginia takes the helm looking to change things around on a team that included nine freshmen and only three seniors.

That is exactly what they did.

After the full 90 minutes and an entire overtime, fifth year senior Kelly McKusker scored and gave PC their first victory of the year, 2-1 over the Pioneers of Sacred Heart.

The youth in the team showed in their first three games. Starting 0-3 and having been shut out in each game, the Lady Friars returned to home action and reversed the trend with a thrilling 2-1 win over the Sacred Heart Pioneers

PC opened the first ten minutes with intense pressure on the Sacred Heart net, but they were met by a brick wall named Carlin Guarneri, who stopped all five Lady Friar shots. The game turned into a battle of the midfield until the last five minutes of the first half, when



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Freshman Emilie Comeau keeping a watchful eye on her opponent.

PC stepped up the pressure again.

Freshmen midfielder Kyle McAuley and junior defender Tricia Brennan began to push the ball forward with time running out, creating a few opportunities that missed wide right at the end of the half.

Then in the 58th minute PC pushed the ball forward with more fluidity and ease, and just missed a few crosses. The Lady Friars stood wide open in the box, but it was not meant to be.

The 64th minute saw freshmen midfielder Erin Jones put a blast just barely over the crossbar- a shot that had Guarneri and Sacred Heart sprawling to make cover.

Brennan took control of the game briefly in the 66th minute. After barely missing a header, she took the pass and fired a rocket that was met by the thud of the crossbar and upset the PC bench.

The visitors broke the scoreless tie in the 83rd on a goal by Elana Rosero, who after a scramble in the box put the ball just past the outstretched hands of PC senior keeper Shayna Ross.

"We gotta keep up the intensity; we have time left!" screamed Brennan from the sidelines.

After an acrobatic save by Ross kept it a one goal deficit, PC

rebounded just two minutes from time. Junior midfielder Jill Flanigan took the ball downfield, fed the ball to Sophomore forward Caitlin Welsh and fired the ball into the back of the net to send the game into OT

After a fatiguing first 15 minutes, PC didn't take long to end it. Ricardo got the ball at the midfield, and sent it forward to McCusker in the box, who wasted no time in scoring the game winner for 5 yards out.

"I know this team can do it, we're getting better everyday," Kerr said. "We were a different team in the second half. We were slow in the first half, and much more intense in the second half and in the OT."

The Lady Friars return to action Sunday at Georgetown to face the Hoyas before returning home to face Miami on the 24th of September.

Friars Charge Past Crimson PC Men's Soccer Off To Fast Start

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Junior Forward Kevin Jones chipped a low shot past Harvard sophomore goalkeeper Michael Meagher 1:26 into overtime to give Providence a come from behind 3-2 victory in Cambridge, MA on Sunday.

The Friars fell behind early when Harvard sophomore Jon Oslowski headed in a rebound past freshman goalkeeper Michael Cardenas, making his first start, 1:27 into the first half.

"It wasn't the way I wanted to start it off," said Cardenas, "but we have a solid offense and I knew that if I stayed focused we'd be alright. It was definitely in the back of mind the remainder of the game, though."

Providence evened the score at 20:01 of the first half when senior captain Michael Eisenhut scored on a penalty kick after Jones was pulled

down in the box. The goal was Eisenhut's second of the season.

It did not take the Crimson long to regain the lead as senior Will Hench blasted a shot high into the left corner only 41 seconds later, and they headed into halftime leading 2-1.

"We had the momentum and the opportunities in the first half, but we just couldn't capitalize," said Eisenhut, who finished the game with three points.

The second half went by much like the first with Providence having opportunities, but not being able to pull the trigger.

"We showed a lot of character," Junior T.J. Casey remarked. "We knew that if we just didn't lose focus, we'd eventually get a break."

That break came with 6:27 remaining in the game when Keith Dorsey scored off a Jones pass to tie the score at 2-2.

The game stayed that way for the rest of regulation and into overtime.

"I was pretty confident after Keith's goal," Cardenas said, "after that we had the momentum and I had a feeling we would pull it off."

Pull it off the Friars did, as Jones heroics ended the game and gave the Friars their second win of the young season.

Cardenas finished with nine saves, while the Crimson's Meagher finished with 16 saves.

Providence is now 2-0-1 heading into an important Big East weekend where they will travel to Villanova on Friday and Rutgers on Sunday. Harvard falls to 0-1-0.

The Friars next home game is not until September 29 when they host nationally ranked UConn at Glay Field at 3:30 p.m. **Soccer Notes:** The Friars win against Boston College was the first ever win in a Conference Opener.

A Different World

It would be rather inaccurate to claim to say that not much has changed in the world of PC Athletics since my sophomore year.

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Having spent my junior year in Europe I only had contact with Providence through the Internet, E-mails and of course

the Cowl, which I received sporadically compliments of Providence in Europe office.

Apparently I missed quite a lot. I tried to stay on top of the much debated Title IX conflagration, which resulted in a decision to eliminate three athletic programs. I will touch more on this issue later.

However, before I begin to elaborate on the virtues and vices of the Title IX decision I would first like to address other differences I have noticed since my return.

When I left campus my sophomore year the Men's Soccer team was struggling to win a handful of games every season. Last year, however, the men improved, earning a .500 record and seem to be headed for another good season again this fall, having recently topped Harvard.

On a more somber note, the Field Hockey program seems to have fallen from the pedestal it occupied during my sophomore year.

Two years ago the Field Hockey team was ranked nationally for much of the season and at one point rose as high as eighth in the nation. Unfortunately, last year the women had to battle through the difficulties of losing players to graduation, and a coach to Ohio State. Hopefully the program will find success once again this year.

One final difference I have observed since my return to PC has been my inability to recognize any of the players presently on the Men's basketball team. When I left Providence the team still very much consisted of players from the Elite Eight run in 1997. The only information I have about the new players is that Coach Welsh and his assistants have apparently attracted a fairly talented group of young men. Only time will tell.

As promised, I will now attempt to address the ever-inflammatory Title IX issue from my foreign and admittedly limited perspective. I must first express how surprised I was to learn of the student's reaction to the administration's decision.

Maybe I am naïve, or maybe I have just been away too long, but civil disobedience and protesting are not quite the behavior I had grown to expect from PC students. From my experience at PC the only time I have seen students as riled up as the accounts I received in England indicated, were in times of late night merriment after one too many beers.

Please do not get me wrong, I am hardly ridiculing the social rituals that are an integral part of

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