



# Decision 2002



PC heads to the polls, but how many students actually vote?

BY LAUREN WHOLLEY '04  
NEWS STAFF

There was one thing missing from a frigid Schneider Arena on Election Day and it wasn't coffee or candidates greeting people at the door. It was college students.

At 9 a.m. on Tuesday morning, there were few Providence College students in sight at the polling location on campus.

Charles Casey, a resident of Foxpoint, who began manning the polls at 7 a.m., claimed, "There hasn't been that many young people here this morning."

Amy Mello '04 offered her theory that "it's just too early." Nonetheless, she and her friend Jaclyn Gemma '04 got out of bed to do their "civic duty." "I have a special interest in the elections because I am from Providence...I wanted to have a say," Gemma explained.

Like Gemma, Kelly Martel '03, though from Connecticut, has a vested interest in voting because of her internship at City Hall. "I kept up on most of the campaigns, especially the mayoral race, since it affected me," she said.

Later on in the day, poll worker Teresa Orlandi explained, "Students have been voting more this afternoon. I was so happy to see the kids come in, especially first time voters...they looked very interested in what they were doing."

Yet, according to Casey and the voting list, by 4 p.m., the majority of PC students registered to cast their ballot at the Schneider poll still had not voted. Andre Derussy '04 said, "though there are a lot of [political campaign] signs, I don't think that a huge effort has been made on campus to get people's attention...I think more PC kids would have voted if they had more info...then again, I think some people here really don't care."

In contrast, Katie French '06, an intern at Vote for America, a non-partisan organization dedicated to increasing voter turnout, thought that the choice lies with the people. "If

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## PC hopeful makes bid for State Senate seat in Little Compton

BY LAUREN WHOLLEY '04  
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For Mike Forte '04, Tuesday's elections were not just a quick trip to the polls. He stood outside 13 polling locations from 7 p.m. until late in the evening, shaking hands and holding signs with his name on them. "We're hoping to get the before work crowd and after work crowd," he joked.

Forte's busy Election Day was the end result of his run for a seat in the Rhode Island State Senate from his hometown of Little Compton, RI. His roommate, Pat Cannon '03, explained, "Ever since I met him I knew this was his passion...I haven't known him outside of politics, the two go hand in hand."

Forte was first exposed to politics by his father, a former State Senator. It became a main area of interest for Forte, who currently holds a seat on Little Compton Budget Committee. He has continued to set his po-



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Mike Forte '04 works the phone on election night.

litical sights higher, however. "I thought I could have an impact," he said.

Yet, the Senate run was not his first time testing big political waters. He was a candidate for the Rhode Island House of Representatives his freshman year at PC. "I was only 18 years old, I learned a lot from my mistakes two years ago. I tried to keep it quiet at school so I could focus on my district," Forte said.

Forte recognized problems with districting, the budget and other issues in his hometown area that he hoped to remedy if elected to office. His main obstacle was his opponent, Repub-

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## Online registration raises concerns for some students

BY SHAWNA HASSETT '03  
NEWS STAFF

Frustration, stress, and disappointment are often the dominant feelings of many Providence College students when course registration time rolls around. However, all of that may be about to change. Brian Williams, the As-

HOW PC WORKS | sociate Dean of Enrollment Management at PC and the Banner Student Team Leader, is confident that with the implementation of the new Banner information management system, registration will be significantly easier than in the past.

In previous years at PC, a phone registration process was utilized and students registered according to class year with randomly assigned times. However, this semester, a computer registration process will be used, allowing students to register for classes online. In addition, random registration times will not be allotted as usual. Rather, students will register on the day assigned to their year, starting at 7 a.m.

This year's freshman class is the first class completely "in the system," according to Williams. They registered at their orientations in groups of 100, taking a significantly less amount of time than they would have using the phone system, he said. "What used to take two hours in registration took only an hour or 45 minutes total," Williams said. "Some students were done in two to three minutes."

Any difficulties that arose in what Williams called "the pilot group" were, according to him, "normal challenges of any registration process." Williams was referring to time conflicts, prerequisites, and class restrictions.

Concern has been escalating in the student body that the computer system will not be able to handle the capacity of students attempting to register simultaneously. "I think [the server] is going to collapse," Caitlin Browne '03 said.

Williams said that he and his team have considered this possibility, but are confident that

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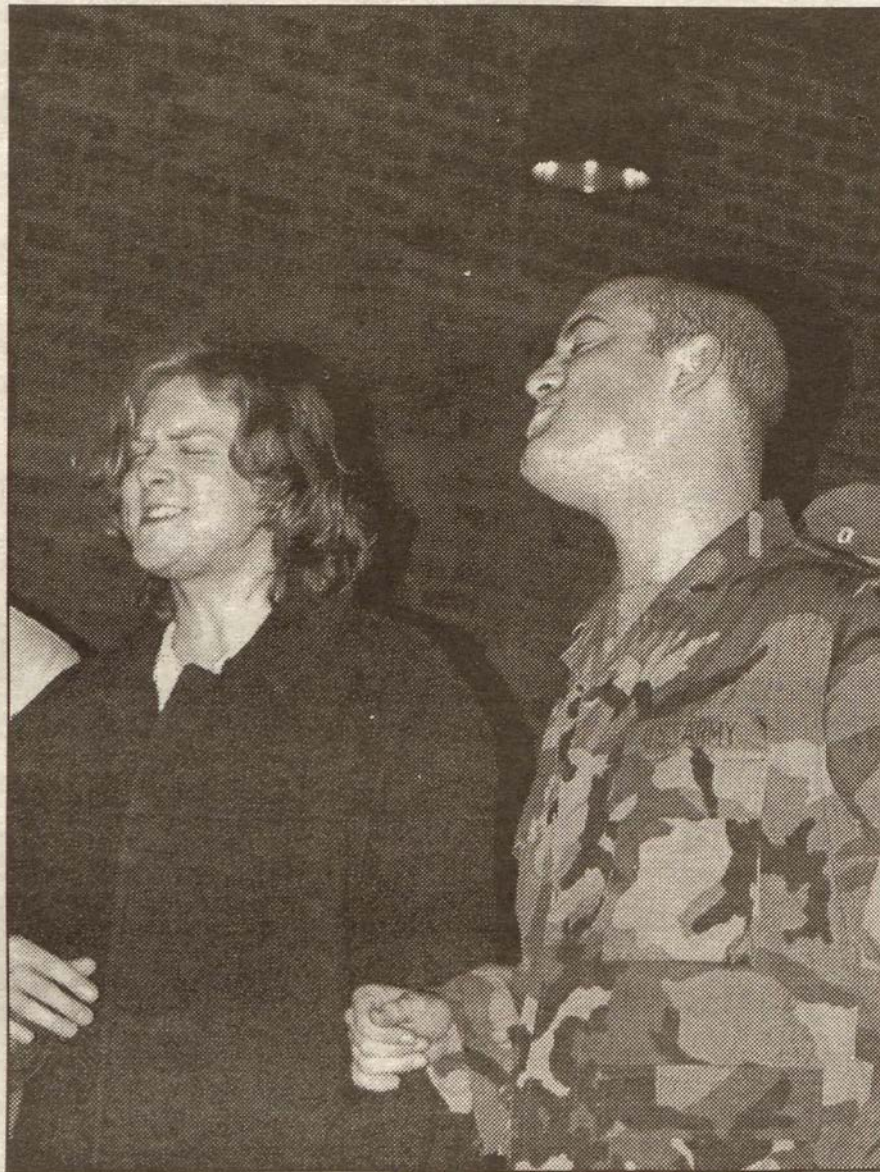
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Jay Davis '03 (left), and Joe Kilner '04 perform with the rest of Special Guest, PC's only all male a cappella group, in McPhail's on Wednesday evening. Special Guest was one of the groups participating in the annual Stuartstock event.

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# Faculty Senate, administration clash over library

BY KEITH CARR '04  
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On Wednesday, Nov. 6, the Faculty Senate held its second meeting of the year in Moore Hall. Topics up for debate included academic affairs, enrollment of the class of 2006 and, of course, the future of the library.

While it lacked the passionate speeches of the Sept. 29 meeting of this year, the Nov. 6 meeting was not lacking in content. Lasting nearly two-and-a-half hours, and recessing briefly to observe the memorial service held today in honor of Veteran's Day, the meeting was deep in content, if lacking rhetorical debate.

Professor of Sociology and President of the Faculty Senate Hugh Lena opened the meeting with a reading of the memo issued by Rev. Philip A. Smith, O.P., President of the College, in which he vetoed the proposal by the Senate to study a possible expansion of the library. For the present, any plans for a library expansion are off the table, with the current proposal to renovate the library apparently moving ahead.

Christopher P. Lydon, Dean of Enrollment, then offered a presentation to the senate concerning the enrollment statistics of this year's freshman class. Mr. Lydon opened saying, "The enrollment of the Class of 2006 was disappointing in two respects: one, that

we enrolled 40 less students than the previous year (2005), and two, that only 38% were men—that was a disappointment to us in terms of maintaining a gender balance."

Mr. Lydon went on to say that, of the students who were admitted and later decided to matriculate, "the academic standards were very high." He went on to cite a growing problem in the field of admissions: the use of early action as another method for applying rather than a statement of first choice. "Early action is now a way to apply rather than a signifier of choice," said Mr. Lydon. Also, Mr. Lydon noted that the "SAT average for admitted students has gone up 68 points over the last 6 years," a point that, in his opinion, spoke to the academic credentials of the class of 2006.

Dr. Bruce Graver, Professor of English and Chair of the Library Committee, then distributed the plans that were drawn up by Keefe Associates for the renovation of the library and then offered an interpretation. Dr. Graver said, "No books that are part of the current circulation or bound periodicals will be put into storage," addressing faculty concerns that the academic resources may be stored in off-campus warehouses, being inaccessible to students. However, he did admit "much of the plan requires our [PC's] continued subscription to online databases like JSTOR and the discarding of duplicate back issues." So, while no books or

periodicals would be relegated to storage, some would be "discarded."

When the issue of discarding duplicate periodicals was broached, some faculty members openly questioned the administration's

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Dr. Constance Rousseau

rationale. "We've paid money for the journals and then we are simply going to throw them away? So we are throwing away the journals we already paid for—in effect, throwing away money?" asked Dr. Constance Rousseau, Chair of the History Department. In reply, Dr. Harvey Varnet, Director of the Library offered a simple "yes," seemingly dismissing the topic.

The new plans for the library, in addition to relocation the Departments of History and English, will require major architectural changes. The bottom, or "basement" floor, would become a maze of high-density compact shelving — mostly used for the storage of old periodicals — as well as an expanded archives and several group

conference rooms. The main floor would house current periodicals as well as reference materials. The second floor would house the main bulk of the library's book collection in low-density compact shelving that would, ostensibly, maximize space without sacrificing browsability. Additionally, the Office of Academic Services (OAS) would be relocated to the second floor and faculty offices would be converted into group study areas.

Dr. Graver objected to the relocation of the OAS, saying, "Our committee [the Faculty Senate Library Committee] strongly recommends the removal of the Office of Academic Services from the library; the office has no purpose there." Additionally, some faculty members expressed concern with faculty offices being converted into group study areas because of security concerns. Citing the possibility for sexual assault and like crimes, faculty members recommended having glass doors to the study areas or large windows — to which there was no objection.

Senate members also briefly touched upon the problems they have had with the Bannerweb system and their advisees. However Dr. Lena halted them from beginning a debate on the topic, who recommending that the issue be addressed during the December meeting of the Senate at which time a representative of Computer Services will be present to address concerns.

## "Render unto Wall Street" — endowment walks fine line

Market volatility and moral considerations weigh on the minds of those handling the College's financial future

BY STEPHANIE WODOWSKI '04  
NEWS STAFF

"The one thing we are not going to do at this time is anything risky that would jeopardize the endowment," said Fr. Terrence Keegan, O.P., Executive Vice President and Treasurer of Providence College. The stock market lost about twenty percent of its value over the past year, as did the endowment. A relatively stable entity, it is worth approximately \$100 million at any given time.

Yearly, the College is allowed to use up to 4.5 percent of the endowment based on a rolling three-year average for capital non-recurring expenditures. These include major expenses for the physical plan of the College, such as the new roof on Albertus Magnus or the oil tanks replaced on lower campus. These are classified as isolated unique projects that cost a substantial amount of money. Departments may request allocations from the Endowment after submitting a detailed report. In most in-

stances, the standards are not met for appropriation of funds. Use of funds is directed by the Board of Trustees, which convenes three times a year to review and revise its spending policy. Money for scholarships also comes from the Endowment.

These funds come from both corporate and individual benefactors. The College is constantly raising funds from any available sources. While most goes to defray annual operating expenses, some of this is specified by donors to go into the endowment. "The endowment is a body of money that the College has from a wide variety of sources, including collateral from gifts," said Fr. Keegan. The money is then invested in a variety of ways as supervised by those in this area of expertise. The Investment Committee keeps track of PC's diversified portfolio, keeping some money in fixed income accounts, while directing others into equities, such as foreign investment and the Common Fund.

The Common Fund is composed of capital from a group of about 30-40 colleges and universities. It is used to hold

stock in real estate and other funds so that risk is spread out, while potential gains are maximized. Composed of schools like Boston College, Notre Dame, Fordham, and Villanova, PC's stocks make up about fifteen percent of the Common Fund. While some college's endowments are in the billions, others are miniscule. PC's is about the size of its annual operating costs.

Investment managers are chosen by the Board of Trustees to direct funds. While they usually perform lucratively, there was a problem about a year ago involving \$10 million. Mastra, Pasqua and Associates, based in Tennessee, was instructed to liquidate holdings, after it was determined that they were not acting in the best interest of the College. Part of this money was diverted to another investment manager, while the rest is being kept in a money market account. "Right now, we are struggling to make sense of where the market is going," said Fr. Keegan. "My job would be a lot easier if it would get back on track and go up."

The Investment Committee supervises investment policy and managers, which is in turn, approved by the Board of Trustees. Though there is no specific strategy for choosing investment managers, one very significant part of the

College's financial planning is socially responsible investing. For example, the College refuses to invest in any companies that are engaged in what it considers "morally unacceptable activities," such as tobacco companies. Also included in this are life issues that the Roman Catholic Church feels are unethical, i.e. birth control, abortion, land mines. There are very detailed instructions that all investment managers must agree to adhere to when investing monies.

Though most do abide by the rules, there was a specific case in which \$50,000 of Phillip Morris shares had been transferred to the Providence College account. The donor was sure that its value would increase substantially and wanted the College to keep the holdings until they reached a certain value. It was up to the College to decide whether or not to hold onto the shares or not accept them. In the end, it was decided that the stock should be kept until its value increased and then it was sold. Fr. Keegan stated, "This was the exception that proves the rule. We keep a very close eye on our investments. This was the only time we allowed anything to slip by, and it was only for a brief interval."

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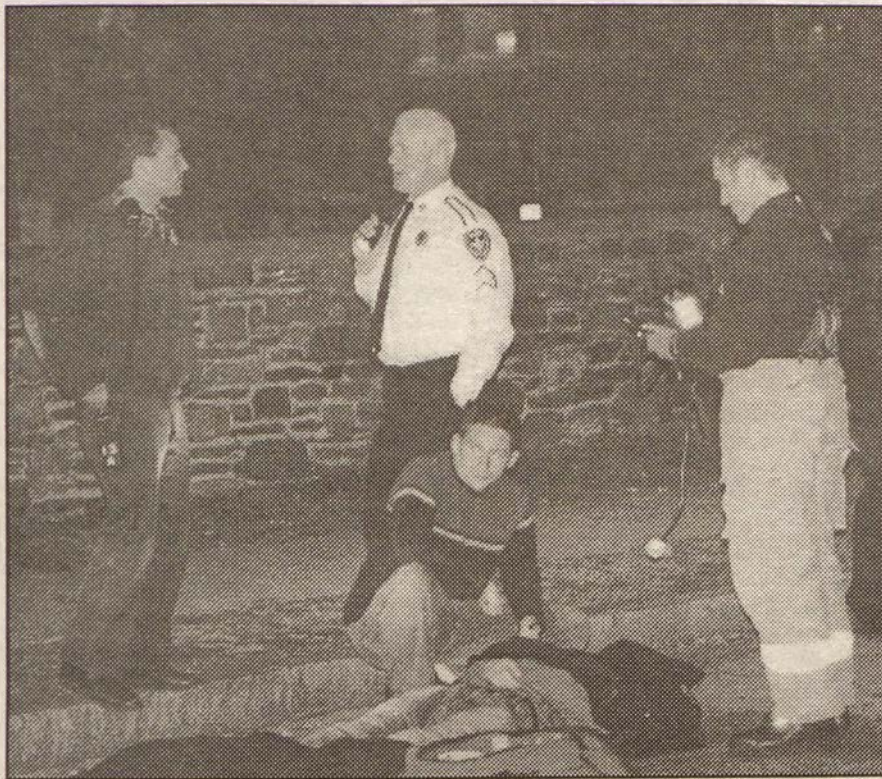
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## Taxi hits student crossing Huxley



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Michael O'Callahan '05 receives medical attention from EMT's after being struck by a cab on Huxley Ave.

BY STEPHANIE BARKUS '05  
NEWS STAFF

On Thursday, Oct. 31, 2002, at approximately 8 p.m. Michael O'Callahan '05 was hit by a taxi while crossing from lower to upper campus on Huxley Avenue. The car was driven by Daniel Hogan, an employee of Corporate Taxi.

Allison Dengos '06, a witness to the incident, said she was standing on the sidewalk waiting for the Metro when she saw the cab hit O'Callahan. "People came over pretty quickly," she said. "The girl next to me called the

ambulance."

Officers from the Providence College Security Department responded to the scene and were joined by Providence Police and Rescue. On duty at the time of the incident, Ray Jarvis, shift supervisor of the Office of Security, said "Anytime there's an emergency, everyone responds," referring to the security guards on duty.

According to Jarvis, the student was stabilized and brought to Rhode Island Hospital.

Both O'Callahan and Corporate Taxi declined to comment.

## Registration: Williams confident that new process will go smoothly

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the system can handle it. In making their decision to permit classes to register as a whole, Williams said they researched other schools that utilize the Banner system.

Bryant College has been using Banner for a year longer than PC and has had no problems thus far, according to Williams. "They opened their fall registration to all seniors in one shot," Williams said, "and they were done in 20 minutes." Last year's senior class at Bryant consisted of about 600 students.

Wellesley College, which has been on the system for five years, also allows students to register as a whole class, and according to Williams, has never had a problem. "Their senior class is 800 [students] and they've never had a performance issue," Williams explained.

Williams stressed that the Banner system at PC can handle the volume of students that need to register. "The hardware that Banner runs on that we have is a better system than what Wellsely has and what Bryant had," Williams assured. "We've got better hardware and comparable size. Let's go for it."

Lately, the internet connection on campus has been slightly slower than usual, causing amplified concern among students. "The internet connection into the system is the one thing I can't really speak to," Williams said. "If there is an internet issue of slowness then that's going to be because of the internet connections of the campus itself, not the Banner hardware." Computer Services could not be reached for comment.

Though Williams is confident, contingency plans are in place. If there is a problem due to volume, Williams said that the dates of registration will simply be moved back and the groups registering will need to be narrowed. Initially, Williams had considered splitting classes in half, permitting about 450 students to register at a time. He had planned to have students with the last name beginning with A through L register on the first day and for those with names M through Z to go on the second day. For the following semester, the order would be flipped. "That idea seemed to go over well with everyone but seniors," Williams said. "It's not fair to tell seniors with the last names A through L that they're going to get a lesser priority in the final semester of their PC career."

Williams acknowledged that this system is new and different, and that students and faculty should try to be flexible and open to the change. "It's a learning process," Williams said. "It should be something that works very well provided there is ample communication."

Dr. James Keating, Assistant Professor of Theology and Director of the Humanities Department, is concerned that faculty may not be as well informed as they should. "My biggest complaint is that I'm not positive they spent enough time with faculty to listen to our concerns," Keating stated. "It's going to take some getting used to and I'm not certain that [the Banner system] is better."

Williams acknowledged that the course booklets were delivered to students before faculty advisors received them, which caused some communication problems. Students who received their booklets were aware that they needed to meet with their advisors to obtain an "alternate pin number" to be used in the registration process. Advisors were unaware of this, as they had not yet received the booklets. "That communication didn't go as well as it should have and will be fixed for the next time," Williams assured.

Keating additionally believes that the implementation of the system may have been too hurried. "It seems that it's rushed," Keating said, "but maybe that was inevitable. It's conceivable that they couldn't wait though they should have held out one more semester. The old way worked so nicely and the new way does not. Hopefully it's just a matter of time."

According to Williams, the reason that the Banner system must be utilized this semester is because the freshman class is not programmed into the old system. "It's really not an option to not use this new system," Williams explained.

Bill Schmidt '03 thinks that the use of computers for registration should have been implemented long ago. "I think that the online registration system is something that will make registration easier and it's about time that PC has caught up to a number of other schools that have been using online registration for a while now. As long as the system doesn't crash I think it will be successful," he said.

"I guess it's a good idea," Browne agreed, "but I think that they should still give us times. Online is good but free for all is bad."



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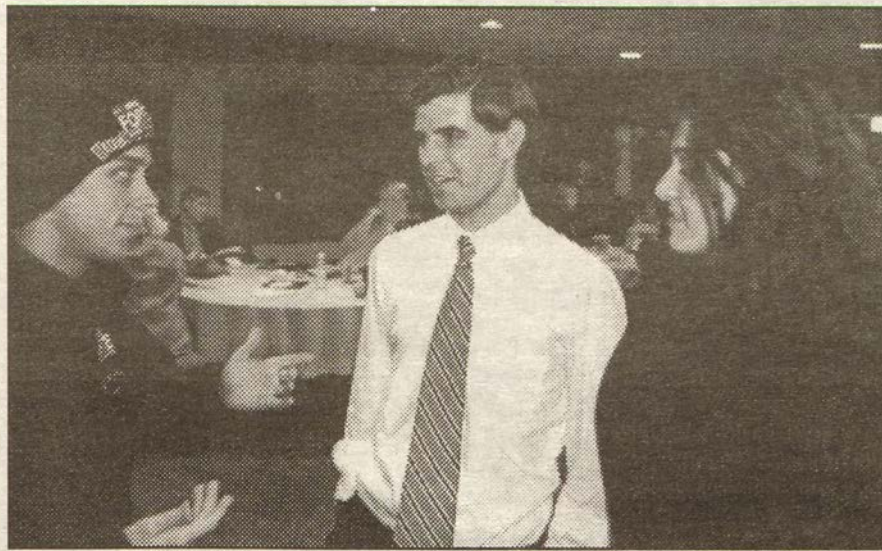
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# Forte: PC junior loses in second state election campaign



Kevin O'Connor '03 (left), a poll worker for Forte, discusses campaign issues with Forte (center), and Brigid Dwyer '06.

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lican June N. Gibbs- R. who was first elected to office when Forte was two.

vote because he feels they are just as affected by politics as any one else, especially concerning federal and local financial aid for college. Yet, he warned that a lack of interest on the part of students is not going to make them a major focus in campaigns. "Politicians are not going to cater to teens if they aren't going to vote for them," Forte noted.

Even with Forte's low-key attitude, the accounting major had to put months of hard work into his campaign while balancing a similarly demanding a college career. "Being a candidate and dealing with midterms is an interesting process...I am going to bed for a week on Wednesday," he noted.

Cannon backed him up, saying, "He's put a great deal into it...on weekends we simply don't see him, I guess win or lose, things will get easier after the election."

Ultimately, Forte was unable to unseat Gibbs on Tuesday, losing to his opponent by a margin of 57% to 42% of the vote. Even still, Forte maintained a positive attitude. "It was a lot of fun, it



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Edward J. Silveira, Jr., Middletown Councilman, exchanges words with Forte on Tuesday evening at Democratic headquarters in Middletown.

was a lot of hard work, I just wish there was a better outcome," he said.

Forte is still awaiting the official results of the election, but regardless, does not rule out running again. "There's always a future, but I just don't know right now, two years is a long way off, so we'll see what happens," he said.

# Election: students hit the polls in unexpected numbers

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you don't want to be involved then it is easy to not be, we were not trying to force people." On Monday night French and 50 teams across the state (including four at PC) participated in Midnight Madness, in which balloons and signs were put up reminding people to vote. "It was very successful... We didn't have a whole lot of time to decorate campus because we were concerned more with the surrounding community."

However, some students that wanted to vote had a hard time doing so. Bridget McKenna '04 was turned away from the polls because of a registration problem. She thought that because she was registered in her hometown of Narragansett that she could vote at Schneider Arena. "I thought it would be taken care of and it's not...A lot of PC kids aren't on the list," she said. McKenna had to call the Board of Canvassers to remedy the situ-

“If you don't want to be involved, then its easy not to be. We were not trying to force people.

Katie French '06

ation. "I want to vote, it's frustrating," she said.

Ultimately, the precinct numbers seem to suggest that Election Day was successful in the Providence College area. Dr. Joseph P. Cammarano, Assistant Professor of Political Science, offered, "Looking at the numbers, you can't tell exactly how many students voted. But, there were about 700 voters at Schneider Arena, compared to 300 at Saint Pius Church...I do know that the numbers indicate there were a lot more voters than you would expect."



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BY JAY HIGGINS '03  
 WORLD EDITOR

U.N. Security Council diplomats convened on Wednesday morning to take up yet another U.S.-authored compromise draft of a tough new resolution aimed at making Iraq disarm. This version warned that the UN mandate is a "final opportunity" for President Saddam Hussein of Iraq to comply.

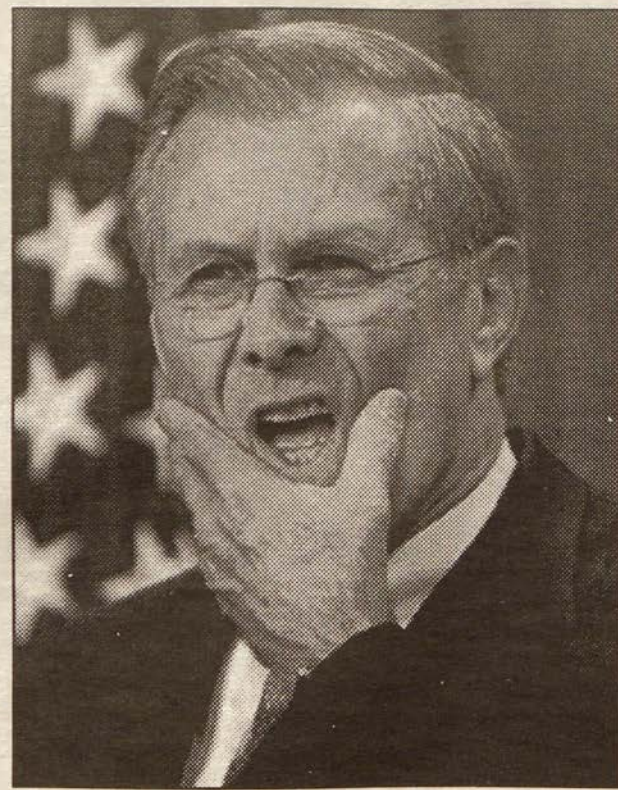
The draft has changed significantly since it was first introduced last month, but U.S. officials said the bottom line remains the same: tough new weapons inspections coupled with a threat of "serious consequences" if Iraq does not follow the sanctions. The U.S. came up with what officials call a "tweaked version," which was designed primarily to address criticisms raised by veto-wielding U.N. Security Council members Russia and France, who feared that earlier drafts would have led swiftly to war against Iraq. Russia's Deputy Foreign Minister Yuri Fedotov said Wednesday that Moscow remains opposed to any wording that would give Washington a free hand in launching military action and was ready for "constructive work."

"We still believe that it's necessary to ensure that the new resolution contains no automatic mechanism for the use of force," Fedotov said, according to the ITAR-Tass news agency.

Administration officials said Wednesday they were hopeful for a vote soon. Currently, the compromise language says that Iraq "has been and re-



The USS Bob Hope (center) left U.S. shores amid mounting evidence that indicates Washington is building up firepower to attack Iraq. Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld (right) appears to be unsure whether Iraq will accept the recent U.S. proposal.



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Yuri Fedotov,  
 Russia's Deputy Foreign Minister

Iraq] to comply with its disarmament obligations." The phrase should go a long way toward satisfying the French, who wanted it made clear to Iraq that it had one last chance to comply or face military force.

The draft gives Iraq seven days to accept it. Iraq would then have 30 days to declare all of its weapons of mass destruction. In the case that Iraq did not cooperate, the U.S. would be forced to take military action.

Demonstrating last-minute diplomacy, Secretary of State Colin Powell spoke to his French, Russian, Mexican

and British counterparts with what appears to be some success. A U.S. official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said Powell worked out some of the final points on key issues with French Foreign Minister Dominique de Villepin.

The Bush administration hopes for a vote by Friday on the resolution, the third version circulated since early last month. Passage of a resolution in the council requires a minimum of nine votes in favor and no veto from any of the five permanent members—France, Russia, China, Britain, and the United States.

Sources: CNN, AP, BostonGlobe

### They said it:

"Judge, I don't know that it matters, but I think I need a break to walk my client around the room a little bit. He's snoring kind of loud."

—Jerald Crow, one of the defense attorneys for James Colburn who has been diagnosed with an extreme case of paranoid schizophrenia and is currently standing trial for a murder he admits to having committed in 1994. His attorneys are arguing that the case should be thrown out because his heavily medicated state renders him unfit to stand trial.

"I hope that this war will not take place because this will lead to a catastrophe in the whole area of the Middle East." —Palestinian Leader Yasir Arafat on any U.S. strike against Iraq.

## World snapshots

"I have two weapons- my legs, my arm and my brain."

Michael Vick, who must not have fulfilled his mathematics requirement when he opted for the NFL before graduating from Virginia Tech.



"I'm hurt. I'm disappointed because I feel like it didn't have to happen. But that's athletics. Sometimes you get them. Today they got us."

—Notre Dame football coach Tyrone Willingham after Sunday's loss to Boston College.

"They've gone from promising to report any allegations to the bare minimum of reporting when they absolutely have to."

—David Clohessy, director of Survivors of those Abused by Priests, on the new sex abuse policy recently released by America's Roman Catholic bishops.

"I just can't talk right now."

—Actress Winona Ryder after being convicted of stealing \$5,500 worth of high-fashion merchandise from Saks Fifth Avenue last year.

Compiled by: Peter Smith '04

## This week in history

**Sports — 1991:** Magic Johnson, the talented point guard of the Los Angeles Lakers, announces he is retiring because he has been infected with the HIV virus.

**Wild West — 1887:** Legendary gambler and gunslinger John Henry "Doc" Holliday dies of tuberculosis at the age of 36. Holliday, portrayed by Val Kilmer in the movie Tombstone, is best remembered for fighting alongside Wyatt Earp in the infamous shootout at the O.K. Coral.

**World History — 1995:** Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin is assassinated after attending a peace rally in Tel Aviv. A political presence in Israel since the early 70s, Rabin signed the historic Israeli-Palestinian Declaration of Principles with Palestinian leader Yasir Arafat in 1993. A year later he and Arafat were co-recipients of the Nobel Peace Prize.

**Technology — 1928:** The first electric flashing sign is installed on all four sides of the *New York Times* building in New York City. The four signs, each 360 feet long, flash election results using more than 14,000 lamps and more than one million feet of wire.

Sources: CNN, BBC, The History Channel

# THE WEEK IN REVIEW

## IT HAPPENED ON...

### TUESDAY

#### Smokers now have a lozenge to help quit



Smokers trying to quit will soon be able to try a nicotine-containing lozenge to help reduce their cigarette cravings. The Food and Drug Administration approved GlaxoSmithKline's Commit lozenge for over-the-counter sales Thursday. It marks the first nicotine-containing lozenge to win the agency's approval. The FDA forced nicotine lollipops off the market last spring that a number of pharmacists were manufacturing as an alternative to nicotine patches or gum for smoking cessation. The FDA has maintained that smoking cessation products are drugs that require its approval to sell. The lozenges, available without a prescription, will be available next month, in 72-lozenge packs for \$39.95.

#### Key al-Qaeda figure dead in U.S. attack

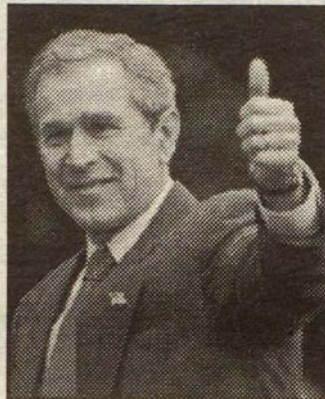
U.S. forces assassinated a top associate of Osama bin Laden in Yemen on Monday, expanding the U.S.-led war on terror with the first overt attack on al-Qaeda operatives outside of Afghanistan, senior U.S. intelligence officials said. CIA operatives fired a Hellfire missile from an unmanned Predator drone and killed Ali Qaed Sinan al-Harhi and five associates in his vehicle. Al-Harhi, also known as Abu Ali, helped plan the bombing of the USS Cole in Yemen, which killed 17 U.S. sailors in October 2000, U.S. officials said.



### WEDNESDAY

#### Election day pivotal for Bush agenda

Republicans recaptured control of the Senate, savoring a history-making victory that could help President Bush plans for tax cuts and homeland security and spur quicker action on judicial vacancies. The GOP ousted a triple-amputee Vietnam veteran in Georgia and an incumbent appointed to fill her husband's seat in Missouri, while ending the comeback attempt of former Vice President Walter Mondale in Minnesota. Republicans were assured of 51 seats in the 100-member Senate. The only race left undecided was Louisiana, where Democratic Sen. Mary Landrieu faces a Dec. 7 runoff.



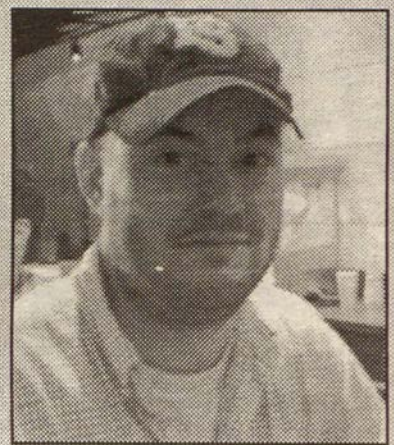
#### Bonds supports another Giant- this one from Japan

Hideki Matsui said this past week that he intends to leave the Yomiuri Giants of Japan to pursue a career in the major leagues. Several teams—including the New York Yankees are interested in the Japanese slugger, who hit 50 homers this season. Matsui is hoping to follow the lead of countryman Ichiro Suzuki, who left a successful, lucrative career in Japan to become a star in the majors. Suzuki was named American League MVP in his first season as the Seattle Mariners right fielder last year. Matsui has received much praise from many major leaguers, including Barry Bonds who claimed, "As talented as he is, I don't think he'll have to make a lot of major adjustments."



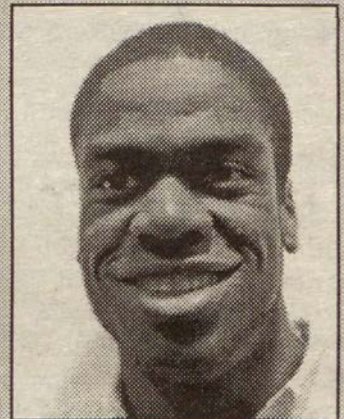
## Ask PC

With a new, Republican—controlled congress, do you think that Bush will go ahead and go to war with Iraq?



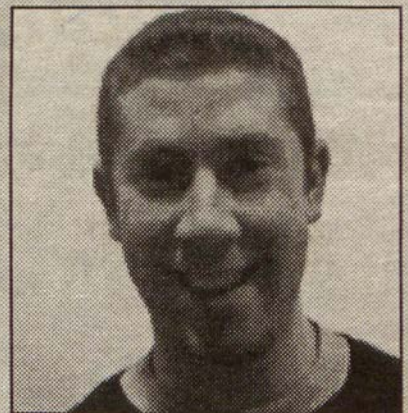
Yeah, they were going to go to war with Iraq no matter who got elected to the house.

Nick Bellino '03



No comment.

Ned Erilus '03



No. I think that the war on terrorism wasn't gaining enough support for Bush anymore and this Iraq thing is just another tactic being used by Bush to gain popularity.

Chris Gorgone '03

## WEEKLY SPOTLIGHT

### Don Carcieri

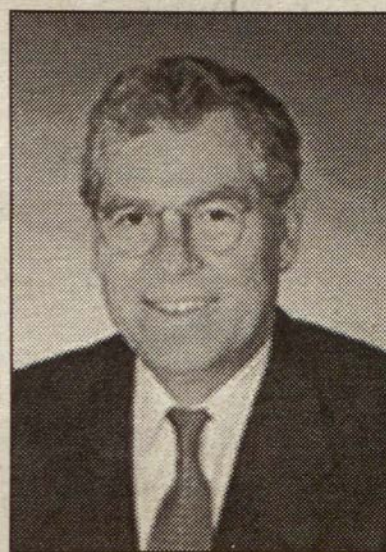
**Why he's our spotlight:** Carcieri, a 59-year-old political newcomer, defeated three-time Democratic candidate Myrth York, a former state senator, for governor.

**How much he won by:** 54.8 percent to 45.2 percent according to unofficial Providence Journal results.

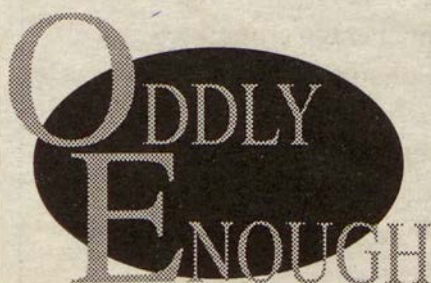
**His first order of business:** "The Big Audit," a reference to his pledge to go line-by-line through the state budget looking for savings.

**What he stands for:** He has promised "a clean start" for Rhode Island, appealing to voters who were tired of Democrat-led politics in the General Assembly and looking for a fresh face at the State House. He promoted his big-business background as best suited to run a state government with more than 15,000 employees and a budget of more than \$2.6 billion.

**Why he may have won:** His opponent, Myrth York, attempted to use a negative attack, which may have cost her votes, or the election itself.



## Man who uses sidewalk as a restroom loses car



A German driver who got out of his car on a hill to relieve himself found his car at the bottom of a river after he forgot to apply the hand brake, police said on Tuesday.

"At first he tried to claim his car was stolen but the police immediately found this wasn't the case," said police spokeswoman Birgit Hoehn in the eastern German city of Leipzig.

When the salvage team arrived the



next morning, the car was already irreparable. "He can expect a fine for parking on the sidewalk and not securing the car properly," Hoehn said.

# Baseball's business has no offseason

BY TIM KING '04  
WORLD STAFF

So the World Series is long over and football will be dominating the sports world for months to come, but the big business of baseball is still at the forefront of attention even while most players are enjoying their well-deserved vacations.

Probably the biggest, and most misunderstood, issue in baseball business is the idea of contraction. It has been well publicized that Major League Baseball Commissioner Bud Selig has gone before Congress insisting that baseball will, as a whole, crumble if some teams continue to lose mass amounts of money every year. Selig contended that more than half of the teams in baseball were losing money and that there were several who would not be able to even pay their players salaries if the situation became any worse. The proposed solution to these problems: contraction.

Congress deliberated over the legality of an industry (Major League Baseball) consolidating members of this industry (the teams.) In reality what Ma-



Vladimir Guerrero and the Montreal Expos could end up playing home games in Boston in 2003.

major League Baseball tried to do was eliminate competition and consolidate power in an industry. These actions are reminiscent of violations of anti-trust laws of the past. Congress went on to decide that no one could force contrac-



ten years. However, Selig nonetheless insisted that the Twins remained one of the prime candidates for contraction in the current off-season. Minnesota Twins owner, Carl Pohlad is more than willing to accept a buyout from Major League Baseball, so that he can recoup some of the losses that he has had to endure over the past years. Pohlad has offered up to \$110 million of his own money to help save the Twins, but even he knows that the number is not nearly enough. In short, Pohlad is looking to sell, and currently Major League Baseball is the highest bidder rather than an individual looking for ownership in a professional sports franchise. Once Major League Baseball wins the bidding war, they can feel free to do whatever they desire with the team.

The Montreal Expos were a different story entirely. Major League Baseball did have to take control of the team for the 2002 season. There was no question that they were willing and ready to be contracted, but because the Minnesota Twins deal did not come to fruition in time, MLB could not justify losing only one of its teams for the 2002 season. This year there are more people bidding for the rights to the Expos franchise, and they have been rumored to be playing anywhere from North Carolina, New Orleans, and even Boston in 2003, if they were to get new ownership. The Montreal Expos, ironically, posted their first winning season in over five years.

Many believe that the most recent success of these two teams is an emotionally charged run to keep their organizations in the league while others claim it was simply a fluke. However, contraction is a difficult and possibly necessary issue that needs to be addressed. There have been a lot of statistics thrown around about different teams and how much money they are and are not making, but the past year has proven that these numbers can and have been interpreted in a variety of ways. Even the players themselves are just like everyday workers seemingly in the dark about what is going on in the corporate offices. So its true, business really does control just about everything, even a game designed for kids.

Sources: ESPN.com, Business Weekly



Bud Selig has been blamed for many things but has made a great effort to keep the Twins and Expos in tact.

tion on any single team in baseball, otherwise the industry would be closer to becoming a monopoly (which of course is illegal.) Any changes at all were forced to wait an additional season.

Despite the government's ruling on this matter, there was still a great deal of speculation that two teams, the Montreal Expos and Minnesota Twins, were still prime candidates for contraction. How was this possible? The individual owners of the teams themselves were willing to accept a buyout from Major League Baseball.

The Minnesota Twins made a valiant run for the World Series this year and made the play-offs for the first time in

## MARIJUANA- YES? NO? OK? NOT OK?

No	Yes
1. Increasing toxicity of plant	1.
2. Deep inhalation, retention in lungs, increased tissue exposure	2.
3. Contains 421 chemicals	3.
4. Increase in heart rate and blood pressure	4.
5. Appears o promise denial-searching for ways to justify	5.
6. Damaging effects on brain cells-proven	6.
7. Weakens the immune system	7.
8. Decreases ability to develop social skills- becomes a crutch	8.
9. Exposure to one more substance that can lead to an addiction	9.
10. THC, the main chemical, can remain in tussues and organs up to 1 month or more!	10.

### DO YOU SEE THE PROBLEM?

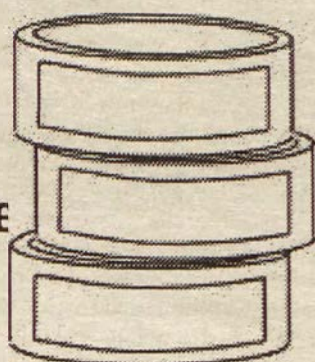
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The application deadline is November 18, 2002. For more information and application materials, visit [www.cic.edu/caphe/assistance/davies.asp](http://www.cic.edu/caphe/assistance/davies.asp).

Applications should be submitted through Dean Arruda.

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# Election Week Special Issue

*Did you do your civic duty Tuesday night? If so, read on to find out how your votes stacked up. If not, you lose either way. Voting is cool.*

BY MIKE RAIA '05

ASST. COMMENTARY EDITOR

Tuesday's elections put Republicans back in control of the Senate. President George W. Bush emerged the ultimate winner and this election all but scratched any plans Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle (D - S.D.) ever had for running against Bush in 2004.

January's inaugurations will bring a monopoly of conservative power across all streams of the federal government. This is particularly troubling at a time when all American voices need to be heard.

The next two years could be some of the most influential congressional terms in the last half-century. The president's agenda, which will virtually fly through Congress, will include measures of national security, taxes, and, eventually, the approval of Supreme Court justices—appointments which cannot be overturned even if the Democrats retake the House, Senate or White House in 2004. Bush could not be more ecstatic to see Senate Minority Leader Trent Lott (R - Miss.) retake his former seat as Senate Majority Leader.

But what happens to the voice of the Democrats, a voice that makes up half of Bush's constituents (and a majority of the 2000 presidential popular vote)? That voice will simply be muffled under the noise of conservative legislation being haphazardly pushed through the Capitol for the President's signature of approval.

The official approval of the Office of Homeland Security and a permanent tax cut are among the most important proposals on the Republican agenda.



Senator-elect Norm Coleman is one of the major reasons the Republican Party was able to take back the Senate. He narrowly defeated former vice-President Walter Mondale who ran in place of the late Sen. Paul Wellstone.

While both these bills will eventually be passed though the Republican Congress, they inadvertently contradict each other.

Bush ran his 2000 campaign pledging to lower taxes. Unlike his father, President George H.W. Bush, Dubya actually followed through with his campaign promise and pushed a temporary tax cut through a split Congress with minor concessions from either party. However, his tax cut immediately swindled the surplus former President Bill Clinton worked for with the help of a Republican congress. Additionally, many economists have argued that these very tax cuts (which in practice help the wealthy more than those who truly need the tax haven) have

accelerated the decline of the economy.

With the fallout from last September and a pending war in Iraq (and possibly North Korea), Bush needs money for his endeavors. But there are other issues, along with the important national security measures, which also need to be financed: education, health care, Social Security, (dare I say) welfare — just to name those on the tip of the iceberg. Bush cannot afford to support all these endeavors because the money is not in the budget. After Clinton spent years working to balance the budget and creating a surplus, Bush's tax cuts have forced deficit spending — a classic Republican criticism of Democratic leaders. However, the president wants to

make these very tax cuts, which have devoured the nation's surplus and crippled the economy, permanent.

The longest-lasting changes we will see from the 108th Congress and Bush's presidency, though, will be the appointment of at least two Supreme Court justices. As several of the justices, specifically those appointed during the Reagan administration who have waited for a Republican president to appoint a conservative in their place, are approaching retirement, Bush will undoubtedly appoint justices who will share his ideology. An even more conservative Supreme Court will promote a stricter reading of the Constitution and reshape the rights previous courts have granted through their interpretation.

A woman's right to choose is also in jeopardy. The rights of immigrants will be altered, especially those who happen to be Muslim. Gun control will take two steps backwards, in a time when many Americans (especially those in the Capital region) are pushing for increased background checks and longer waiting periods.

During the 1990s, President Clinton worked with a Republican congress that hated him and managed to balance a grossly unbalanced national budget. President Bush has received unprecedented support for his platform, even with a Democratic-controlled Senate. History has shown that legislation is more representative of the American public when the powers are split. But for the next two years, we will see a monopolization of Republican control in our federal government. At least we will know who to blame when nothing is accomplished.

## No contest for meaningful elections in R.I.

BY STEPHANIE PIETROS '04

COMMENTARY STAFF

It is said that Rhode Island politics are never dull. Figures like former Providence mayor "Buddy" Cianci

certainly further this perception. While it is true that there are some colorful figures dominating the political scene (not that it's large enough to make domination all that difficult), this election was nothing short of pathetic. With the exception of the race for mayor of Providence, no race presented any really well-qualified or even colorful candidate with a large amount of popular support.

A glance down the list of candidates for the Providence City Council wards reveals that races in nine out of the 15 wards went unopposed. In wards which did have opposed races, incumbents often had substantially large leads over new candidates. Such was the situation in Ward 14, which includes the PC campus. Incumbent Peter Mancini won a landslide victory over Ronald Iacobbo, as he did over his opponent Anthony Fagundes in the Democratic primary in September. This is not an indication of Mancini's incredible effectiveness in office, or his extraordinary personal appeal. Rather, it is telling of the dearth

of strong opposition and thus the reelection of allies of the Cianci regime.

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The situation in the Rhode Island General Assembly is very much the same. Even John Harwood, a figure of recent debate over the scandal regarding state worker Wendy Collins, ran unopposed in his district. One would think that such a questionable character would face opposition, but this was not the case.

The landslide victories of political cronies in Providence City Council and the General Assembly are not indicative of a large amount of popular support due to the overwhelming qualifications of any particular candidate. Along with the large amount of unopposed candidates, it is the perpetuation of a political machine which would really benefit from change, but from which nobody has yet stepped up to take the challenge.

Nowhere is this more evident than in the pathetic race for governor. Voters were unsure of whom to vote for because both candidates were so unimpressive. Neither candidate presented a strong platform. If their "forum" here at PC was

indicative of their comprehension of simple questions, we should be frightened about their intelligence. Sadly, the most interesting and perhaps even intelligent aspects of their campaigns were their mud-slinging ads.

Unlike the landslide victories of councilmen, state senators, and representatives that reflect the continuation of the old regime, the landslide victory of David Cicilline for mayor is more promising because of his potential for enacting change. Cicilline's overwhelming victory, instead of a perpetuation of entrenched cronyism, indicates the election of the clearly superior candidate. A strong, decisive platform, combined with personal skills and an old-fashioned door-to-door campaign are all contributing factors in Cicilline's well-deserved victory. Not only is Cicilline an exceptional candidate, but he entered the race long before Cianci dropped out, indicating a genuine desire to enact reform.

Cicilline is the only candidate who has any potential for really shaking up the political scene in the Providence area. There does not appear to be any hope for change from the City Council or, on a larger level, the state legislator, and certainly not the governor. One can only hope that Cicilline's lead will be strong enough to set a new standard for politics not just in Providence, but also in the



Providence mayor David Cicilline casts his ballot Tuesday.

state at large.

Rhode Island's reputation for an intriguing state political scene clearly did not hold true in this election. The candidates were unqualified, uninteresting and just generally pitiful. Perhaps it was unrealistic to hope for a complete revolution in the post-Cianci era of government. Hopefully, Cicilline will get the ball rolling, and his lead will inspire stronger candidates next time. In the meantime, we must endure four years of candidates who do not even have Cianci's charisma to make them marginally tolerable.

# Parietals news coverage misses deadline, not the point

In life and in drama, it is often the fool who speaks the truth.

Last week, the fools were the Providence media. Apparently at a loss for substantial, pressing news, the *Providence Journal* reported on the front page of last Tuesday's edition what students have known for a while now and we covered in September: parietals fines have gone up.

**EDITORIAL** In blind mimicry, television stations assumed that the *Journal* is the arbiter of newsworthiness and sent their cameras up Smith Hill.

Their story was on the increase of fines for violating parietal rules. That is not newsworthy — at least not six or seven weeks late.

Yet, all news reports had one theme in common: students' resignation to, if not acceptance of, all rules made by the Providence College administration.

Apparently, no one is complaining about the increased parietals fines. The *Journal's* indicators were that *The Cowl* has seen no letters to the editor, there have been no organized protests, and Student Congress has not taken up the issue. In other words, students have not formally questioned the new policy.

People have complained, but quietly. The *Journal* had no trouble finding those at least a bit dissatisfied with the new policy. Nor did the television stations. A *Cowl* writer took aim at the policy in the first issue of the semester. Yet, students took no action.

Students have grown comfortable in having no part in the decision-making process at Providence College. Patrick Doherty '05 and Meredith Lynch '04 told the *Journal* that they had the mistaken impression that rules at Providence College are not questionable. They assume there is no free speech here and that any action would face retribution from the College.

Granted, the PC campus is no federal haven for the First Amendment. In the spring of 2000, three students posted a blue flyer with an image of the Virgin Mary and the text, "How's this for an Immaculate Conception? Keep abortion safe and legal." These young men were suspended.

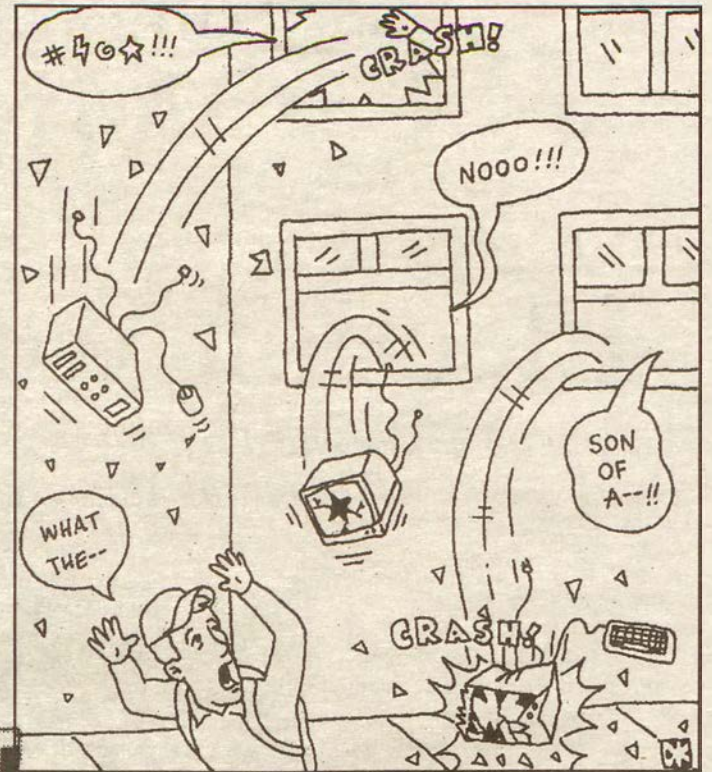
The difference between this incident and any general protest is the factor of respect. The not-so-constructive comments printed on the abortion flyers were inflammatory, offensive to the faith, and inappropriate. That was the sort of action that poses a threat "to the rest of your year," as Lynch told the *Journal*.

The kind that does not pose a threat is a tasteful protest. Nor does a Student Congress discussion followed by a resolution. Student Congress is a non-binding, advisory body. This does not mean that it should not take up substantial issues. It has the power to make recommendations to the President of the College. After all, Student Congress is the official representative body of the students.

Perhaps it should act like it.

Student Congress leaders informing the *Journal* of their own inefficacy is discouraging to say the least. Congress should demand to be included in the decision-making process here, even if they agree with the decision in the end. As the "official representatives of the student body," if they are not going to take up issues, who will? Each time they forfeit an issue with a "we're wasting our breath" attitude, they run the risk of permanently silencing the student body.

PC students are not silent about the issues. Instead of taking up substantial issues and representing the student body's interests, Student Congress seems content with the status quo and the most limited interpretation of their Constitution the creation and oversight of College clubs and organizations. If they would take up issues that concern student life, there might not be binding, concrete results, but at least the College would get in the habit of hearing Providence College students, if not actually listening to them.



For the first time at P.C., students can now check their grades online.

by Dustin Kahoud '04

# Tangents and Tirades

*Still mentally drained from the pressures of filling in the circles on your ballot on Tuesday? Did your candidate lose horribly? If so, let this week's Tangents ease your pain. And if your guy won, keep the gloating to yourself.*

**Was Chad a nickname for King Charles II?** Could someone please explain the Rhode Island referendum concerning the 1663 law regarding the General Assembly? If I voted to accept it, was I giving or taking away power from the General Assembly? And did the 1663 law allow for more power to the General Assembly, or was it in keeping with the balance of power allowed for in the United States Constitution? Basically, whoever wrote the question would probably not be able to pass a basic writing exam and should be tarred and feathered, 1663-style. Unfortunately, because of the confusion, people probably didn't take a question seriously which could have a big impact on the balance of power in our state government. —Stephanie Pietros '04

**The real-life tragedy: television drama** This weekend I was involuntarily exposed to another example of why I avoid watching television at all costs. An ad for an upcoming USA channel movie based on a book by Mark Fuhrmann about the murder of Martha Moxley in Greenwich, Conn., in 1975 left me feeling queasy. Or maybe it was just some bad cheese. Either way, I couldn't help thinking how insensitive it seems to make a film sensationalizing the death of a teenage girl. Even 25 years later, Moxley is survived by family and friends who will be saddened to see their daughter, sister, or friend portrayed as a sexually promiscuous "child of privilege" who happened to meet a violent death. Teenage sex and murder are the plot of so many television programs—why not leave it in the realm of fiction? —Erin Simmeth '03

**Live at PC...LIVE** A quality band is finally coming to Providence College. Rather than booking a second-rate group, BOP has appeased its critics with a band people have actually heard of. Although Live is past their prime (their last album, *V*, was a critical and box-office bust), we can all remember listening to "Lightning Crashes" while our parents drove us to eighth-grade mixers in their mini-vans. Additionally, the date for the concert (Dec. 6) was a great choice, seeing that it is the last day of classes for the fall semester, leaving no excuses for PC students not to relive their middle school days. —Mike Raia '05

**Talk about feasibility** You know those fold-down baby-changing stations that are in almost every public restroom? They're the plastic platforms that fold down out of the walls like old-fashioned ironing boards or closet beds. We need something along those lines to be installed in every single bathroom stall in the library. Everybody knows that the best place to brush up on vocabulary or get some reading done is on the can. Imagine having a little makeshift table over your lap while you're sitting on the toilet. Productivity would (at least) double. It is little things like this that we need to consider when we discuss library renovations. You can have all your fancy-pants technology. Just give me the opportunity to read comfortably while I am riding shotgun on the porcelain bus. —John McHugh '03

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*Does the thought of the government taking your hard-earned cash really get your goat? (Not to mention your rifle collection.) Can you write coherently about this? If so, drop us a line in Slavin 104.*

# Wait for wisdom teeth in war decisions

BY JULIETTE PAUL '05  
COMMENTARY STAFF

Iraq: to go to war or not to go to war? That is the question. While anyone can appreciate the activist stance most American collegians have assumed, a "grown-up" opinion is nothing we

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IRAQ

should be patting ourselves on the back for. We attend teach-ins, rely on

newspaper articles we have followed, while applying our inkling of political science knowledge procured from whatever class we took last, and all for what? An eloquently stated opinion that lacks all government intelligence and awareness of the true state-of-affairs.

While the beauty of being an adult comes with added knowledge and experience that grant legitimacy to our fervent beliefs and opinions, having the character to say, "I don't know whether or not the United States should go to war with Iraq because I can't possibly make a wise judgment," is much less shameful than an extremist statement backed up by selective facts and opinions.

Having trust in government officials went out of style a long time ago. No matter how trivial the issue was, popular trust in the presidency was not enhanced when President Clinton lied to the American people about his affair on television, and then pled "just kidding" afterwards. Young adults are old enough to remember and be affected by that. It is disheartening to observe the current collective defaming of politicians as power-hungry, war mongrels. This is not always the case.

The presupposition of U.S. oil interests seems to be a scapegoat for those young persons most sensitive to the potentiality of war. The fate of oil is a critical national interest for many

countries involved in the debate over Iraq, including Russia, France, Saudi Arabia, China and ourselves. Yet, the presence of oil in Iraq has hardly been discussed in United Nations and White House debates.

“Who can claim to know the evil intentions of an official who is far more intelligent and informed in the matter?”

If speculation on U.S. aims toward the Iraqi oil industry is not a consideration of foreign nations, how can the desire for oil be legitimate evidence for anti-war Americans to write off war preparation as the corrupt wrongdoings of economically-burdened politicians? Oil cannot begin to constitute a reason for war with Iraq until the U.S. wins a war. White House press secretary Ari Fleischer will not speculate on whether or not the American army would administer Iraq's oil fields: "I wouldn't even try to start guessing what the military may or may not do." The ignorant and inexperienced should beware of guessing what the White House press secretary will not.

The most important fact to consider is that Saddam Hussein was the first man to charge Washington with the intention of obtaining his oil.

The cheapest excuse for those with anti-war sentiments is the continuing hostility between the Bush family and Saddam Hussein after the Persian-Gulf War. Who can justify their feelings about the president's decisions around something so personal? Who can claim to know the evil intentions of an official who is far more intelligent and informed in the matter than they are? For all the world knows, what may be perceived of



REUTERS PHOTO

A young girl is among thousands of people protesting a potential military strike against Iraq in Washington, D.C., on Oct. 26, 2002.

President Bush as senseless and ignorant might be saving lives as we speak. The possibility that he is "psyching Saddam out" has been discussed far less than should be considered. In any case, I find it very hard to believe that any president elected by the American people would be bloodthirsty and evil enough to trade enormous casualties for his own personal revenge.

We are the sons and daughters of those who fought and lived through Vietnam, so for some the natural tendency is towards an anti-war movement. It's fun to be able to point fingers at President Bush in an expression of newfound liberty in the right to vote and freedom of speech. The heart of the matter is that contemporary collegians are 18 to 21 years old, and George W. Bush is the President of the

United States of America. There is something to be said for that title, especially when chalked up against the measly opinions of the inexperienced. President Bush has the ability to make more prudent decisions than a citizen who has just turned of drinking age. The men and women governing our nation have the duty and right to be vehement about their actions. Although "we the people" substantiate our nation's democracy and provide President Bush with his job, I would find it difficult to be tooth and nail against executive decisions about issues as complex and critical as a war. No citizen can know exactly the intention or directive of our president and legislation. We should refrain from pretending that we know any better.

## Letters to the Editor

### Image of homosexuality overly sexual

While I am pleased that the issue of sexual orientation was brought up in the Commentary section of the Oct. 24 issue, I am disappointed in the selection of pictures accompanying the pieces. Showing two partially naked men on the front page and two men kissing on the

Commentary page only works to enforce the idea that homosexuality is always erotic. Pictures can be just as powerful as words, and, as in this case, they can easily deviate from the intended themes of the articles.

Michelle Sagan '04

### PC community lasts past graduation

It has been nearly five years since I graduated from Providence College. With the ominous five-year reunion on the horizon in the spring, I have lately been forced to think—well first, where has the time gone, but then more seriously about what draws me to continuously associate myself with the PC community. All too often when describing a group of individuals interlaced with a common experience, people toss out the term "close-knit community."

I've been trying to think of a better way to describe my "pre-" and "post-" PC years, but I'm at a loss to find a better word to describe it. PC truly is a "close-knit community." Colleagues of mine at work in New York find it hard to believe that after nearly five years since college I still keep in touch with and regularly socialize with nearly 30 of my "closest" PC friends. Perhaps it's my personality or the fact that the majority of PC grads remain in the Northeast, thus making it easier to get together more often, but I think it's much more than that. Perhaps with weddings abound in the 26-27 age range people feel the need to invite as many PC grads as possible to fill up a wedding picture for the *Spectrum* showing their ex-boyfriend or girlfriend how great they have it. Again, however, I think it's much more than that.

PC is about the people, my friends—

students and teachers alike. I regularly keep in touch with Father Cleary, one of my former political science professors. Friends of mine hailing from other colleges often can't even remember the names of their professors, much less exchange e-mails and occasional phone calls or grab lunch together when Padre was recently in New York.

Along the same lines, just last week out of the blue, I contacted Mrs. Marie Hennedy, my former English writing professor, requesting her to proofread a grad school admissions essay for me. Without hesitation and with genuine enthusiasm and interest similar to that exuded in the classroom, Mrs. Hennedy provided the most valuable and pointed commentary...making me glad that I never showed up freshman year to take the English writing exam (every PC freshman should take Mrs. Hennedy's writing course).

PC is all about the people. We are very fortunate to have people like Father Cleary and Mrs. Hennedy associated with the PC community. Professors like these and relationships formed while at PC are statistics and data that no rankings report captured in the *U.S. News and World Report* can assess, but are relationships that make me want to continuously identify myself as a member of the Providence College Community.

Bartley P. O'Dwyer '98

### Gun control article way off target

I thought the Eastern liberal establishment with all of its gross generalizations about firearms was so stale as to be extinct. In the latest issue of *The Cowl* appears an article in which the wimpy left again attempts to muddle an issue with innuendo and an obvious and complete lack of knowledge of firearms. Where to start when faced with such ignorance? What is my "need" for such a firearm? It is not up to the government to determine my "needs" nor to decide my rights concerning my private property ownership (in this case MY guns). The Bushmaster carbine as described in the article is actually a rather poor long-range weapon not used by the military for any long-range sniper uses. By the way, any bullet can kill to the distance of a mile under the right conditions. The .223 round used by this weapon is a cartridge invented in the

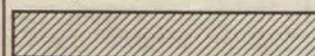
1950's for use in killing varmints such as gophers and skunks. It was adopted by the military for use in the late 1960's because of its light weight and short range killing power. Had the coward killers in the sniper case used a simple lever action .30-30 Winchester (common hunting rifle in the U.S. and seen in hundreds of cowboy movies) the wounds would have been much worse and there would have been no survivors. I suggest that the writer of the gun control article consider giving up his freedom of the press too. The Bill of Rights is a package to be accepted as such and not to be picked apart by the likes of the Kennedys. Perhaps if golf clubs and Oldsmobiles were under strict control, two innocent women would be alive today in New England.

Thomas A. Balas  
Clay, N.Y.

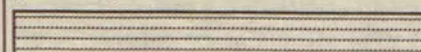
### Online Poll Results

Poll for the 10/31 issue: "Should the U.S. use military force against Iraq?"

Yes, Saddam Hussein poses a serious threat to American safety.

 (52%, 16 votes)

Maybe, but the U.S. must deal with the more pressing situation in North Korea first.

 (3%, 1 votes)

No, the U.S. should work with the United Nations to bring Hussein into compliance peacefully.

 (45%, 14 votes)

Poll current as of Wednesday 9 p.m.

Vote on this issue's poll at [www.thecowl.com](http://www.thecowl.com): "Should marijuana be legal?"

# Nevada should have said yes to marijuana

BY ERIN SIMMETH '03  
COMMENTARY EDITOR

Voters in Nevada just said "no" Tuesday to a constitutional amendment which would have allowed citizens to

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posses up to three ounces of marijuana for recreational use.

While the U.S. is not ready for decriminalization, legalizing marijuana would actually reduce the conflicts surrounding the use of the drug.

There is a war on drugs in the U.S. In classrooms, American students are told year after year that drugs are bad, which is true. In the case of marijuana, however, the real danger lies not in the drug itself, but in the violence perpetuated by its illegal status.

On the streets, our police forces battle increasing violence in their attempt to control the trade of illegal drugs. The escalation of drug-related gang violence in the past two decades is directly comparable to Prohibition-era crime which dropped off abruptly after alcohol was decriminalized. If cops could focus on real crime, instead of chasing down and incarcerating sellers of illegal marijuana, fewer innocents and criminals alike would be getting shot in the street.

Instead, marijuana would be available through safer venues, possibly even in drugstores, next to normal tobacco cigarettes. But don't worry, New York wouldn't turn into Amsterdam overnight—seeing as cigarette smoking is already outlawed just about everywhere in public.

Another appealing argument is the sheer economics of the matter. Enforcing the current drug laws costs the federal government billions of dollars every year. According to the Office of National

Drug Control Policy, the federal government has already dropped more than \$17 billion on the war on drugs this year alone, and continues to do so at the rate of about \$609 per second.

“America is not ready to allow marijuana to leave the clinic and become part of our culture.”

Conversely, the government could be rolling in the green from the tax bounty it would reap on the production and sale of legal marijuana. Taxes on marijuana could easily be set as high, if not higher than, the staggering tariffs now being added to the price of normal cigarettes. On the state level, tobacco producers such as North Carolina and Kentucky would grow rich on the marijuana industry, creating an additional source of revenue in some of the poorest parts of the U.S.

There would be other benefits to government involvement in the sale of marijuana. With federal standards in place for the production of marijuana products, the drug itself could become safer to use. Those who warn against the dangers of marijuana often point not to its own risks, but rather to the chance that the drug being sold on the street could be laced with dangerous impurities. With manufacture of marijuana presided over by the government, a safer, kinder drug would be more likely to be sold.

In fact, the medical drawbacks to marijuana use are very similar to the negative effects of nicotine, including the risk of lung cancer and emphysema over long-term inhalation. The drug itself poses a very low threat to its users beyond the immediate effects of

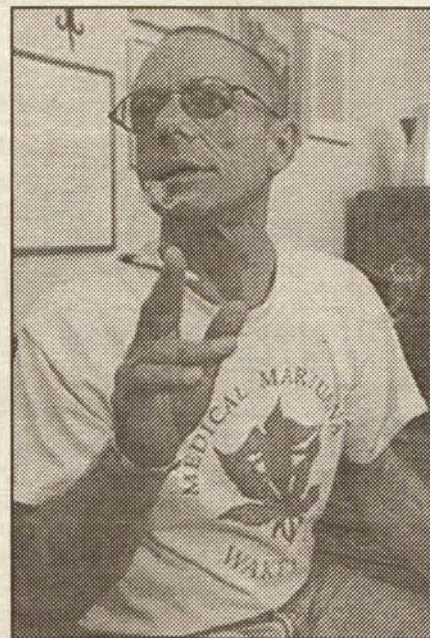
intoxication, which with frequent use do become residual. As pointed out in a recent *Time* magazine article, an average 160-pound person would have to smoke about 900 marijuana cigarettes in one sitting to inhale a lethal dose of THC, the intoxicant in marijuana.

The societal effects of marijuana are also markedly less harmful than that of another legal drug, alcohol. One needs only to look around our own campus to witness the destructive behavior of people under the influence of alcohol. Drinking leads to drunk driving accidents, domestic violence, and a debilitating dependency which ends in psychosis and finally death.

While the use of marijuana may not necessarily improve the average person's quality of life, a smoker is not likely to be violent or dangerous while high. The chance that a person who has been smoking pot is going to go drive his car at high speeds into oncoming traffic, or to beat his or her spouse or children, is far lower than for a person who has been consuming perfectly legal alcohol.

Then, there are some people for whom the use of marijuana truly does improve their quality of life. In eight states, a doctor can legally prescribe marijuana to prevent pain and suffering in place of more harmful and addictive painkillers such as morphine. An AIDS patient can be prescribed medicinal marijuana to improve his or her appetite and prevent wasting away from nausea caused by the intense drug courses. An elderly woman might smoke marijuana to ease the pain as she is dying of cancer.

The Supreme Court recently upheld the right for doctors to prescribe medicinal marijuana in the eight states in which referendum has made medicinal usage legal. Many people agree that suffering patients should have access to this gentle, less-addictive source of



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AIDS patient Jim Wakeford was the first Canadian legally allowed to smoke medicinal marijuana.

relief. However, America is still not ready to allow marijuana to leave the clinic and become part of our culture.

Outside of paranoid liberal conspiracy theories, it seems that this is the chief reason for the resistance to the legalization of marijuana. Cigarettes and alcohol, while highly addictive, dangerous, and destructive, are accepted because they have long been a part of our culture. Marijuana, on the other hand, is still associated with rebellious, anti-social behavior. If marijuana is legalized, however, our last fears would eventually be eroded as its use would cease to be a source of conflict and financial waste without having our national morality go up in smoke.

# Students thrive on open space, wiffle ball

BY DR. ANTHONY ESOLEN  
GUEST COMMENTARY

I have been thinking, lately, about what it must be like to be young and to live on the campus of Providence College.

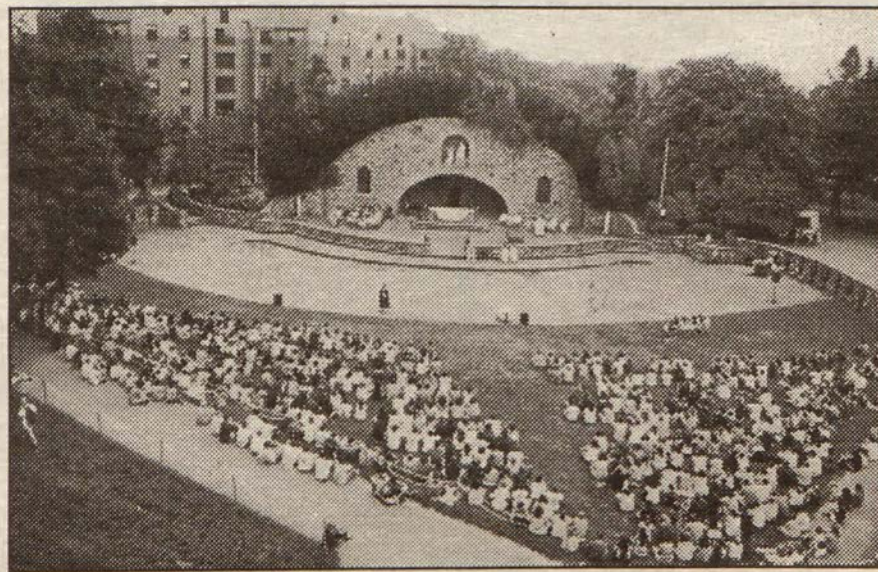
## STUDENT LIFE

I don't know why I should be thinking of this. Goodness knows, I've worked here

for 13 years—worked, not lived—and never gave it much thought before. Maybe it's because I spent most of this spring and summer on the floor of my house, cooped up, unable to walk or even stand for more than a second or two. When I could walk again I wanted to walk somewhere, for medical reasons I guess, but also for the simple joy of walking. My street runs alongside a river, and a few miles away there's a vast abandoned quarry, with hills and dunes and a quarry hole that is perfect for swimming: clean, deep, and cold. Or it may be that I'd been reading Wendell Berry again, the Kentucky farmer with the quaint belief that we should not live as if we were little gears and sprockets in a machine or items to be shelved in an enormous warehouse.

Mr. Berry believes that what is small and rooted in one place stands a fair chance of being human and beautiful, too, and that such small, endearing, beautiful things are for us a real wellspring of grace. Such a belief is profoundly Catholic. And that brings me back to our school, the Catholic school called Providence College.

I look about the campus and do not see a place where young people can live. Well, they can live—their bodies do continue to breathe and take in nutrients. But they cannot and do not dwell. It seems as if the campus were designed by people who forgot that young men and women have bodies, and need more



ALLI PETTRETTO '00/The Cowl

Imagine a world without trees...PC's open-air grotto was demolished to make way for St. Dominic's chapel, in a trend of vanishing outdoor space on campus.

than warehouses and classrooms. They need air, gardens, sunny open fields, convenient places to sit, to gather, to meet people by chance, to read a book or stare at the sky. They need the favorite place to go with the one they've fallen for. They need a courtyard for a pick-up game of baseball or touch football—also important springs of grace!

Each of the changes in the campus of Providence College, in these last 13 years, can be justified, I know. And yet each of the changes has profited the old at the expense of the young, the official at the expense of the casual, life (such as it is) indoors at the expense of life outdoors, and very few students at the expense of all the rest. I am not condemning these changes; I am merely observing a fact. The new chapel is a beautiful building and a worthy place of worship. But when the chapel was built, student lost the grotto and the sunny hill in front of it, a good place, near to the

dormitories, for gathering, reading, throwing a Frisbee, playing a little wiffle ball (as I myself know), and on a warm Sunday, not a bad place for worship either. Don't misunderstand me—I think it's good that we have the new chapel. Still, I note the loss of the grotto, and it was a serious loss.

That loss wouldn't be so bad, if it hadn't been repeated elsewhere. The area in front of Siena Hall wasn't always a vast parking lot. I know, we need space for cars. Again, I am observing a fact. There used to be a kind of field where Accino now stands. The Feinstein Center made an ugly building lovely, but also removed from casual use a large courtyard good for playing catch, sitting, having class outdoors, and just meeting people. Poles and chains, not long ago, did not interrupt the passage from asphalt to green on the upper campus. I know, we have to protect the grass. The present softball field is a wonderful addition to

campus—wonderful for the fifteen people allowed to use it, but maybe less than wonderful for the 3,985 others. Outdoor basketball courts have been turned into an area for parking. The soccer field is now shielded with an ugly fence. I think Hendricken Field remains open, but it too is fenced, it is in use by the field hockey team much of the time, and it is far from the dorms. If you want to play baseball, or throw a Frisbee without danger of knocking someone in the head, where do you go? A garden for sitting and reading? Maybe the garden at the new art building—maybe.

Indoor life is not much better, I am told. The Quiet Dining Room in Slavin is great for us faculty members, but not so great for the students, who lost a large game-room with several pool tables. The new McPhail's helps in this regard—but there are only two tables. Alumni Cafeteria is designed not for cheerful conversation but for the efficient satisfaction of one's hunger while one's loneliness is distracted by the inanities of the College TV Network. The Sunken Lounge or "pit" in Slavin is now an enormous glass room, I don't know why. Students tell me there is not a single ping-pong table on campus. The two tennis courts may not be long for this world, and gutting the upper floor of the library is no solution. Better to give Slavin back to the students.

One of the curses of old age is that you may forget your youth. Years ago, Providence College had regular softball games—between faculty and students, believe it or not. There is now no place where that can happen, and indeed no sense that such a thing ought to happen. We'll forget that education involves the body and the soul too, not just the mind (and often a cramped little ratiocinative part of the mind at that). Then we'll find ourselves shocked, just shocked, when you expend the energies of your youth on less-than-worthy pursuits.



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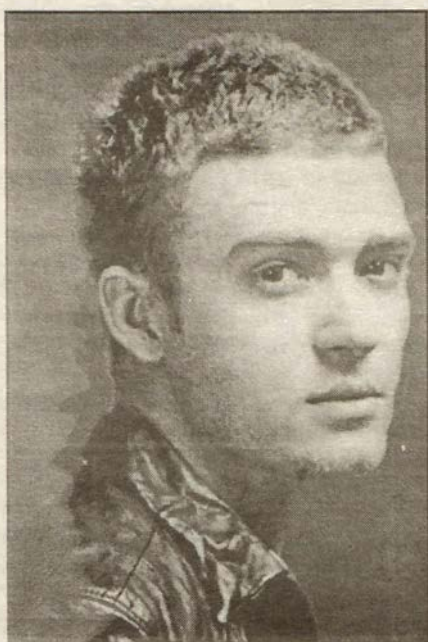
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## Spanning music notes

### A&E hits the record stores, reviewing four new albums that speak to a range of musical taste



JIVE RECORDS

BY DAVE QUINN '04  
A&E EDITOR

**Justin Timberlake**  
*Justified*  
Jive Records

Justin Timberlake wants to assure you that \*NSYNC has not broken up. Although all five guys are working on their own separate endeavors, a new album will be recorded soon. Still, while Joey Fatone hits the Broadway stage in

**MUSIC REVIEW** | Rent and Lance Bass fights to sing his way into space,

Justin Timberlake basks in the spotlight all by himself by dropping his first solo album. With *Justified*, Timberlake wants to prove that he's more than just \*NSYNC's faceplate and that he's ready to flow with pop music's new direction.

However, *Justified* may not even classify as pop music. The 13-track album sounds more like R&B than "Dirty Pop," a turn helped along by producers the Neptunes and Timbaland. It's a turn most \*NSYNC fans will be somewhat used to, the next step in the movement begun by singles like "Gone" and "Girlfriend." While the music may be smooth, Timberlake's transition to it is not; the calculated formula just doesn't fit the Memphis boy-band singer.

The problem with *Justified* is that it is completely overproduced and does nothing to speak to Timberlake as an artist. The Neptunes and Timbaland produce tracks reminiscent of Aaliyah's "Are You That Somebody" and "Try Again," a sound that doesn't do anything to highlight Timberlake's vocal skills. Each song almost asks for detailed choreography and dance numbers just to seem successful.

And while Timberlake co-wrote all the songs on the album, the lyrics are simple and could apply to practically any artist. Each song has something to do with love—the search for it, the loss of it, and the fun of being in it. But Timberlake says the lyrics are just made-

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ARTISTDIRECT RECORDS

BY DAN DEVINE '04  
ASST. A&E EDITOR

**Badly Drawn Boy**  
*Have You Fed The Fish?*  
ARTISTdirect Records

Damon Gough (a.k.a. Badly Drawn Boy) garnered loads of praise for his debut, 2000's *The Hour of Bewilderbeast*, a

**MUSIC REVIEW** | record I think most people liked because

a few critics did and they didn't want to feel stupid. Two years after *Bewilderbeast* beat out eleven other albums to win the Mercury Music Prize, England's most prestigious award, Gough returns with *Have You Fed The Fish?*, a sophomore release riddled by the same mistakes as its predecessor that also makes some new ones of its own.

I have major gripes with the words Gough sings over his plush pop melodies—nothing from his previous body of work had convinced me that he was capable of writing a really good lyric, and *Fish* hasn't persuaded me. Once in awhile, Gough offers something serviceable, but mostly he just blows it with decaf-weak pseudo-poetics ("I've killed all the mockingbirds / I've wrestled the octopus / I came out with extra arms to carry your baggage").

Lyrics aside, nobody doubts Gough's gifts for pacing, innovative compositions, and pitch-perfect instrumentation. Whereas these talents saved *Bewilderbeast*, they can't do the same for *Fish*. "You Were Right" and "Tickets To What You Need" are fun enough, but nothing here has the strength of *Bewilderbeast*'s "Once Around the Block" or "Disillusions." *Fish* attempts to recapture the debut's spirit just end up in trainwrecks like "The Further I Slide." As a result, what could have been a major statement album ends up being another in a long line of sophomore flops. After listening to *Have You Fed The Fish?*, it's evident that the only thing getting fatter here is Damon Gough's already bloated sense of self-importance.

GRADE: C-



RCA RECORDS

BY DAVE QUINN '04  
A&E EDITOR

**David Gray**  
*A New Day at Midnight*  
RCA Records

On *A New Day at Midnight*, David Gray once again proves that he's one of the most sophisticated songwriters in modern music. The follow-up to 1999's *White Ladder* establishes a solemn,

**MUSIC REVIEW** | reflective tone by focusing on Gray's own emotional struggle. Written while his father was dying of cancer, *A New Day at Midnight* presents personal experience as a chance for growth, weaving pain into smart, poignant songs.

*Midnight*'s opener, "Dead in the Water," mixes sad lyrics with bright reminders of faith in a paradox that Gray interprets beautifully. And while songs like "Caroline" and "Read Love" provide lighthearted moments of cheer, most of the album weaves intricate lyrics between melancholy chords and daunting melodies.

While songs like "Freedom" have an aggressive air of cynicism and irony not seen on *Ladder* or 1993's *A Century Ends*, *Midnight* definitely stands as Gray's most introspective collection of songs yet. Despite the presence of electronics and studio influence, Gray's voice remains as raw as ever. While some songs suggest strong studio production, the album's vocals are all taken from Gray's first studio takes, offering a revealing emotional interpretation.

The first single is the album's closer, "The Other Side," a love song told from the other side of heartbreak. The last song recorded for the album, its fresh vocals combine his regretful lyrics and sensitive voice for maximum effect.

*A New Day at Midnight* is a powerful album that shows Gray's development as a songwriter, creating a mood of regret, loss, and growth that is neither depressing nor constrictive.

GRADE: A



INTERSCOPE RECORDS

BY MARK M. BALAS '03  
ASSOC. EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

**U2**  
*U2: The Best of 1990-2000*  
Island Records

The 1990s were a trying time for U2 and their fans. According to band legend, they nearly broke up during the recording of the *Achtung Baby* album, and the commercial failure of the unfinished *Pop* left them wondering if they had gone too over-the-top.

**MUSIC REVIEW** | Moreover, U2's fans had to adjust from the earnest young

lads of the 1980s to the post-modern highbrow-lowbrow Las Vegas image of the "new" U2. The 90's, the decade when U2 did its best work, saw U2 embrace dance rhythms, glitz, remixes, technology, and drunken depression. Satire was U2's paradigm, and they hit the road with thousands of video screens, a golden arch, covers of Elvis and Lou Reed tunes, and a giant mirror-ball lemon. Their heart was still there, but one had to dig under layers of gold lame and black leather to find it. You'd never know any of this happened by listening to the "hits" disc of the three-disc *U2: The Best of 1990-2000*.

**The A-Sides**

The huge hits of the 90's-era U2 are on the disc, including, "One," "Mysterious Ways," "Discotheque," "Until the End of the World," "Numb," and "Hold Me, Thrill Me, Kiss Me, Kill Me." Although such tracks are obvious choices, revisionist U2 history takes over with the inclusion of "Stuck In A Moment," "Beautiful Day," the new songs, "Electrical Storm" and "The Hands that Built America." The songs from *All That You Can't Leave Behind* are fine on their own, but don't hold up when bracketed by the better, weightier 90's tracks, and belong on the next "hits" disc. The *Leave Behind* tracks, coupled with the sappy, overwrought, and just-

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# Picks of the Week

BY MARK M. BALAS  
ASSOC. EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

## U2's not-so-greatest

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plain-terrible new songs, give the collection little chance of cohesiveness, and are unrepresentative of the decade as a whole. Two notable exclusions on the collection are "The Fly" and "Lemon," two songs that characterized the band's decade.

Three songs from the criminally underrated *Pop*, a dark and dirty technopop record about Bono's personal Jesus, are included. However, caveat emptor; "Discotheque," "Staring at the Sun," and "Gone" are remixed. The remixes don't do the originals justice, and the new vocal track recorded for "Gone" misses the album version's crescendos. Shamefully, the "boom-cha" backup vocals are gone from "Discotheque," and a misguided harmony is inserted into the otherwise great "Staring at the Sun." The lack of an overproduced studio sheen on *Pop*'s songs is what makes them sound unique, and with the remixes, that techno-grunge character and aggressiveness is all but gone. At least they included the Bono-as-Travis Bickle photo in the liner notes.

The one remix that really works on the collection is the *Zooropa* curiosity "Numb." The song finally sounds finished, and is much tighter than either the album or previous single version. The other gem on the collection is also from *Zooropa*, the lovely "The First Time," which closes the collection nicely.

For every good song choice, though,



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A decade of U2 hits & misses(above).

there's a blight on the album. For every "One," there's a "The Hands that Built America," and because the 1990's is the decade in which U2 did their best, most daring work and wrote their best songs, it's a shame that the *Best Of 1990-2000* is so half-baked. They should've let well enough alone.

THE A-SIDES: C

### The B-Sides

U2's took their experimentation to the nth degree with their 90's B-sides, and more so than not, wrote some really cool, throwaway songs. U2 allowed DJ's to mix multiple versions for release on singles and promos. "Dirty Day" from *Zooropa* and an incredible cover of The Beatles' "Happiness is a Warm Gun" are two dub-filled, drum and bass inspired songs that work not only with U2's 90's aesthetic, but add something of substance to the U2 catalogue. The DJ mixes give the songs extra hips, and the story of Salome and John the Baptist suddenly becomes a tale of sexual ache. The B-sides shows U2 at its most adventurous, and while some stinkers

weren't included in the collection (most notably, embarrassing cover version of "Fortunate Son" and "Paint it Black"), those culled together for the collection give a better indication of the contradictions and themes present in 90's U2.

"Your Blue Room" from a U2 side project The Passengers, "North and South of the River," and "Summer Rain" pose a welcome contrast to the aggressive remixes, covers, and dance tunes. It would have been nice to see three other such tunes, "Stateless," "The Ground Beneath Her Feet," and "Dancing Shoes," all from the *The Million Dollar Hotel* soundtrack included, as they represent a crucial middle ground from *Pop* to *All That You Can't Leave Behind*.

U2 seems to have used triple the thought in selecting the B-sides in the *Best Of* package, as they better represent the evolution and aesthetic of U2, a band in flux during most of the 1990s.

THE B-SIDES: B+

### The DVD

A promotional DVD is also included in the *Best Of* package, and for a four-track promotional DVD, is remarkably well thought-out. A "History Mix" combining visuals, songs, Zoo TV and PopMart tour footage, and soundbytes from the era are masterfully cut together to give the unassuming viewer a seven-minute crash course in the 90's according to U2. There's a trailer for the inevitable U2 1990's video collection DVD, as well as a live performance of U2's best song of the era, "Please," and an alternate version of the "Beautiful Day" video. Basically, the band frolics, says glib things, and gets earnest.

THE DVD: B+

THE WHOLE PACKAGE: B



## Movie

*Audition* (Odishon)  
Directed by Takashi Miike

In the best of the Asian New Wave horror films, a movie producer holds a fake audition in order for his friend, Ryo (Shigeharu Aoyama), to find a new wife. Ryo finds a promising prospect, but soon descends into a Lynchian nightmare of obsession, rejection, paranoia, and torture. Miike controls tone from the first frame, and goes just far enough over the top for his film to be associated with Kubrik's *The Shining* and Lynch's *Lost Highway*.



## Music

Red House Painters  
*Songs for a Blue Guitar*

Sure, *Songs for a Blue Guitar* is namby-pamby milquetoast stuff, but it is beautifully written, performed, and sung, all by Mark Kozelek—a man who, on *What's Next to the Moon*, made Bonn Scott-era AC/DC songs sound beautiful. Check out "Have You Forgotten," and hear one of the best ballads of the past few years.

## Book

Empire Falls  
by Richard Russo

*Empire Falls*, a novel chronicling the interrelations and breakdowns of a diner manager in a dying small town, his ex-wife, his mother, his daughter, and the town's matriarch is a cinematic but subtle, lyrical novel that takes its inspiration from Steinbeck's moralism and the storytelling of Spielberg.

## Justified R&B

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up situations, basing nothing on any personal experiences. This does little to further his development as an artist.

Timberlake's step into solo artistry isn't a calculated risk—heck, it isn't a risk at all. Everything from Timberlake's dance moves to his wardrobe scream Michael Jackson. *Justified* even has some songs on it that are evocative of *Off the Wall*, Mr. Jackson's own solo debut. "Rock Your Body" works off a collection of disco-like backbeats which could easily have worked itself into Jackson's "Don't Stop Till You Get Enough."



Bye Bye Bye: Justin Timberlake goes solo (above). JIVE RECORDS

The Jackson influence continues with sister Janet's appearance on "(And She Said) Take Me Now," though you have to listen hard to find her. Another strong collaboration is the Brian McKnight co-written "Never Again," a piano-driven ballad that stands as the album's strongest track. The romantic closer is unique for the album, cutting out the R&B beats and highlighting Timberlake's voice. Sadly, the strength

of the closer only makes the 12 previous tracks seem unfortunate.

The formula-driven *Justified* does have some fun tracks. Songs like "Senorita," "Last Night," and lead single "Like I Love You" have a definite groove to them. The second single "Cry Me A River" isn't terrible either. But the songs still follow a blueprint that doesn't speak to Timberlake's potential as a solo artist.

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# Murphy and Wilson's *Spy* games

BY STEPHANIE SMITH '06  
A&E STAFF

The crux of *I Spy* is nothing more than a replay of old jokes and clichés, but the jokes that it resurrects are genuinely funny. The film caters to a specific sense of slapstick, with the characters' outrageousness as the main source of humor. Fans of the 1965-68 TV show starring Bill Cosby might be disappointed in the low brow remake. Still, if they keep in mind that the suave, classic Hollywood mentality is near impossible to recreate, they can accept *I Spy* for what it is: an amusing, run of the mill action comedy.

Our dynamic duo is made up of second-rate spy Alexander Scott (Owen Wilson) and arrogant middle weight boxer Kelly Robinson (Eddie Murphy). Kelly is living large, having just won his fifty-seventh match, when President Bush calls him and asks for his help (enter scene where Kelly has a bubbly cell phone conversation). The two are then thrown together, assigned to a mission in Budapest where they must recover an invisible fighter jet that was stolen from the U.S. government. Problems arise when they search the house of international bad guy Gundars (Malcolm McDowell) and when Alex falls for his fellow agent, Rachel Wright (Famke Janssen). Alex and Kelly are complete opposites and,



*I always feel like somebody's watching me:* Eddie Murphy (above right) and Owen Wilson (below right) team up as government operatives in *I Spy*, a remake of the 1965 television show which starred Bill Cosby and Robert Culp (pictured above left).

needless to say, their butting heads cause an array of problems.

The acting in *I Spy* is nothing special; both Wilson and Murphy's characters have attributes that all their parts seem to possess. Wilson is shy, cute, and pathetically hopeless—pining for Rachel and

incessantly screwing up his missions. Murphy is obnoxious as Kelly, talking in the third person and commanding orders to his posse, made up of old buddies from before he was a famous boxer. He is only slightly likeable after he and Alex are trapped in a sewer, inhale too much methane, and

start telling their weepy life stories. That scene highlights the awkward yet comic chemistry that makes *I Spy* reasonably clever.

The style of the film, like the acting, is nothing too special, but rather what you get from every action movie: big explosions and chase scenes.



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The best part, though, are the shots of Budapest, which add an original European flair to the otherwise very American ambiance. Director Betty Thomas incorporates the city into scenes of Wilson and Murphy fleeing from gunshots, a paradox of destruction and beauty that is a highlight of the film.

Although the humor in *I Spy* is undeniably contrived, the jokes can be laugh-out-loud funny. Or rather, "chuckle under your breath" funny. When Russian spies are chasing after Alex in the opening scene of the film, one Russian curses, "Stalin's butt!" when he loses Alex. Also, during a scene when Kelly has encouraged Alex to tell Rachel of his feelings, the two pull the old "wear a microphone so that I can tell you what to say" trick. This is, obviously, one of the most overdone concepts in all of Hollywood. However, as Kelly starts singing "Sexual Healing" and Alex speaks it, apparently not recognizing the lyrics, it is funny. Someone's trying to say "the waves are rising/I feel like I'm capsizing" is humorous.

The problem with *I Spy* is that, as a remake, it doesn't do justice to the original, but as your everyday comedy, it can hold its own. As long as you are not expecting a brilliant piece of art or any sort of message, *I Spy* is a good laugh, and worth a shot.

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# “Jam Master’s on the move but his sounds will stay”

BY JOE MAVODONES '05  
A&E STAFF

Run-D.M.C. is the greatest group ever to touch a mic and a set of turntables. Hailing from Hollis, Queens in New York City, Reverend Run, D.M.C., and Jam Master Jay helped shape hip-hop into what it is today. Their years of advancement and expansion allowed hip-hop to ascend to new plateaus. They first blessed hip-hop in 1983, dropping the classic single, “It’s Like That.” In 1986, they released their most popular song, “Walk This Way” with a little help from Aerosmith’s Steven Tyler and Joe Perry. Their 1986 album *Raising Hell* was the first rap album to ever go platinum; the ingenious *King of Rock* and *Tougher Than Leather* are both renowned rap classics.

Yet the most significant power that Run-D.M.C. held was their ability to bring hip-hop to the mainstream. Marching around in their unlaced Adidas sneakers, all black attire, and gleaming gold chains, Run-D.M.C. brought the sounds of urban America to the rest of the country, and eventually the world. Over the years, their legacy has turned them into rap royalty.

The backbone of the group was the

pioneering deejay Jam Master Jay. With thunderous drums and heavy guitar riffs, JMJ produced some of the most creative and enduring beats ever constructed.

And now, his work is that much more timeless.

Jam Master Jay was murdered last Wednesday, Oct. 30, while working in a recording studio in Jamaica, Queens. Jay—born Jason Mizel—was shot in the head when an assailant stormed into the building. Mizel died at the scene. Another man who was working with him was shot in the leg, but later recovered.

The murder of Jay came as a shock both to those closest to Mizel and to his fans. His death caused as much speculation into the killers as it did anguish and sorrow for rap fans. Jay and Run-D.M.C. have always been preachers of positive, non-violent rap. Emcee Run, brother of Russell Simmons, is now a reverend in New York. The fact that someone as relaxed and peaceful as Mizel was murdered seems like dark, mournful irony. The idea that Jay was caught up in any rap feud seemed too far-fetched.

Many reports that came out shortly after the death tried to link the murder to another East Coast/West Coast feud.



ARISTA RECORDS

Run-D.M.C.’s Jam Master Jay—Jan. 21, 1965-Oct. 30, 2002.

Those who were close friends with Jay hastily denied this report, stating that the murder was probably not a result of beef between Mizel and another rapper, but rather just a random accident.

However, according to the hip-hop website daveyd.com, police are now investigating a link to New York-based rapper 50 Cent. Over the past few years, 50 Cent had made countless “diss” songs about many of today’s most popular rappers. A music promoter for 50 Cent was gunned down over the weekend, possibly as retaliation for the murder of Jam Master Jay. Police are now investigating a possible connection between the two murders. As of last Thursday, the day after the murders, 50 Cent had reportedly left town “because there have been a number of threats on his life.”

Whether Jam Master Jay’s death was caused by a senseless act of random violence or in response to an over-heated

rap feud may take days, weeks, or even years to find out. But right now, one thing is for sure: a hip-hop legend is gone. As the years roll on, Reverend Run, D.M.C., and Jam Master Jay will be remembered with influential revolutionaries like Elvis or the Beatles.

The words from Run-D.M.C.’s “Jam Master’s Jammin’,” off of the album *King of Rock*, mean as much today as they did back in 1985:

*“He adds a little soul, to rock ‘n’ roll  
Every record he touches, turns to gold  
He’s well-conducted, self-instructed  
His style’s worthwhile, heavenly constructed*

*Mechanically inclined, if you don’t mind  
He adds spice to your life time after time  
I think it’s bout time, to heed the long lecture*

*We rock our rhymes for the Jam Master...  
Everything is correct, and A.O.K.*

*Jam Master’s on the move but his sounds will stay.”*

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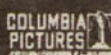
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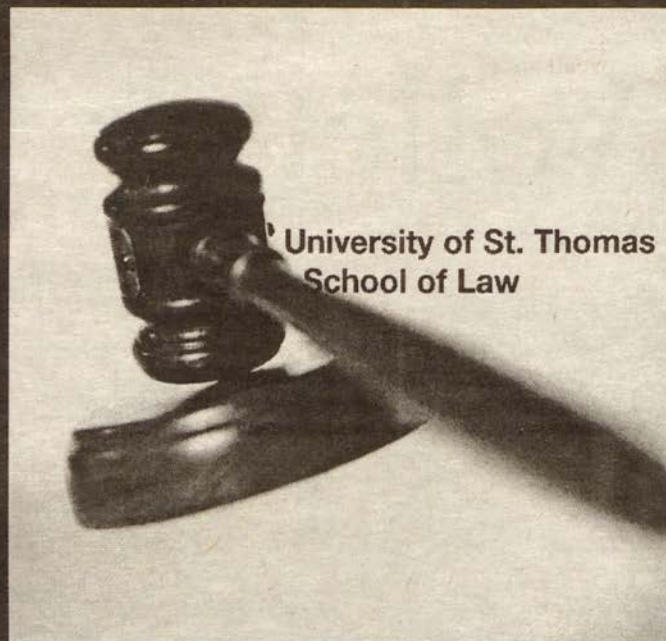
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## Bedford's Inferno

BY JESSICA BONVINO '04  
PORTFOLIO STAFF

"Get up! Grab your towels! Move it! Let's go! Shut the door behind you!" These are the shouts heard from my apartment as the fire alarm is going nuts. My roommates and I tend to morph into drill sergeants when

**ESSAY** we have fire drills (which Bedford Hall has much too often). Usually someone in the apartment is conscious enough between the hours of 1a.m. and 3a.m. and can take charge of a panicky situation.

However, none of us were prepared for our latest emergency. One minute we were sleeping happily under the covers, the next we were all shuffling out of bed, knocking into chairs and shoes, with no sense of direction whatsoever and we did not even have a leader. Forced to leave our warm and toasty beds, my apartment and the rest of the hall trudged out into the frigid tundra that is New England.

You really get to know people and their quirks when you see them dressed at two in the morning. Some were standing outside only wearing T-shirts, thin pajama pants, sweatpants, and shorts. Then there were the people who were wrapped up in towels, the ones that we're supposed to bring to each drill. There are the even smarter more alert people who actually grabbed jackets, coats, and sweatshirts. People had enough sense to have some clothes on, and at least no one was down to anything "unmentionable." But as fun as the people watching was, I would have rather caught a few extra hours of sleep that night than examine the rest of the campus's fashion taste in their night wear.

Anyway, for those of you reading this, most were probably sleeping during our two-hour evacuation from the building. I think Bedford Hall has had more than its share of fire drills/emergencies, and this last one was just too much. Whoever the ingenious pranksters were that decided to flood our apartment complex

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## An affair to remember

BY NEISHA MCGUCKIN '03  
PORTFOLIO STAFF



At a kegger in Beverly Hills, a swollen Elvis strolls up to Jackie O, sporting oil tanker jewels. Anorexic Greek island tan, she smiles close-lipped and bats her eyelashes behind black goggles. "Remember that night, darlin'?" growls the King in her ear. Suddenly, Tchaikovsky swells and Jackie's in 1959, furious at finding Marilyn's underwear on the dry cleaning bill. She storms out of the brownstone, finds solace at a nearby Georgetown McDonald's. Demurely, puffy-eyed, she grabs a fistful of French Fries and washes them down with a milkshake. 380 calories, she thinks, but we'll just be Balzacian today. Forgetting ketchup, she gets up. Since it's the first time she's ever worn sunglasses at night, she accidentally collides with a tall man in uniform. Before she can even speak, she gazes into sparkly blue bedroom eyes. Sideburns, a cruel mouth. She blushes and apologizes breathily. "Why Mr. Presley, what on Earth are you doing here?" He hasn't the faintest idea who she is but smirks, intrigued, and says, "I was just about to ask you the same question, honey. And then another one."

It was a ridiculous affair: Elvis was due to leave for Germany any day but Jack was busy with the campaign while a nanny looked after the kids. Looking back, she's not sure if she did it out of revenge, boredom or just plain fun. Sometimes she hoped they'd have a love child, like some French courtesan and the Roi du Soleil. Presented with a pendant parked outside the army base, she knew it was over. Oh well! Poor Jackie, so many women think out loud, believing she can't hear them at her table. Her legs are crossed at the ankle, the sign of the Lady. If only they knew.

## Woman

BY KATY MCBRINE '04  
PORTFOLIO STAFF

I know that what I was doing was wrong. But I don't think I'm even sorry. Those men don't understand. I have to feed my baby.

I married the man I fell in love with. He was not the man my father wanted for me. When I ran away with him, I was

**SHORT STORY** dead to my family. My mother was kept from me the day I gave birth to

my little girl. She was not allowed to come find me when my Love left me for a woman who would give him a son. I was so alone. One arm was filled with my tiny daughter, and the other was filled with nothing. So one day, I went to a woman who put red color on my lips and sent me to a dark tent with a man I didn't know.



I never knew what it could be like to make my own money. And it was a lot. Maybe my little girl wasn't doomed to life with an empty stomach.

The wealthy hypocrites make the rules that wouldn't allow me to make an honest living. The very same men pay for my body, and grab me by the hair, pulling me to the stoning wall.

I had heard about this man who gathered a crowd everywhere he traveled. A holy man. People would give up a day's wage to listen to him speak. He passed by me one day on the street, followed by a few of his friends. I tried to keep my head down and face covered, anything to keep such a man from knowing what I did. But Jesus spoke to me — he called me by name. He would not just pass me by.

He was the first person that ever showed me sympathy. He was the first man to ever really look me in the eye. If the Creator called me to marry again, I would have made Jesus my husband. He

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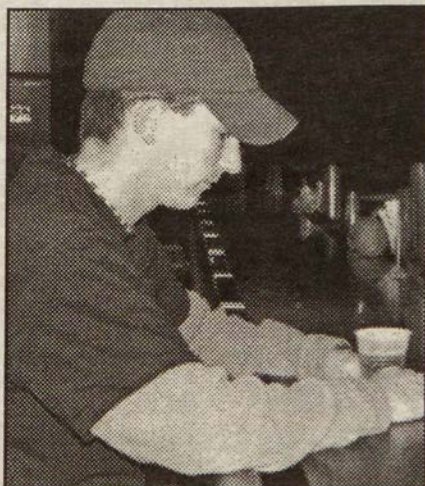
## The Bathtub Interview

BY AISLINN MARTIN '05  
PORTFOLIO STAFF

### Scene 5: The Vision

It's my last night in L.A. because my money has run out. My parents bought me a ticket home to N.Y.C. So I plan to get drunk tonight. I go into this club called Long John Silver; a guy on the street handed me a flyer that boasted some big performance tonight. I kind of know what I'm getting into, but debauchery appeals to me right now. Hell, this is L.A.

I've come early. It's only about eight-thirty and the show doesn't begin until 10p.m. There are plenty of people here



though. I get to talking with a couple in the dark room. A Budweiser sign blinks above the bar. The drone of

indistinguishable conversations fills the background. Jenna leans toward me with one arm still draped around Brad she runs the palm of her hand down the front of my chest.

"It's funny, ya know? I'm a struggling actor too." And it turns out that Brad was struggling in some sort of band. I talked with them about absolutely ludicrous things, none of which I'm interested in relating ever again, before they left to hit some other bar down the street. I'd barely had anything to drink. So I climbed up on last available barstool and sat by myself. The place had become more crowded.

"Do you have anything to drink with a strong chocolate flavor?"

"Bocks?"

"Fine. I really just need something that tastes like chocolate."

"Wow, honey," a deep voice said next to me. "It sounds like you crave chocolate to the same degree I thought only possible for a woman." The woman sitting beside me turned her heavily made up face toward me.

"I guess I'm feeling homesick."

"It looks like something might be bothering you... and what's a handsome man like yourself doing alone on a Thursday night?"

"I'm an actor."

"Oh I see. One of those."

I sort of felt uncomfortable, mainly because I didn't know how to respond. Her name was Louie and she was witty, I could see that right away. But, I soon fell into just talking about myself, saying

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# Poetry Corner

## Cinderblocks

BY CHRISTOPHER PARCELS '04  
PORTFOLIO STAFF

Sodium-skewered perception  
Interferes with reception  
Streetlight orange on the cinderblocks  
Cannot open the combination lock  
And fall away  
Fall away  
From the world

Miss a step and tumble down  
Wake up in a hospital gown  
John Doe bracelet on a wrist  
Doctor says it's not a cyst  
And fall away  
Fall away  
From the world

So what if man is doomed to die  
And this sick world will pass him by  
For all your altruistic talk  
He'll still sleep among the cinderblocks  
And fall away  
Fall away  
From the world

## Red Frost

(Japanese Renga poem)

BY JOAN BARKER '04  
PORTFOLIO EDITOR

Snow falls on concrete.  
Threats caress Iraqi skin.  
Cold days returning.

Blanket of white, for no one  
wants to step in crimson snow.

## Day

BY SARA SCHEPIS '04  
PORTFOLIO STAFF

In the early morning sunlight,  
The pale light, the dawn light,  
I rise.  
I say my prayers, dress, and smooth my bed  
By this light,  
Just a faint infusion in the air.  
I move to the door,  
Traced out in lines of light.  
This is the day.  
My eyes squint as I look eastward.  
At last I can bear the light's brilliance:  
O Illuminator of Light, let my interior diamond castle  
Reflect what I know —  
Your holy light of Day swells in bright tide  
And thus dispels uncomprehending darkness.  
And may I never take that light,  
The Sun, the Flame, for granted.

## Leaves

BY NEISHA MCGUCKIN '03  
PORTFOLIO STAFF

Like cat's paws on the tiled floor, I  
hear you behind me, trotting up the  
sidewalk, spurred on by the wind. Like  
the mud caked on my boots, your smell  
lingers spiced, sweet, but haunting as  
opium. Like petals in May, this time in  
Renaissance costume, you perish  
dramatically, crumpled Juliet's on a  
lawn's grassy stage. You speak in  
tickertape, plural in that orderly autumn  
business; you ferment my present  
thoughts to dark nights: bonfires, bobbing  
for apples, the mittened cheers of soccer  
pitches.

I lift your frail body to my nose and  
sense what remains. But there is nothing.  
No sweetness. You crumble in my hand,  
fifty crunching shreds of amber.

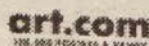
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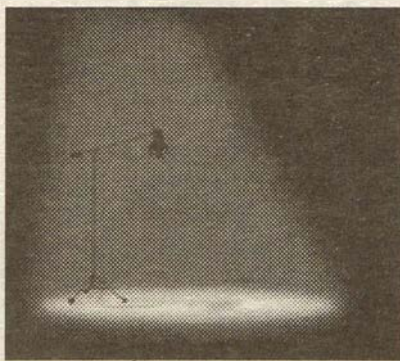
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midnight and 2 a.m., on the eve of  
Halloween, don't deserve to belong to  
society. The steam from the hot water  
rose and obviously set off our fire alarm,  
whose noise is couldn't be more  
comparable to Satan's screams. The  
people who caused our disturbance must  
have found it hilarious that 150 people,  
*wit exams the next day* had been  
sleeping. Real funny...

After being told that we were not  
allowed to return to our rooms for an  
hour and a half, we sought refuge in  
Davis study lounge, kicking out those  
who were actually studying at 2:30 in  
the morning. Under the circumstances,  
most people pressed on and tried to sleep  
despite the conditions. Half of the mass  
had their hoods up and heads down,  
curled up on the couch trying to catch  
some sleep, while another quarter of the  
people were pretty awake and socialized  
basically the entire time, probably  
annoying those who wanted some shut-  
eye. Hopefully this will be the last  
prolonged drill of the semester, perhaps  
year, but that's probably pushing it  
considering we've already had numerous  
drills and it's only November. I mean,  
the occasional practice drill is acceptable  
and it is always good to get out of the  
building if it's engulfed in flames. But  
practical jokes at two in the morning ??  
Better never happen again or a  
bloodthirsty mob might be formed to  
regulate. Beware.

# On stage: A vision of myself

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whatever came to mind. After a few minutes I felt I could relate even the intimate details of my life. Her voice was a soothing like a base cello cooing responses to my disclosures.



"So I just kind of sit in the bathtub every night and pretend that I'm on Leno. But my mother was right—I've become fixated on some fantasy life that I'll never really experience. A man sits at the bar and he can see his future at the bottom of his beer glass; his face is trapped inside and the more alcohol he adds to the glass the closer the face moves toward him and the clearer he can see his own anguish."

“Consider yourself fortunate if a drag queen becomes your personal bar side counselor because you might find your outlook on life dramatically altered.”

"That is a sad vision for any man to have of himself. I certainly hope that it is not that way for you, because you are very young to have already resigned your dreams to the bottom of a wine bottle."

"It is worthless to dream. A man can waste his life chasing after ghosts, visions or memories. At least there is something tangible in my glass."

"Have you ever considered that the vision that you have yourself is truly who you are? If you feel you were meant to be an actor, then that is who you should intend to be. It would be a waste to give up on yourself and become someone else. Not even the most talented actor could play the role of someone else for his whole life. It is not worthless to have a vision of the person you were meant to be, but to become that vision takes courage and determination. I guess they say, only you have to live with yourself."

"You know what? You're the most real person I've met in L.A."

"Honey, you've just got to be yourself. There are some of us who just feel more like ourselves on stage." His voice was cooing again.

I suddenly recalled my manners. "So what brings you here tonight anyway, Louie?"

"Oh, I thought you knew. I'm performing here. Hey, you know what? You deserve a break on your last night here. I want you to open for me."

"No, no thank you. I have nothing prepared."

"Darling, what you just told me about yourself was fascinating. Do a monologue, a one-man show. Just tell them about the bathtub interviews."

Consider yourself fortunate if a drag queen becomes your personal bar side counselor because you might find your outlook on life radically altered. But I will not contend that I got up on that stage in that L.A. bar because of any great epiphany (I don't feel the need to be that dramatic). Instead, I got on the small stage there up in front of a noisy crowd because I realized that this might be my last chance.

I feel like I'm a trapeze artist about to make a great leap, my legs are shaking underneath me, threatening to give out and if I fall there is no net. But I have a vision of myself that manages to hold me up tonight: A vision of myself in a small non-profit theatre way off Broadway, down a street where NYU students and artists like to rummage, where jazz plays every Monday night in small outlets that are like cracks in the sidewalk of this great city. I'm on stage and my New York is far from skulking the streets as a lonely man, fearing who I am, and feeling lost inside empty theatres. I refuse to be some actor washed up in his own bathtub. The metal fold-out chairs clank about the floor so more people can squeeze inside, and their voices will be excited and when I'm on stage I will not hunger for anything else; chocolate will not be a taste that I long for, but I will taste it with every breath.

# He saved me

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once told me that he was God. I had no reason to believe him. All I knew is that he was the only person in the world who cared about me — when I had nothing, when my daughter was starving. If that is not God, than I don't believe there is such a thing. I had no choice but to believe him.

He helped me. He saved me from those hypocrites, but he saved me from my life. He gave me a new one. I never considered painting my face again. Jesus found me work with a midwife. It's nothing too special; it certainly does not pay as well. But as my daughter sleeps in my arms at night, I can silently promise her that the Creator is happy and watching over us.

The ones that were after me for trying to support my daughter any way I could came for Jesus next. He was hung from a tree, naked, and scared. I stood with his mother while he was being raised.

The cries only a mother could recognize.

Jesus is dead now. At peace. My husband left me. Now the Creator has called my best friend home. I trust that there is a reason, but it's too far beyond me to see the good that could come from the crucifixion of an innocent man.

It has been two days since he was buried. Tomorrow I will go to his tomb and pay my respects with some trifle ceremony. A man of such action certainly deserves more than a small traditional rite — but what more can I do?

My whole life I've always felt like I am waiting. Just waiting for nothing. To grow up, to die, to find love again, to see my daughter a woman. I don't even know what it is. Somewhere in my heart, there is spot to be filled. And for a while I thought it was Jesus. But I suppose I was wrong. He is dead now.

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### Providence College Team Does Well at ACM Programming Contest

On Saturday, October 26, two Providence College teams competed in the first round of the ACM International College Computer Programming Contest. One of the teams consisted of Gloria Botelho, '04, Mathematics major, Fred Coughlin, '03, double major in Chemistry and Computer Science, and Eric Ruggiero, '04, Mathematics major with a minor in Computer Science. The other team consisted of Brian Black, '04, Computer Science major, Stephanie Honett, '04, double major in Mathematics and Computer Science, and Chris Severino, '03, major in Computer Science. Sixteen teams competed and the two PC teams were among those that solved at least one problem. The team of Botelho-Coughlin-Ruggiero finished fifth behind WPI, Brown, Umass-Amherst, and Middlebury. They beat teams from Boston College, Stonehill, Wellesly, UMASS-Dartmouth, Bridgeport, WNEC, and the second team from Middlebury.

The contest was a joint effort of Harvard University, Boston College, and Providence College. Harvard provided the problems, the judging, and the teams programmed on the Harvard system. PC and BC hosted the teams (nine at PC and seven at BC) and the teams used the internet to access the Harvard computer from PC and BC. Mary Russell and Frank Ford of the Mathematics/Computer Science Department managed the PC site.

The ACM International College Computer Programming Contest involves teams from all continents that compete in regions first to win spots at the final round that will be in Beverly Hills, CA., this year. Last year's winning team was from New Zealand and the runner-up was from St. Petersburg, Russia. PC competed in the Boston Preliminary that is one of four preliminary rounds in the Northeastern Section. Although they did not advance to the next round, their showing was excellent considering the quality of the competition.

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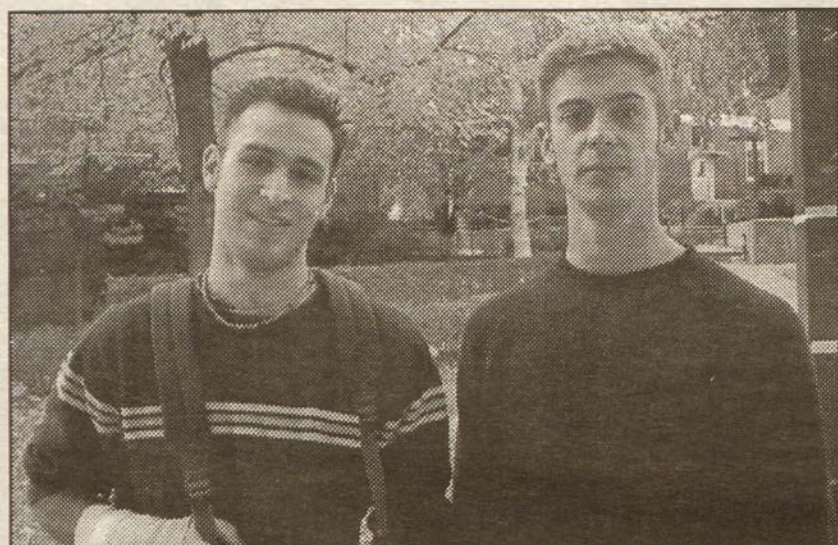
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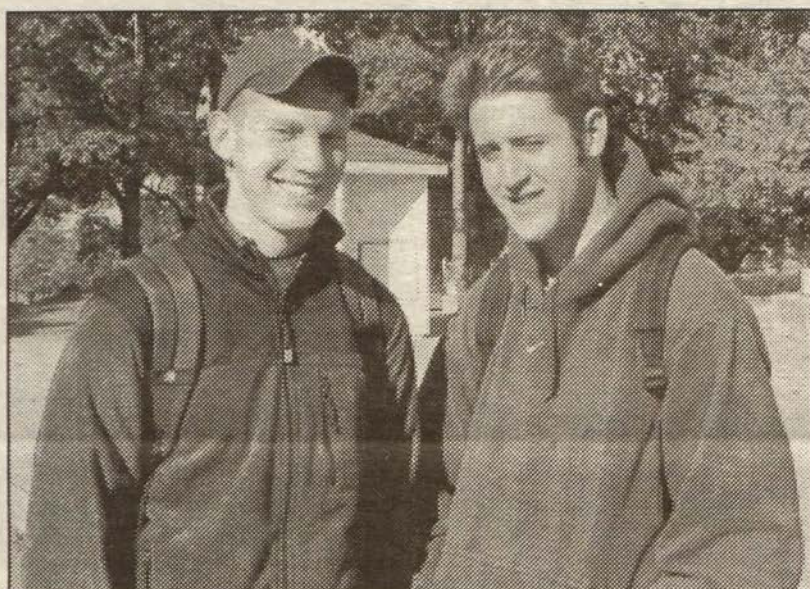
# How do you prepare when your parents come to visit?



"Recycle the empties."  
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Karen Venditto '04 Nicole Secondi '04



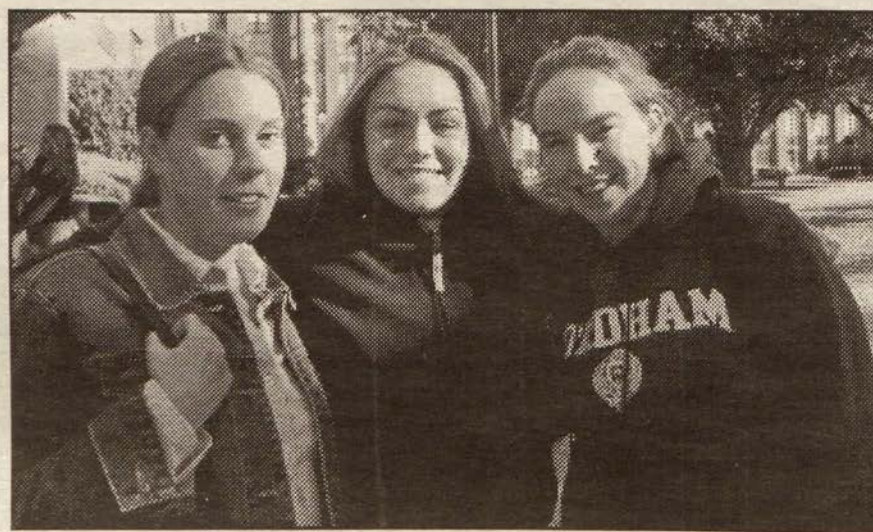
"Run and hide."  
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"Hire a cleaning service."  
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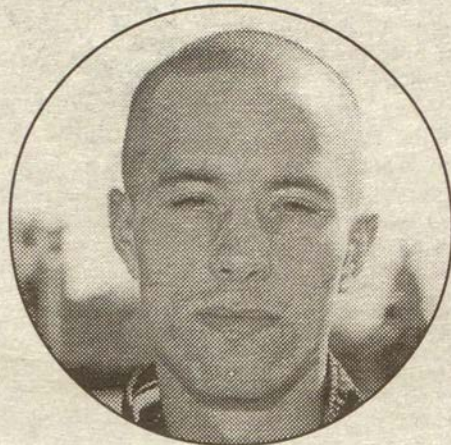
## Standouts



**Jeff Smith**

Men's Soccer  
Sophomore — Omaha, Neb.

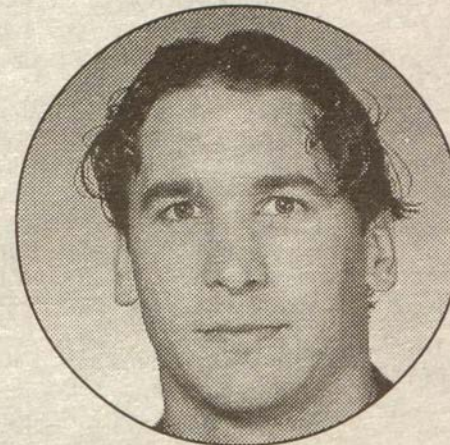
Smith scored the game-winning goal and had an assist in the Friars' 3-2 overtime win against Quinnipiac on Oct. 29. On Nov. 2, Smith scored one goal in the team's 4-2 win at Pittsburgh. Smith ranks fourth on the team in scoring.



**Adam Sutton**

Men's Cross Country  
Senior — Preston, England

Sutton led the 17th-ranked men's cross country team to a second-place finish at the Big East Championships on Nov. 1. Sutton won the individual title in 23:33. It marked the eighth time a Friar has won the individual Big East crown.



**Devin Rask**

Men's Hockey  
Senior — Parkside, Sask.

Rask scored five goals in two games to lead the 11th-ranked men's hockey team to a pair of victories last week. Four of Rask's five goals came in the third period of PC's 8-1 victory over Princeton on Nov. 3.

## Scores

<i>Friday 11/1</i>	
M Cross Country @ Big East Championships	2nd of 14
W Cross Country @ Big East Championships	4th of 14
Volleyball @ Notre Dame	L 3-0
Men's Hockey at Massachusetts	W 2-1 OT
Women's Hockey @ Boston College	W 4-1
<i>Saturday 11/2</i>	
M Swimming & Diving vs. Fairfield	L 140-93
W Swimming & Diving vs. Fairfield	L 142-101
Field Hockey vs. Connecticut	L 2-0
Men's Basketball vs. Global Sports (exhib.)	W 80-56
Men's Soccer @ Pittsburgh	W 4-2
<i>Sunday 11/3</i>	
Women's Basketball vs. Bryant (exhib.)	W 75-56
Men's Hockey vs. Princeton	W 8-1
Women's Hockey vs. Dartmouth	L 3-2
Volleyball @ Syracuse	L 3-0
<i>Monday 11/4</i>	
Men's Soccer vs. Villanova	W 2-0

## Schedules

<i>Friday 11/8</i>	
Men's Hockey @ Northeastern	7 p.m.
<i>Saturday 11/9</i>	
Swimming & Diving vs. Loyola	11 a.m.
Men's Hockey vs. Northeastern	7 p.m.
Women's Hockey @ Maine	1 p.m.
Volleyball @ Villanova	2 p.m.
Men's Soccer @ Boston College	1 p.m.
<i>Sunday 11/10</i>	
Women's Hockey @ Maine	1 p.m.
Volleyball @ Georgetown	2 p.m.
<i>Monday 11/11</i>	
Women's Basketball vs. Houston Jaguars (exhib.)	7 p.m.
<i>Tuesday 11/12</i>	
Men's Hockey vs. Boston College	7 p.m.

## Standings

### USA Today/American Hockey Magazine Women's College Hockey Poll

Rank	Team	Pts.
T1	Minnesota (6)	114
T1	Minnesota-Duluth (6)	114
3	Harvard	91
4	Dartmouth	89
5	Wisconsin	63
6	St. Lawrence	56
7	Brown	52
T8	New Hampshire	31
T8	Providence	31
10	Princeton	9

### USA Today/American Hockey Magazine Men's College Hockey Poll

Rank	Team	Pts.
1	Denver (12)	245
2	Boston College (2)	220
3	Minnesota	205
4	New Hampshire (1)	198
5	North Dakota (1)	186
T6	Boston University (1)	153
T6	Michigan	153
8	Providence	129
T9	Colorado	125
T9	Cornell	125

# Rask: four goals in third period

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knew that, and I think that really fired them up."

The Friars, and especially the top line of graduate student Peter Fregoe and seniors Jon DiSalvatore and Devin Rask, responded to the challenge with a six-goal outburst in the third period, high-

## MEN'S HOCKEY

**Fri., Nov. 1 (OT)**  
**FRIARS 2**  
**AMHERST 1**

Loughlean — 4 GWG  
 Schaefer — 27 saves

**Sunday, Nov. 3**  
**TIGERS 1**  
**FRIARS 8**

Rask — 4 goals  
 Zingoni — 2 goals  
 Goepfert — 22 saves

lighted by four goals in the period by Rask. In fact, the trio combined for 12 points in the third period alone after being held in check by Princeton through the first two periods.

Rask came into the weekend with just two goals on the season, but he added five tallies in two games to increase his total to seven on the season. The hat trick against Princeton was his third of his career and his first since February 2002.

DiSalvatore began the scoring barrage in the third period when he scored his sixth goal of the season at the 3:26 to give the Friars a 3-1 lead. From that point, Rask dominated the action for the Friars, scoring four goals in game's final 10:45.

Not one to praise himself, Rask credited his linemates for his breakthrough game. "In the first or second period, we couldn't generate much offense, so we had a talk to move our feet," said Rask. "I think we did that and I think that Princeton let off a little bit after we got a couple of goals, but it was great plays by my linemates that did it."

With Fregoe and DiSalvatore receiving the majority of the attention nationally for their strong starts, Rask had become the forgotten member of the Friars' top line. But Rask might have the most impressive credentials of the three, having been named All-Hockey East First Team and All-American Second Team in 2001. But with his strong showing over the weekend, Rask now makes the Friars' top line even more potent.

The games over the weekend also showed that the Friars do not have to always rely on Rask, Fregoe and DiSalvatore to carry the scoring load. Junior Peter Zingoni continued strong play as he netted two goals against Princeton, his second coming at 14:05 of the third period. Zingoni now has eight goals on the season.

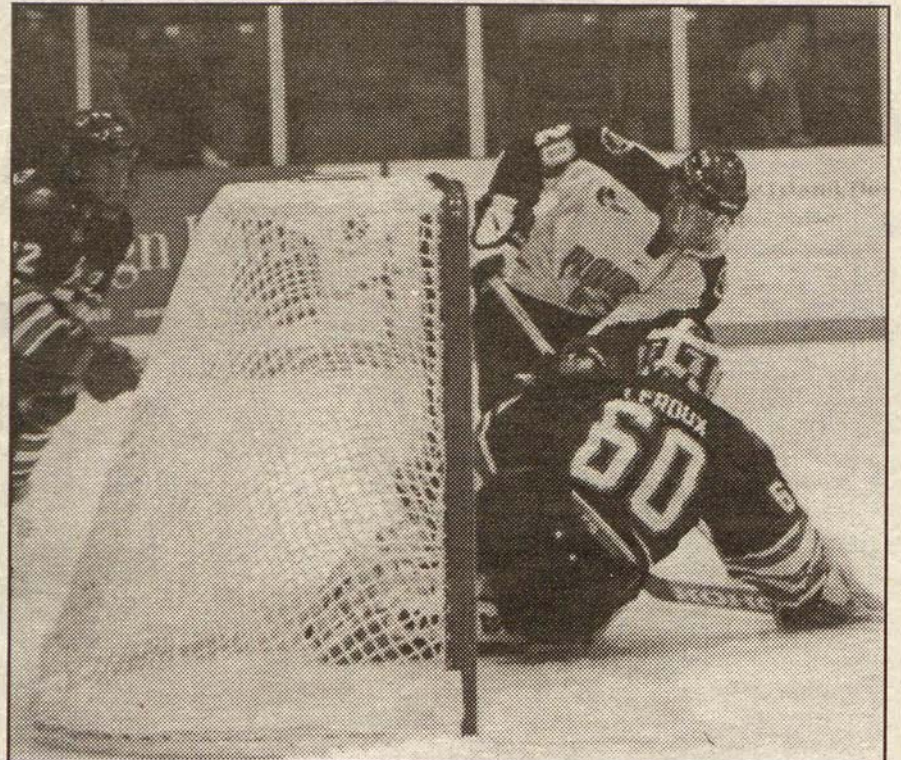
"The good thing right now is that we have four lines that can go and we have two great goalies," said Rask. "It's not just our line that is scoring. Look at our roster: everyone has goals and assists."

The Friars opened the weekend with a 2-1 overtime win over Hockey East opponent UMass-Amherst. Playing their first road game of the season, the Friars were outplayed for the majority of the game before junior Cody Loughlean scored the game winner 44 seconds into overtime.

"This was the first game that things really weren't going our way," said sophomore Jeff Mason after the Amherst game. "But we kept working hard and battling back and were fortunate to get the goal in overtime."

In the extra session, PC forced a UMass turnover in its own zone, as sophomore Chris Chaput found Loughlean cutting in toward the net, who beat UMass's Gabe Winer five-hole.

Schaefer carried the Friars while the



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### Junior Peter Zingoni scored two goals on Sunday against Princeton.

team struggled offensively against Amherst. He kept the game tied at one late in the third period as he thwarted several chances by the Minutemen on the power-play. Schaefer finished with 27 saves in the game to improve to 4-0 on the year, and was named Hockey East Defensive Player of the Week for the effort.

"I think a lot of guys on the team feel the pressure to keep on winning," said Schaefer. "We keep challenging each other in practice and I think that competition shows in games."

The Friars' 7-0 record includes a 2-0 Hockey East Conference record. Provi-

dence is also ranked in the top ten in both national polls this week, No. 8 in the USA Today/American Hockey Magazine College Hockey poll and No. 10 in the USCHO poll.

From this point, the road gets a little tougher for Providence, beginning with a weekend home-and-home series with Northeastern. The team will look to continue its historic run when they travel to Matthews Arena on Friday and will conclude the weekend with a 7 p.m. face-off Saturday at Schneider Arena. The Friars will then host No. 2 Boston College on Tuesday at 7 p.m. in critical Hockey East match-up.



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# Flat-footed Friars fall short

BY VIRGINIA CHENG '03  
ASST. SPORTS EDITOR

Too little, too late.

That seems to be the theme for the women's hockey team so far this year, and it was reinforced by Providence's 3-2 loss to Dartmouth on Sunday. Although they were victorious against Boston College in the first-ever women's Hockey East game last Friday with a 4-1 win, the Friars have been plagued by slow starts all season long and continually find themselves playing catch up.

## WOMEN'S HOCKEY

Friday, Nov. 1  
**FRIARS 4**  
**EAGLES 1**

Laffin — GWG  
Bugden — 11 saves

Sunday, Nov. 3  
**BIG GREEN 3**  
**FRIARS 2**

Culgin — 1 goal  
Butsch — 1 goal  
Bugden — 25 saves

While the Friars manage to create numerous scoring opportunities, they seem to never quite finish the job. Their 2-3-1 record is the worst among the nation's top-10 teams, but the Friars' No. 8 ranking is a testimony to the potential that they clearly have. Providence's three losses have come against Minnesota-Duluth and Dartmouth, the No. 1 and No. 4 teams in the nation, respectively. All of the games were close, but the Friars always came up short.

Against Dartmouth, the Friars came out flat-footed, let up three goals in the first period, and had to play catch-up all night long. Although they had many chances to score, especially in the final period when they had several power play advantages, they simply could not find the back of the net. In the end, PC outshot Dartmouth, 44-28, but still walked away in defeat.

"I've got to do some soul searching," said Head Coach Bob Deraney after the disappointing loss to the Big Green. "This is my fault. Why do we come out

so slow? I don't have an answer for that. But when our backs are against the wall, we're as good as anybody. What a barrage we put on in that last third period. But why does it have to come to that third period?"

After Dartmouth went ahead, 3-0, at the 18:08 mark of the first period, the Providence offense finally woke up. Senior Danielle Culgin made a quick move in front of the goal to fool Dartmouth goaltender Amy Ferguson at the 18:37 mark. Sophomore Hilary Greaves and junior Kelli Halcisak assisted on the play.

There were no goals in the second period, but there were several penalties — 11 in total. The game took a much more physical turn as the rivalry between PC and Dartmouth started to heat up.

"There is a pretty huge rivalry between these two teams," said Dartmouth Head Coach Judy Oberting. "We've had some ugly hockey games the past few years."

Most notably, Dartmouth knocked PC out of the 2000 ECAC tournament with a 1-0 double overtime victory in the quarterfinals — an heartbreaking loss that the PC seniors still remember.

Overall, there were 26 penalties in the game, 15 of them for Dartmouth. In the third period alone, Dartmouth had six penalties, and the Friars were given a three five-on-three power play advantages. All three times, however, the Friars failed to score. Finally, with 2:48 left in the game, senior captain Jenn Butsch pulled the Friars within one on a power play goal assisted by senior Melanie Ruzzi and Culgin. That was all PC could muster, despite having so many power play advantages.

"We didn't really set it up and work it around," said Culgin. "Dartmouth had a good penalty kill; they were getting it [the puck] and shooting it out before we could really settle it down."

Dartmouth credited its win to its quick start, while Providence was left

wondering why it came out so slow even though it made adjustments to its warm-up routine.

"We fortunately got on the board early, and we were able to hold it off," said Oberting. "Certainly Providence came at us hard and had a lot of opportunities, but Ferguson kept us there in the end."

"We switched up our warm-ups a little bit so we'd come out skating a little more in the beginning," said Butsch. "We're still looking to determine what our problem is and why we can't start right from the beginning of our games. But once we get going, we're unstoppable."

Even against Boston College on Friday, the Friars got off to a slow start. Fortunately for PC, however, the Eagles are not at the same caliber as Dartmouth.

PC did not score until late in the first period, when sophomore Mara Amrhein tallied her first goal of the season. BC tied the game early in the second period, but freshman Katelynn Laffin scored the first goal of her collegiate career to put the Friars up for good. Junior Darlene Stephenson and sophomore Rush Zimmerman added two insurance goals as PC skated away with its first Hockey East victory.

PC's main focus right now is to figure out why it has so much trouble scoring when the opportunities present themselves.

"Our systems are fine. We just got 43 shots against the No. 4 team in the country," said Deraney. "We've got good players, we're getting good shots, we're getting good looks, but we're not putting the puck into the net. That's all that matters."

PC has one more chance to avenge its loss to Dartmouth in two weeks, but up next will be a Hockey East series at Maine. The Friars will face off against the Black Bears on Nov. 9-10 and will look to remain undefeated in Hockey East action.

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### Women's soccer finishes season at .500

In its final game of the regular season, the Providence College Women's Soccer team defeated Holy Cross, 1-0, on Oct. 30 to finish with an overall mark of 8-8-2 and a 1-5-0 record in the Big East.

Sophomore BriAnne Bruni put the Friars on top early with a goal just four minutes into the game. She put a crossed ball from freshman Kerry O'Malley over the Crusader goalie for her fourth goal of the year. O'Malley earned her fifth assist on the play.

The goal would prove to be Bruni's second game-winner of the season, but not without a fight from the Crusaders. Holy Cross had several scoring opportunities, but the Providence defense held its ground. Junior goaltender Caroline Haines played in the first half for PC, and freshman Caitlin Pickul guarded the net in the second half. Pickul blocked two shots on goal to preserve the win for the Friars.

### Field hockey closes out season with UConn loss

The Providence College Field Hockey team closed out its season with a 2-0 loss to Big East opponent Connecticut on Nov. 2. The Friars finished with a 1-4 conference record and were 8-12 overall.

The Huskies took the lead early in the game with a goal just 1:40 into the first half. Their second and final goal of the game came at the 55:20 mark, while the Friar offense struggled to simply get shots on goal. UConn finished its season at the top of the Big East Conference with a 5-0 record. Providence ended in fifth place.

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# B&W: PC in the wrong part of town

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According to PC athletics, Friartown is a streetball court—a playground complete with cracked concrete, overgrown grass and weeds. Out of all of the places to choose from, Friartown ends up on the wrong side of the tracks.

I can understand where the athletic administration is coming from with this ad—trying to hit on that rough, edgy feel that Nike and other marketing teams had success with in the past. In fact, the idea of Friartown has its merits; Detroit is “Hockeytown,” Providence is “Friartown.” It’s catchy and could be easily marketable, and frankly, it’s nice to see some type of effort.

But after seeing those ads, I question exactly what Providence College had in mind. I don’t see a positive message, nor do I understand to whom PC is marketing. Frankly, I don’t see the point.

If I’m correct, the idea behind basketball in Friartown is that if teams come onto our turf, they are going to have to pay the consequences.

However, when you combine a “gang element” with a worn-down basketball court somewhere in the middle of a city, and add the element of race, you are inviting your audience to make a



connection that may not be welcome.

Racial overtones may not be an intention; in fact, they may have never even crossed the minds of Providence sports marketing. But because no one jogged the institutional memory of the department of athletics, such a connection is a direct result.

Few Friar fans forget the events of April 2000, when four Providence basketball players assaulted three members of the Class of 2000, resulting in three of those players being kicked out of school. An image clean-up ensued: PC basketball ditched cutoff t-shirt style uniforms for a more traditional, classic look. Players were spread across campus instead of a majority of players living in one dorm. The team was encouraged to win back its fans.

And the Friars went on to bigger

and better things. The past was forgiven, many of the team’s troubles forgotten. However, I guarantee that on the night of April 10, 2000, Thomas Cook ’00, Mark Hogan ’00 and Ryan Kerwin ’00 did not appreciate a group of basketball players, just like the ones in the current Friartown ads, walking toward them with clenched fists and scowled faces. Nor the assault that followed. The Friartown commercial, if anything, is just a bitter reminder.

Young kids practicing their game on courts throughout Rhode Island may not enjoy the Friartown ad, but they aren’t the ones who will buy the tickets. Is PC targeting the older alumni and fans that currently fill the seats of The Dunk? Doubtful. If it’s the 25-50 age group they are trying to target—I think they may be off their mark.

Friartown shouldn’t be a place

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# “Beasts” of Big East too much for volleyball to handle

BY RYAN DURKAY '05  
SPORTS STAFF

It has just been that kind of year for the Providence Women's Volleyball team. The Friars show up everyday, give a tremendous effort, but the result just isn't there. This past weekend was no different; the Friars dropped matches to Notre Dame and Syracuse, both by a score of 3-0. The Friars' record now stands at 0-9 in Big East play, and 2-25 overall.

The Friars got solid play from senior captain Sandy Fanning all weekend long. Fanning recorded 10 digs in the loss against Syracuse, and had 11 digs for the Friars' defense in the loss against Notre Dame. Also stepping up her game was sophomore Ayana Cadres, who had 14 kills against Notre Dame.

The Friars came out ready to play Notre Dame on Saturday and looked eager for a win. In the second game of the weekend against Syracuse though, it was a totally different story. The Friars came out flat and looked like a different team entirely.

“We played well against Notre Dame, but we just fell apart against Syracuse; it was black and white. We were two different teams,” said Head Coach Margot Royer.

The volleyball program's drop off in recent years is understandable. With virtually no scholarships and money to work with, it is practically impossible for PC to compete with the other “beasts” in the Big East conference. This is

evident because the Friars haven't won a Big East game in nearly two years. For the Friars to be competitive, like they were five years ago, they will need strong support from the administration, especially to meet the Big East Conference qualifications. Despite the hardship, Friars' coach Margot Royer still remains optimistic.

“We are looking forward to next year. We'll see what we did wrong in the off season and work hard to improve on it, and we also hope to add some talented freshmen too,” said Royer.

The Friars look to get a win this coming up weekend against either Villanova or Georgetown. Reason would point to the win against Villanova, for they are in the bottom of the conference like Providence, while Georgetown is near the top.

“We should be able to beat Villanova, and I think that we will be able to give Georgetown a really good game,” said sophomore Ayana Cadres.

While it would seem that most of the players would be disappointed or down about their disappointing season, they still remain positive.

“The players and I are trying to stay optimistic and have a positive outlook. It's hard, but we are doing it,” said Cadres.

The Friars' next two games are away at Villanova on Saturday and Georgetown on Sunday. The Friars are looking to get their first Big East victories of the year and while it most likely will be tough, the team appears up for the challenge.

# Swimming's home opener hopes fall short against Fairfield

BY STEPHANIE LACHARITE '06  
SPORTS STAFF

At the Providence College Men's and Women's swimming and diving team home opener this past Saturday, there were many first place finishes—but not quite enough to defeat a funded Fairfield University squad.

While it was a close meet, the men were defeated 140-93, while the women fell to the Stags 142-101.

“The majority of the people swam well in the meet,” said Providence head coach Michelle Gacio. “The men's team had a lot of good performances, but there is always going to be a couple of standouts.”

For the men's team, standouts included juniors Patrick Kavanagh and Brian Flynn who dominated four of the meet's events. Kavanagh placed first in the 800 meter freestyle and 400 meter freestyle, while Flynn placed first in the 700 meter backstroke and the 50 meter freestyle.

“Our coach told us that she thought it was going to be a close meet,” said senior captain Tom Darrow. “I knew as a senior I would have few opportunities to step a home meet, so I asked them to step it up and they came through. Everyone swam really hard, and so many swimmers came in with times that we weren't expecting,” he said.

Through most of the meet, Providence and Fairfield were neck and neck, but the Stags came through when it counted in the meet's key events. While the women weren't expecting to

lose this meet, they were still happy with their performance against a stronger Fairfield squad.

Senior Kate Fuller placed first in the 200 meter individual medley and the 100 meter breaststroke, while teammate junior Bridget McKenna, took first place in the 800 meter freestyle event. The 400 meter relay team composed of Marianna Trilla, Jill Fortier, Lyndsay Taylor, and Katie Burns, also placed first.

“We did well, I had to do my own thing to make sure I did well in my races, but I was happy with my performance and everyone [at the meet] swam well,” said Fuller.

While the diving team felt this past weekend wasn't one of its best showings, some performances were still worth noting. Sophomore Jamie Modon-Cohen placed first in the one-meter diving event with a score of 155.70, winning by one-half of a point. Senior Mary Burke and freshman Abby Long also dove well for the team.

Despite the loss, a solid effort against a funded Fairfield squad was a step in the right direction for the Friars, who remain undeterred at Providence. “We don't have the money to compete and win against teams that have large scholarships with big time swimmers, but we are swimming well, and if we keep doing that this season, I'll be happy,” said Darrow.

The team's next swimming and diving meet is on Saturday, Nov. 9, at home against Loyola. The diving team starts off the meet at 11 a.m., with the swimming team following at 1 p.m.

# Women hoops passes first test vs. Bryant

## New offense results in five Friars with double figures

BY PAUL WHITTY '03  
SPORTS STAFF

The 2002-03 Providence College Women's Basketball team won its first game on U.S. soil this past Sunday to continue the winning streak started during its European tour. The Friars defeated Bryant College 75-56 at home

and, after going 5-0 in Europe, the Friars are still undefeated in pre-season games under first-year head coach Susan Yow.

Providence and Bryant appeared to be evenly matched in the first half, with

neither team ever leading by more than five points. The score at halftime was 32-28 Friars, but, the Friars started the second half with a 9-0 run which gave them the lead for good. Senior Kacee Wheeler made a fast break lay-up to start the run, assisted by senior Brooke Freeburg. Two free throws by sophomore Michal Epstein and a basket by Freeburg made the score 39-28. After a steal by sophomore Keisha Blackwell, Wheeler capped the 9-0 run off an assist by Epstein.

Epstein led all scorers in the game with 14 points, and also added seven assists and six steals. Freeburg, Wheeler, and junior Kristin Quinn all had 12 points apiece for the Friars, while Wheeler also pulled down 12 rebounds to give her a double-double. Sophomore Gayle Nwafili added eight points and 12 rebounds.

“The players were anxious to test themselves in our new system,” said Yow, “Overall, we did a lot more positive things than negative. We didn't feel as though it was our first time out because we spent five games over in Scandinavia,

so it was a continuation from that, and overall we were pleased.”

“For our first game, we were happy with the effort,” said Quinn, who runs a new offensive system that requires a lot of movement and tries to involve everyone on the court in the offense. “We also look to create scoring chances off of our defense. We learned that we need to work on our intensity for the whole game and work on turnovers.”

The Friars have one more exhibition game to work out the kinks before the regular season begins — a Nov. 11 contest against the Houston Jaguars.

“We are continuing to build our defense, and work on our timing in the offensive system,” said Yow. “It's so new, we have only been practicing for three weeks, so we tried to play a lot of people in the game to find out what combinations will be better than others. I'm glad that we have this week to work, and then we have another quiz, so to speak, next week.”

The Friars were without sophomore Quiana Copeland in the Bryant College game due to a minor knee injury. Copeland was a major contributor for the Friars during their European tour, and the team hopes to have her back in practice this week and playing in the next exhibition game.

Also not in uniform for Providence was highly-touted freshman Elaine McCants, who still has not practiced with the team this season due to academic reasons. While McCants suspension was a team decision and not NCAA-related, McCants remains on the sidelines as the season draws nearer and was not even allowed at practice until recently.

In the Big East Preseason Coaches' poll, released Oct. 24, the Friars were picked to finish in 12 out of the 14 teams in the conference. Reigning national champion Connecticut, and 2001 national champion Notre Dame tied for first place in the poll. Once the regular season starts, the Friars will look to beat the 12th-place prediction placed on them, and improve on last year's conference record of 7-9.

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# Friars show early signs of improvement

Minus three starters, Providence's offense gets in gear in Global Sports exhibition

BY LAUREN DEMAURO '05  
SPORTS STAFF

If there's one thing that bodes well for the Providence College Men's Basketball team so far this fall, it's its depth. Head Coach Tim Welsh's team showed just how deep their team is on Saturday night, when the Friars, playing without three potential starters, defeated

**MEN'S BASKETBALL**

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McGrath — 12 pts., 5 ass.

the Global Sports All Stars, 80-56, in the team's first exhibition game at the Dunkin Donuts Center.

Though Providence struggled early on against the team of former college players, the Friars came alive in the second half and showcased their potential on both the offensive and defensive ends of the court. PC blew the game wide open with a 26-0 run in the final 10 minutes of the game, holding Global Sports scoreless over a crucial seven-minute span, forcing 15 second-half turnovers with a tough and aggressive zone defense.

PC played without senior guard Abdul Mills and junior forward Maris Laksa due to injuries, and also without junior forward Romuald Augustin, who did not play because of a minor NCAA violation. While no starting five has been set for the season yet due to these circumstances, the Friars started freshman Donnie McGrath at the point, junior Sheiku Kabba at shooting guard, sophomores Ryan Gomes and Rob Sanders in the frontcourt, and junior Marcus Douthit at center.

Providence displayed their offensive firepower in a variety of ways, with six players finishing the game with eight points or more. Sophomore Ryan Gomes, who was second on the team in scoring last season and led the team in rebounding, continued to lead the way for the Friars, connecting on 6-of-9 from the field for 16 points and eight rebounds. Gomes, recovering from a stress fracture in his right foot, showed no signs of lingering pain, demonstrating explosiveness similar to that of last

season.

For McGrath, it was the 6-foot-4 guard's highly-anticipated debut in a Providence uniform. McGrath appeared to suffer from a slight case of the jitters early on in the contest, but the pass-first point guard certainly looked more comfortable running the PC offense in the second half and, at Welsh's encouragement, began to look for his own shot. McGrath finished the game with 12 points on four three-pointers and registered five assists.

"I was really excited to be out there, but I was a little bit nervous. Once I got out there, I felt better," McGrath said. "The coaches told me to calm down and play my game and if I had the open shot to take it."

Despite shooting 52 percent in the first half, the Friars entered halftime trailing by two, 35-33, and continued to struggle early in the second half, falling behind Global Sports, 45-39.

With about 15 minutes to go in the game, Providence caught fire from three-point range. Back-to-back three-pointers from McGrath pulled the Friars within two points, and versatile sophomore guard/forward Tuukka Kotti canned a three with just over 10 minutes to go in the game to ignite a 26-0 scoring run that propelled the Friars to victory.

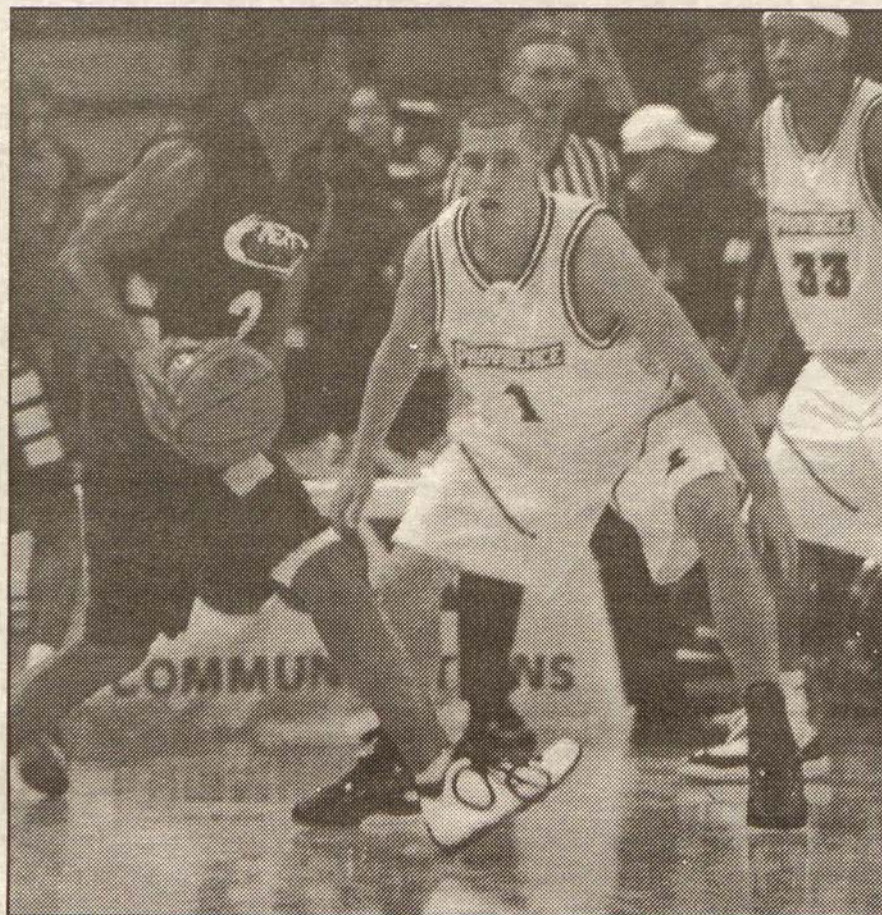
McGrath certainly wasn't the only one to catch fire from behind the arc in the second half. Kabba scored all of his nine points on threes in the second half, and was also aggressive on the defensive end, registering five steals.

The PC offense appeared to flow much more naturally in the second half, with the Friars spreading the floor better, leading to an array of offensive opportunities.

"We moved the ball well and the guys played very unselfishly," said Welsh. "And obviously when you knock down some threes, it opens everything up. I liked the way we pushed the ball and we spaced the court better in the second half."

The Friars' play was impressive especially considering the absence of three key players in Mills, Augustin, and Laksa.

Mills, who was last season's leading



PETE JOHNSON '03/The Cowl

Freshman Donnie McGrath (1) scored 12 points and had five assists in the Friars' exhibition win over Global Sports on Saturday.

scorer, is still recovering from hip surgery. While he has yet to go through an entire practice with the team, he hopes to be ready when the Friars open the regular season on Nov. 23 against Brown.

"I will return when I don't feel any pain," said Mills. "I'm going to see a doctor on Monday and hopefully I'll be back for the Brown game."

Laksa turned his ankle in practice late last week and has been slow to heal. While the junior missed 13 games last season with an assortment of injuries and NCAA violations, Welsh anticipated Laksa healthy for practice this week.

Augustin sat out the game not because he was still recovering knee surgery, as many Friar fans would expect, but because of a minor self-reported NCAA violation. He played in a summer league in Cleveland without submitting the proper paperwork until he had already played a game, and because

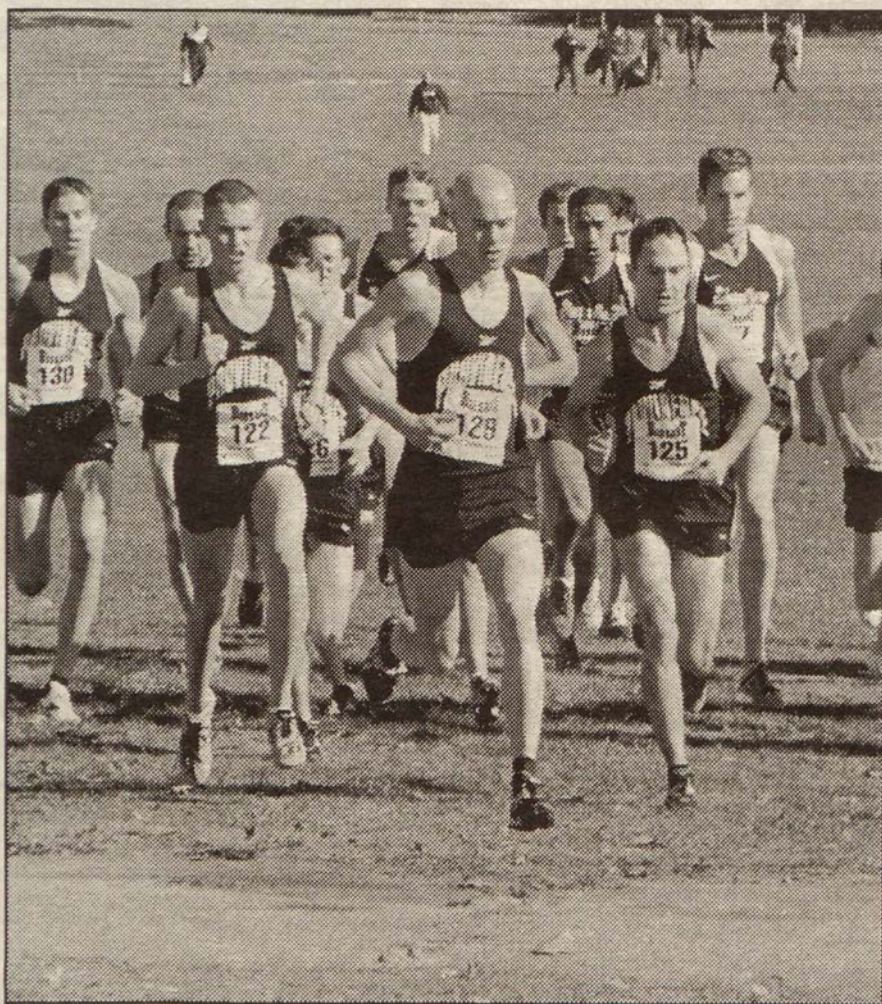
he did not have permission from the school to participate, Welsh had Augustin sit out the game.

"Romuald would have played tonight if it wasn't for the NCAA suspension," said Welsh. "He's been practicing but he's been on limited minutes. He's not 100 percent, but he will be," Welsh said.

Missing three key players makes it difficult to solidly predict anything about the upcoming season. However, it was evident that the 2002-03 Friars are a deep team that can put points on the board offensively. Given a tough Big East Conference schedule and a competitive non-conference lineup, a strong offense will be just one of many things PC will need for success.

For a recap of last week's exhibition game against Global Sports, visit

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BRIAN BLACK '04/The Cowl

Senior Adam Sutton led the Providence College Men's Cross Country team to a second place finish at the Big East Championships on Friday.

## Sutton: Second-fastest Big East time ever

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in the season and had conceded first place to him before the race even started."

Sutton helped Providence to a second place finish in the Big East with 49 points, as Villanova won the meet with

**CROSS COUNTRY** 39 points. The women's team finished fourth, behind three nationally-ranked teams. Notre Dame won the meet by one point with 69 points, Georgetown was second, and Villanova third.

In the men's race, sophomore Dylan Wykes finished in sixth place (24:01) while sophomore Pat Moulton ran a strong race to come in ninth place (24:06). The fourth scorer for PC was senior Tyler McCabe in 15th place (24:18); McCabe was the last PC runner to qualify for the All-Big East team. The fifth scorer for PC was sophomore Pat Guidara in 18th (24:34).

"Villanova is a very talented team and they beat us by ten points this year," said Sutton. "If you look at the fact that we only had three seniors in the race and the rest were sophomores and freshmen, I think that it certainly bodes well for the future."

On the women's side, senior Roisin

McGettigan and sophomore Mary Cullen finished in fifth and sixth place respectively in 20:38 and 20:40 for the 6,000m course. Graduate student Heather Cappello came in 17th (21:22). Other scorers were senior Emily Tallen in 28th (21:49) and sophomore Deirdre Byrne in 33rd (22:04).

"We got tremendous performances up front from Mary and Roisin," said Treacy. "They ran what were probably their best races of the season, as did Heather."

The women's team lost to fifth-ranked Notre Dame and seventh-ranked Georgetown. PC also lost to Villanova by one point in the meet. Villanova is now ranked 16th, while PC has dropped one spot to 15th.

"Going into the Big East meet we thought we had a chance of winning it," said Cullen, "So it was a little disappointing... In the regional meet, we know that Columbia is very good, so we'll be looking to beat them. We would love to win the meet, so we can have a positive race going into NCAA's."

The Northeast Regionals on Nov. 16 at Van Cortlandt Park in New York is the Friars' next meet. In national polls, the men's team gained five spots to move up to 12th.

# Soccer: Back-to-back wins

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day one, and [the players] made it happen."

The Friars struggled early this fall, posting a 1-6 record in the first month of the season, but the team never gave up on their goal despite the tough competition they had to face.

"At the beginning of the year, it didn't look like we would accomplish our goal, said senior captain Jonathan Alva-Cavero. "Compared to last year—going from one win to seven—and making the Big East Tournament is a big step for the team, for us and for the program."

Providence began last week under pressure to come out on top in its final two games against Pittsburgh and Villanova in order to ensure itself a spot in the postseason. The team responded, defeating Pittsburgh 4-2 on Saturday and earning a 2-0 shutout at home against Villanova in the final regular season game.

"I looked at their faces after the game and I see that the desire to achieve more is here right now.

Head Coach Chaka Daley

The Friars struck early in the game against Villanova with freshman forward Eoin Lynch kicking in his own rebound past the Wildcats' Sean Teesdale, giving the Friars a 1-0 lead just 11 minutes into the game. The Friar defense remained strong throughout the first half, and PC entered halftime maintaining a one-goal advantage.

The second half was highlighted by freshman midfielder Ian Wexler taking a pass from Alva-Cavero and scoring on a shot from just outside the box, giving the Friars a comfortable 2-0 cushion heading into the final

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minutes. Sophomore goalkeeper Jeff Newman made four saves in the game, earning the shutout.

Saturday, Providence traveled to Pittsburgh and showed its ability to put the ball in the net, scoring two goals in each half to defeat the Panthers at their home field. The Friars took a 1-0 lead 15 minutes into the game as sophomore forward Jeff Smith scored on an assist from Alva-Cavero. Later in the first half, freshman Derek Nobrega scored the first goal of his collegiate career on a breakaway to put PC up by two at the half.

Pittsburgh came back into the game early in the second, cutting the Friar lead in half with Bryan Hopper scoring on a breakaway. The Friars responded by putting away two more goals in the final 20 minutes of the game to put the game out of Pittsburgh's reach. Lynch put Providence ahead 3-1, scoring the game-winner in the 71st minute, and after the Panthers responded by scoring a second goal to make the score 3-2, Lynch scored with little time remaining in the contest to ensure a Friar victory.

"It was definitely a tough game," said Lynch. "We had to get down there and get a win to continue our season. They weren't letting up, even though their season was basically over."

Daley was very pleased with his team's response to the final week of the season. "I have the utmost confidence in our



JOHN ENGLISHMEN '03/The Cowl

The Friars celebrate their first Big East postseason appearance since 1998.

group," he said. "Their mental state has been totally focused the past week. To be able to go to Pittsburgh and get a result and then come home and get another one in a do-or-die situation shows a lot about the character of our team."

When the last whistle blew at Glay Field on Monday, it left three teams in a tie for the final two spots in the tournament with Providence, Seton Hall, and Virginia Tech all finishing their seasons with five wins for 15 points apiece. Since Seton Hall defeated both Providence and Virginia Tech earlier this season, the Pirates received the seventh seed in the postseason. PC's defeat of the Hokies at Virginia Tech 1-0 in early October left PC the winner of the second tiebreaker and the eighth-seed berth.

"At the start of the year, we set our goal to make the Big East Tournament. It's great to have achieved that goal," Lynch said. "But we're not happy with just getting there, we want to play well and win."

On Nov. 10, the Friars will travel to Boston College to take on the top-seeded Eagles in the quarterfinals of the Big East Tournament. The Friars tainly have their work cut out for them. Coming off back-to-back NCAA appearances in the previous two seasons, the Eagles finished the 2002 regular season 12-4 overall while posting an impressive 8-2 record in Conference play. This record includes an impressive victory over St. John's, the team picked in the preseason to finish first in the conference.

"Obviously they are a good

team," Daley said of Boston College, a team that Providence did not play this season as part of the Big East schedule shuffle. "[Assistant] coach [David] Demello and I have seen them play a few times and have a handle on what to expect on Saturday. [Our players] will be prepared for the game in that respect, but from that point, it's up to them."

Despite BC's impressive record, national rank (No. 17) and its home-field advantage this weekend, Providence is confident in its style of play and will be prepared for competition on Saturday.

"I honestly feel that we can win this game," said Daley. "I looked at their faces after the game and I see that the desire to achieve more is here right now."

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Senior captain Jonathan Alva-Cavero hugs coaches Chaka Daly and David DeMello.



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Senior Adam Sutton captured the individual Big East title at Franklin Park in Boston.



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Freshman goaltender Bobby Goepfert made 22 saves in PC's 8-1 win over Princeton on Sunday.

### Soccer clinches tourney berth

BY LAUREN DEMAURO '05  
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Picked in the Big East Preseason Poll to finish last in the conference, the Providence College Men's Soccer team shut out Villanova 2-0 on Monday to take the eighth and final spot in the 2002 Big East Tournament.

A 7-10 team that won only one game all last season and went winless in conference play, the Friars end the season with a 5-5 conference record—ahead of five other teams. The tournament berth

marks the first time that the team has qualified for the postseason since the 1998 season.

"We're definitely pleased with the progress that we've made in a short time span," said Providence head coach Chaka Daley. "It shows the standard we want to obtain in the future. Our goal was to get into the Big East Tournament, and we committed to it from

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### Sutton runs away from pack

BY PAUL WHITTY '03  
SPORTS STAFF

The Providence College Cross Country teams came home from the Big East Championships with one individual title and a lot of respect for the competition in the Big East Conference.

Senior Adam Sutton won the individual title in the men's race by running the second fastest time ever recorded at the Big East Championships at Franklin Park, Mass. Sutton ran 23 minutes and 33 seconds for the 8,000

meter course. The only runner who had beaten Sutton's time later went on to win the NCAA Championships. That runner was PC's own Keith Kelly '01.

"Adam had the race won after a mile, with twelve seconds clear of the closest runner," said Head Coach Ray Treacy. "Obviously everyone in the Big East respected what he had done already

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### 7-0 start best in hockey's history

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While there are several trophy cases and murals that honor the rich tradition of the Providence College Men's Hockey program in Schneider Arena, there is one thing that no other PC team can lay claim to — seven straight wins to open a season. The 2002-03 Friars accomplished that feat Sunday with an 8-1 outburst over Princeton University.

The Friars' perfect start certainly did not lack

drama. With his team nursing a 2-1 lead heading into the third period against Princeton, Head Coach Paul Pooley told his team that they had a chance to do something that no ever team in school history had accomplished.

"I went back there and told them that no team has been 7-0 in Providence College history," said Pooley. "I don't think they

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### PC's "Friartown":

A friendly neighborhood, or the wrong side of the tracks?

A group of males in their early twenties, three black and two white, swagger down the middle of a streetball court towards you. They look tough, serious. But as they draw closer, you realize these young men

are not pleased with you. One male begins to push up his faux sleeves while brandishing a fist, and another tightens his knuckles and punches his hand.

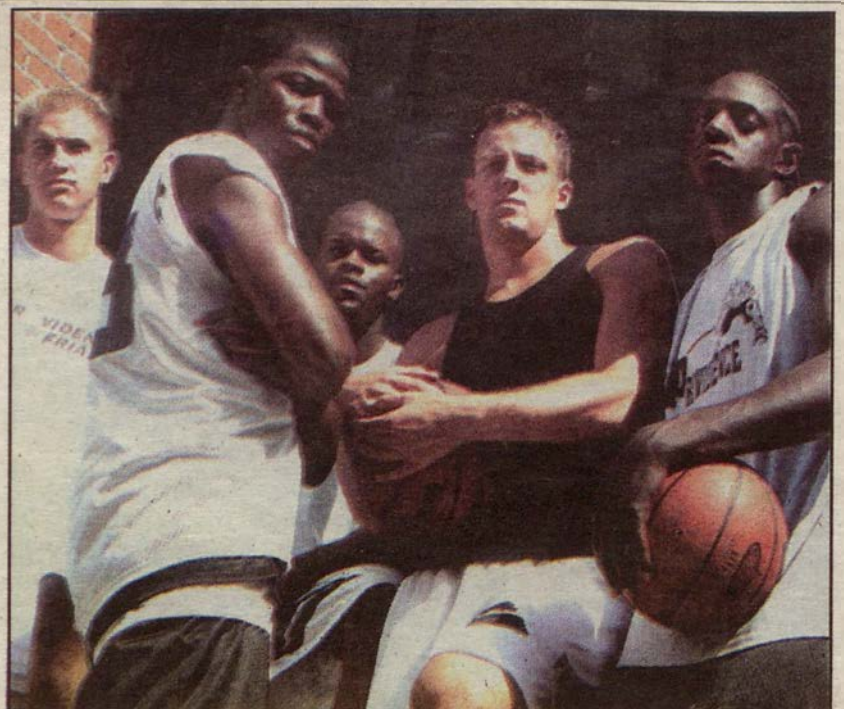
Welcome to Friartown. The new marketing strategy of Providence College athletics,

"Friartown," revolves around the idea that the city of Providence is Friartown. By posters, pamphlets, a television commercial and even a billboard on I-95 north, the word on Friartown is quickly spreading across Rhode Island.

But is Friartown the renaissance city Providence labels itself as, with its culture, arts and waterfires? Does it promote the history of a city founded back in the colonial era of Roger Williams, or the elegance of a city that today is a unique college town full of diversity?

Nope.

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It's not a beautiful day in Friartown's neighborhood.