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Registration to take place over two days

BY ALISON ESPACH '07
NEWS STAFF

In an effort to avoid the typical early morning network shutdown on registration day, Enrollment Services has changed the registration schedule for Spring 2007.

Each class year has been randomly and evenly split in half with every student assigned to one of two groups. Students in group I will be registering a day earlier than those in group II.

"To ensure fairness to all, Enrollment Services partnered with Information Technology, which used a random number generator function to determine group assignment and to assign Alternate PINs," said Yvonne Arruda, dean of Enrollment Services.

The decision was made by senior cabinet members after first trying it with the Class of 2009 for Fall 2006 registration. Both faculty and students were pleased with its success.

"The new registration schedule presented no problems for me. I was able to register more quickly than before and still was able to find seats in all my desired classes," Margaret Vernon '09, who was in group I.

"I did not have a problem with getting into the classes I wanted, said Aileen Rooney '09, who was in group II. "I don't think it was any different had I gone on the first day."

Arruda said the students who were in group II will now be in group I for Spring 2007 registration.

"We've made every effort to make sure that it's a fair process to all students, students who may have been assigned to group II for this registration semester will then be going in the first group for the next

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MATT LONGOBARDI '10/The Cowl

The Office of Safety and Security has acknowledged an increase in off-campus crimes involving PC students. They have worked with the Providence Police Department to patrol the perimeter of campus.

New year, more crimes

BY JOE MILLER '10
NEWS STAFF

Between e-mail alerts and flyers in common campus locations, it has been difficult not to notice the rash of off-campus crimes that have taken place in the first month of the semester.

Campus officials have acknowledged that there has been an increase in the number of incidents that have occurred since the beginning of the school year. According to Maj. John J. Leyden, executive director of safety and security, these

crimes have followed a specific pattern. "There have been three armed robberies at knifepoint, all under similar circumstances," Leyden said. "The same suspect is involved, and it's occurring in the early morning hours."

The incidents have generally involved students leaving liquor establishments and traveling on foot, according to Leyden. They have been concentrated in the area of Frankly Pizza near the intersection of Douglas Avenue and Admiral Street.

"Definitely stay away from that area late at night," Leyden advised.

While Leyden recognized that there has

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Theology on Tap a Hell of a good time

BY BETH FINAN '07
NEWS STAFF

Judging by the number of people who packed into McPhail's on Thursday, Oct. 12, Providence College students are thinking ahead—and not just to life after graduation, but to the afterlife. Rev. R. Gabriel Pivarnik, O.P., instructor of theology, gave a presentation entitled "How to Get to Hell . . . And Who You'll Meet There" in the on-campus bar as part of the Theology on Tap series, sponsored by the Lectures and Catechesis committee of Campus Ministry.

Father Pivarnik divided his lecture into three aspects, focusing on the depictions, teachings, and perceptions of Hell. Aided by a PowerPoint slideshow, he started off his talk with a Far Side cartoon, saying, "The creators of Far Side made a fortune out of Hell."

Father Pivarnik said that his favorite depiction of Satan comes from the creators of South Park, but also noted that the notion of Satan has been invoked in reference to President George W. Bush, Hollywood, and Kim Jong Il of North Korea.

Of course, the teachings of the Catholic Church differ greatly from the pop culture images of Satan and Hell. Quoting the catechism, Father Pivarnik said, "The chief punishment of Hell is eternal separation from God."

He said that no one is forced to go to Hell because it is a conscious choice that one makes because he or she commits sins against the Holy Spirit.

"Hell is a creation of our own making because we choose to put ourselves there," Father Pivarnik said. "It's not as if God created Heaven and Hell and said, 'This is where I'm going to put everyone who doesn't agree with me.'"

For Jen Draeger '10, this was a concept she had not heard before.

"I didn't know that God didn't create Hell. That was a new idea for me," she said.

Other aspects of Father Pivarnik's presentation struck a chord with students.

In response to Father Pivarnik's explanation that the Church, in a shift of attitude, now recognizes that those who commit suicide are not necessarily condemned to Hell, Sara Stowell '09 said, "It's nice to know that the Church has changed its views over the past 20 years and become more open-minded."

Bethany Bourdon '08, chair of the committee that organized the event, was most impressed by Father Pivarnik's emphasis

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Student and friend start online service

BY CHRIS DONNELLY '08
NEWS STAFF

Forget about Sparknotes. A PC junior is hoping to invigorate college students to join a new venture he and his friend created—testPirate.com. The Web site is a free

source for downloadable notes, tests, quizzes, and papers.

"If done right, our site can offer a lot to college students," said Robert D'Alfonso '08.

D'Alfonso and Alex Beaudet, two friends who met at Bishop Hendricken high school in Warwick, R.I., launched the site in September of 2006 after conceiving the idea last summer. Alex Beaudet, an information systems major at McGill University in Montreal, built the Web site from scratch. The Web site lists D'Alfonso as president of testPirate and Beaudet as its CEO.

"A couple people have asked us if it is a money-making investment, which it really isn't," said Beaudet. "We didn't think we'd be the next YouTube."

D'Alfonso said the idea for testPirate came from the realization that other than a few sites like Sparknotes, which is limited in subject material, there was not a real online resource to help students study.

"We wanted to make something to benefit all kids regardless of major," said D'Alfonso.

Students registered to the site can upload documents from their courses, which can be downloaded by any registered user. Registration requires a valid ".edu" e-mail account from schools cur-



KATIE HOGAN '09/The Cowl

Robert D'Alfonso '08 helped create testPirate.com, a free source for downloadable study materials.

rently in the network. If a school is not on testPirate's network, a student can e-mail the site requesting its addition, D'Alfonso said.

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Last week, several stacks of *The Cowl* were taken from various locations around campus. An investigation is currently underway to determine the culprit.

NEWS briefs

Science majors hold poster session

Approximately 20 biology, chemistry, and physics students participated in a poster session last Thursday, Oct. 12, at which they could present the research they had participated in during the summer.

"You couldn't get through this hall" during the session, said Rev. Nicanor Austriaco, O.P., assistant professor of biology, referring to the second floor of Albertus Magnus Hall, where the session took place. Students, faculty, and administration attended the event, which was the work of the Biology Society, a student club.

"We're starting a science research honor society," said Michael Cianfrocco '07, vice president of the Biology Society. The honor society, Sigma Xi, has chapters at colleges and universities, laboratories, and in several countries, according to its Web site.

To start a chapter, the Biology Society must hold research-oriented events, such as the poster session, Cianfrocco said.

"It was a way to get the underclassmen to know what opportunities you can have,"

he said.

Cianfrocco, a biochemistry major, spent his summer doing research at Dartmouth College. He used x-ray crystallography, a technique for determining the structure of DNA and proteins.

"We determined the structure of motor proteins," he said, adding that the process required difficult math. Some days he spent 11 hours in the lab.

Cianfrocco stressed the bigger picture behind research in a specific area and said that the research he did could have medical significance. Scientists must familiarize themselves with the normal functions of proteins so an anomaly can be more easily identified.

"To understand how it happens when it's mutated you have to understand how it normally works," said Cianfrocco.

Some of the research conducted by undergraduates during the summer is funded by the National Science Foundation's Research Experience for Undergraduates (REU), Cianfrocco said. REU provides grants to "involve students in meaningful ways in ongoing research programs or in research projects designed especially for



PHOTO COURTESY OF DR. ELISABETH AREVALO

Michael Cianfrocco '07, left, and Dr. Hugh Lena, vice president of academic affairs, attended the poster session in Albertus Magnus Hall last Thursday. Cianfrocco displayed his poster detailing his research at Dartmouth College last summer.

the purpose," according to its Web site.

The poster session was open to sophomores, juniors, and seniors. Father Austriaco said that although this was only its first year, he hopes the poster session will become an annual event.

Cianfrocco was also optimistic about

the session, saying that it helps students learn how to get into graduate schools and other programs, as well as learn about research opportunities.

"Doing this is going to foster more research," he said.

Jennifer Jarvis '07

Accuracy Watch

The Cowl is committed to accuracy and carefully checks every article that goes into print to ensure that the facts are presented clearly and truthfully. If you find an error in any article, please e-mail the editor at thecowl@providence.edu. Corrections will be printed as necessary on page 2.

Correction: In the Oct. 12 issue, Things for Thursday was reported as being an event run by the Board of Programers. The event is actually run by the S.A.I.L. office. The Cowl regrets the error.

CAMPUS

CALENDAR October 20 to 26

20 Friday	21 Saturday	22 Sunday	23 Monday	24 Tuesday	25 Wednesday	26 Thursday
<p>6:30 p.m. Pasta with Padres in St. Dominic Chapel</p> <p>7:00 p.m. Shack-a-thon on Slavin lawn</p> <p>9:00 p.m. Fortune LIVE in McPhail's</p> <p>9:00 p.m. "Soba Toga" party in Peterson</p>	<p>11:30 a.m. Scavenger Hunt on Slavin Lawn</p> <p>6:00 p.m. Dances of Latin America in Slavin Center '64 Hall</p> <p>7:00 p.m. A Cappella Concert in Ryan Concert Hall, Smith Center</p> <p>8:00 p.m. Senior Night in McPhail's</p>	<p>4:00 p.m. Vocations Fair in the lower level of St. Dominic Chapel</p>	<p>4:00 p.m. Bocce League on Slavin lawn.</p> <p>4:00 p.m. R.I. State Government Spring Internship Program in Slavin 112</p> <p>6:30 p.m. All American Rejects concert in Peterson</p>	<p>3:30 p.m. OAS presents note taking strategies in Library 104B</p> <p>4:30 p.m. Tips for Success at the Major/Minor Fair in Slavin 112</p> <p>7:00 p.m. Coffeehouse: "The Price is Right" in McPhail's</p>	<p>1:30 p.m. Major/Minor Fair in Slavin Center '64 Hall</p> <p>3:30 p.m. The Arts in the Dominican Tradition lecture in the Center for Catholic and Dominican Studies</p> <p>6:00 p.m. "Thank You for Smoking" presentation in McPhail's</p>	<p>11:00 a.m. Inner-City Teaching Corps information session in Slavin Center ground level</p> <p>3:30 p.m. Careers 101: Targeting Your Interests and Options in Slavin 117</p>

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Friday October 20th - Thursday October 26th

Friday 10/20

6:30 p.m. - Pasta with Padres
7:00 p.m. - Shack-A-Ton!, Slavin Lawn
7:30 p.m. - Coffee House, Open-Mic Night

Saturday 10/21

4:30 p.m. - Mass

Sunday 10/22

4:30 p.m. - Mass
6:00 p.m. - Liturgical Choir Rehearsal
7:00 p.m. - Mass*
10:00 p.m. - Mass*
*Post Mass Bash after 7:00 and 10:00 masses - Pumpkin Night!

Monday 10/23

3:00 p.m. - Chaplet of Divine Mercy, Chapel
4:00 - 5:30 p.m. - Service at St. Patrick's Soup Kitchen
4:30 - 6:00 p.m. - RCIA Meeting

Tuesday 10/24

7:00 a.m. - Running Club
7:00 p.m. - Liturgical Choir Rehearsal
10:00 p.m. - Prayer & Praise

Wednesday 10/25

7:00 p.m. - Adult Literacy Meeting, Feinstein 210
7:00 p.m. - Weekly Rosary, Chapel
7:00 - 9:00 p.m. - Exposition of The Holy Sacrament, Chapel
8:00 p.m. - PC for Life Meeting

Thursday 10/26

4:00 p.m. - Running Club
4:00 - 5:45 p.m. - Service at St. Charles Soup Kitchen

"Me and the Mosque"

Monday, Oct. 23, 2006 at 4:30pm in Feinstein Room 400

Documentary examining the historical role of women in Islam and the difficulty some Muslim women have in gaining access to the mosque. It features interviews with scholars as well as the personal stories of both men and women. Dr. Charlotte O'Kelly, Professor of Sociology and Acting Director of the Women's Studies Program, will facilitate discussion after the film.

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Janina Goszcz—Service with a smile

BY BETH LENEHAN '08
ASST. NEWS EDITOR

She is the smile a student first sees upon entering the Raymond Dining Hall and handing over his or her ID card to be swiped. For the past five and a half years,

STUDENT INTEREST Janina Goszcz has been a staple at one of the cash registers in Ray, greeting students, asking about their day, and magically getting an ID to swipe through on the first try. Students see her as a friendly face and a confidant, and they often seek her advice. Yet, few people know much about her life before PC.

Goszcz grew up in Poland, but has lived in America for 40 years; she moved to the U.S. after getting married. Her native language is Polish, but said she also speaks Russian which she learned in school; Slovak, which she said she learned from a friend while living in New York; and English from someone close to her heart.

"I learned English from my husband," said Goszcz. "We met when he came to Poland on vacation. Over two years, he visited the country six or seven times. After that, we decided to get married."

Following their wedding, she said they settled in New York and Goszcz worked for JP Morgan, a financial firm, for 14 years. There was, however, a language barrier Goszcz said she encountered shortly after moving to New York. Goszcz said that although her husband and an English friend of his both spoke Polish, many of her husband's other friends did not. She described it as being in a "different world."

The couple moved to Rhode Island after her husband's company was transferred to New Jersey; they decided not to relocate, but instead moved to where a family friend lived. For Goszcz, there was a vast difference between living in New York and living in Rhode Island.

"It was very different because I was

used to being a city and this was like the country," said Goszcz. "The best thing, though, was when I went shopping, there were always parking spaces! In New York, it was difficult to find places to park."

Goszcz found a job working at the Mine Safety Appliances (MSA) Company in Esmond, Rhode Island and worked there for 21 years.

Her husband fell ill, however, and she said she needed to take time off to care for him. He passed away six years ago after battling illness for eight years; he and Goszcz had been married for almost 42 years.

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"After my husband died, I was depressed and needed to get out of the house," said Goszcz. "I found this job here [Raymond Dining Hall]. I worked all over Ray, but was very happy when they put me at the cash register."

Goszcz said that if she was not working at PC, she would most likely be doing something similar because she enjoys working the cash register and is able to "meet and talk to people." According to Goszcz, her favorite part of the job is the students.

"I like seeing the students smile. When a student comes in jumping or dancing, it makes me happy. I am like a mother for everyone and I see the students like my own kids," said Goszcz, a grandmother of four.



CHRISTINE DIEHL '09/The Cowl

Janina Goszcz, who has been working in Raymond Dining Hall for more than five years, is a favorite among the student body.

"I love all the students, even the ones who don't like me," she added with a smile.

Yet, it is difficult to find a student who does not love Janina Goszcz.

"She's very cute! She always asks how you are doing and is very friendly," said Danielle Olah '08. "She often gives you a hug if you are having a bad day and always seems excited to see you."

While Lauren Kilcoyne '10 and Tori Hidalgo '10 said they have not yet gotten to know Janina very well, they both said they have noticed her outgoing personali-

ty.

"She seems really friendly and helpful," said Hidalgo.

"Janina always tells me we are twins because our names both begin with the letter J. She says my name should be Janina," said Jamie Gainor '08. "She is very loveable and reminds me of my grandmother."

There is one thing though—how does she get the cards to swipe through on the first try?

Goszcz jokingly stated: "I have the magic touch—because I am a witch!"

Registration: Enrollment Services says it's time for a change

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registration period," said Arruda.

Seniors, however, whose last registration is the upcoming one, were concerned about their disadvantage if selected for group II.

"I think that something needed to be done," said Andy Incitti '07. "The system could not handle the whole class at one time. Alternate PIN numbers are selected randomly, so it seems like the most fair and reasonable way to split up each class. I just don't want to be on the second day."

Arruda said that it was up to the academic departments to decide whether they want to make all their class seats available on the first day, limiting availability for group II students.

"For the senior class only, Enrollment

Services has communicated to academic departments that they have the option of managing course enrollments between group I and group II," said Arruda.

She also said that academic departments are encouraged to pre-register students in their majors in all class years for requirements within the home department.

Despite student concerns, senior class members recognized the past chaos of registration day and look forward to the change.

"It's generally good," said Eric Brescia '07. "It gets rid of the disorder. People complain about this not being fair because it is up to luck and half of the people get screwed, but it's up to luck already when everyone rushes in the morning to get in.

Besides, virtually all schools have a system where you get a time."

Arruda said that the new registration schedule is very similar to what other schools have been doing for years.

"My understanding is that other schools have split registration very much in the same way that we are doing it for this registration period," she said. "What we are doing is very similar. So it's a change in our process, but it's what other schools of similar size are doing."

The new registration schedule is not permanent, according to Arruda. Its permanency depends on the success of its implementation for Spring 2007 registration.

TestPirate: Site is a treasure chest of information

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Students can either search for documents from their school or from all schools on the network, using criteria such as subject, teacher, class, or topic. A student can use the site to take practice tests that other students have taken in the past, get notes from a missed class, read other people's theses, and find sources other papers cited.

In the few weeks the site has been open, approximately two dozen schools have joined the network and close to 130 students have become members. More than 70 documents have been uploaded onto the site so far.

"There really is a lot to find already," said Beaudet.

D'Alfonso said he spread the word about the site to his friends at PC and other colleges. He said that he and Beaudet have received requests to open the site from students they don't know, including one stu-

dent who attends Louisiana State University. The site was even accessed by someone in Australia, according to D'Alfonso.

"We are kind of just banking on word of mouth at the moment," said Beaudet.

The bulk of the users so far, according to D'Alfonso, attend Boston College, Boston University, and the University of Rhode Island.

"We need to find a way to get people to the site more often," said D'Alfonso.

To attract more people to upload files onto the site, D'Alfonso and Beaudet said they are discussing taking on a sponsor or investor, to be able to increase site traffic and the amount of files uploaded. They said that with money from an investor there is a possibility that they can pay users who upload onto the site.

"Personally, if I were a teacher I would love to upload my old tests and quizzes online," said D'Alfonso. He said that by doing so, professors would not only help

their own students but students in other colleges as well.

"It's a tool for helping kids study rather than giving them an easy way out," said D'Alfonso of testPirate's potential to be used to plagiarize.

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Robert D'Alfonso '08

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"It really is for educational purposes, not for cheating," said Beaudet. "It is a great resource for studying."

Before students register on testPirate, they must agree to the terms of use, part of which states, "Our goal isn't to promote cheating, plagiarism, or copyright infringement, but rather the free flow of information for an educational purpose. With that in mind, the way you use our Web site is up to you, but you should do so at your own discretion."

When asked what he thinks about the site, William Brown '08 said, "I think it is a marketable idea, but not necessarily an honest one."

All submissions to the site are anonymous in that no user is identified as the uploader of any document. If the user's name is not on the uploaded document, another user cannot tell who wrote it.

"[Students] can get a couple different perspectives on the material and it ultimately makes it easier for them to study," said D'Alfonso. "Hopefully, sometime down the road it will make students' lives a lot easier."

Theology: Friar gives students Hell

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on God's forgiveness to those who ask for it.

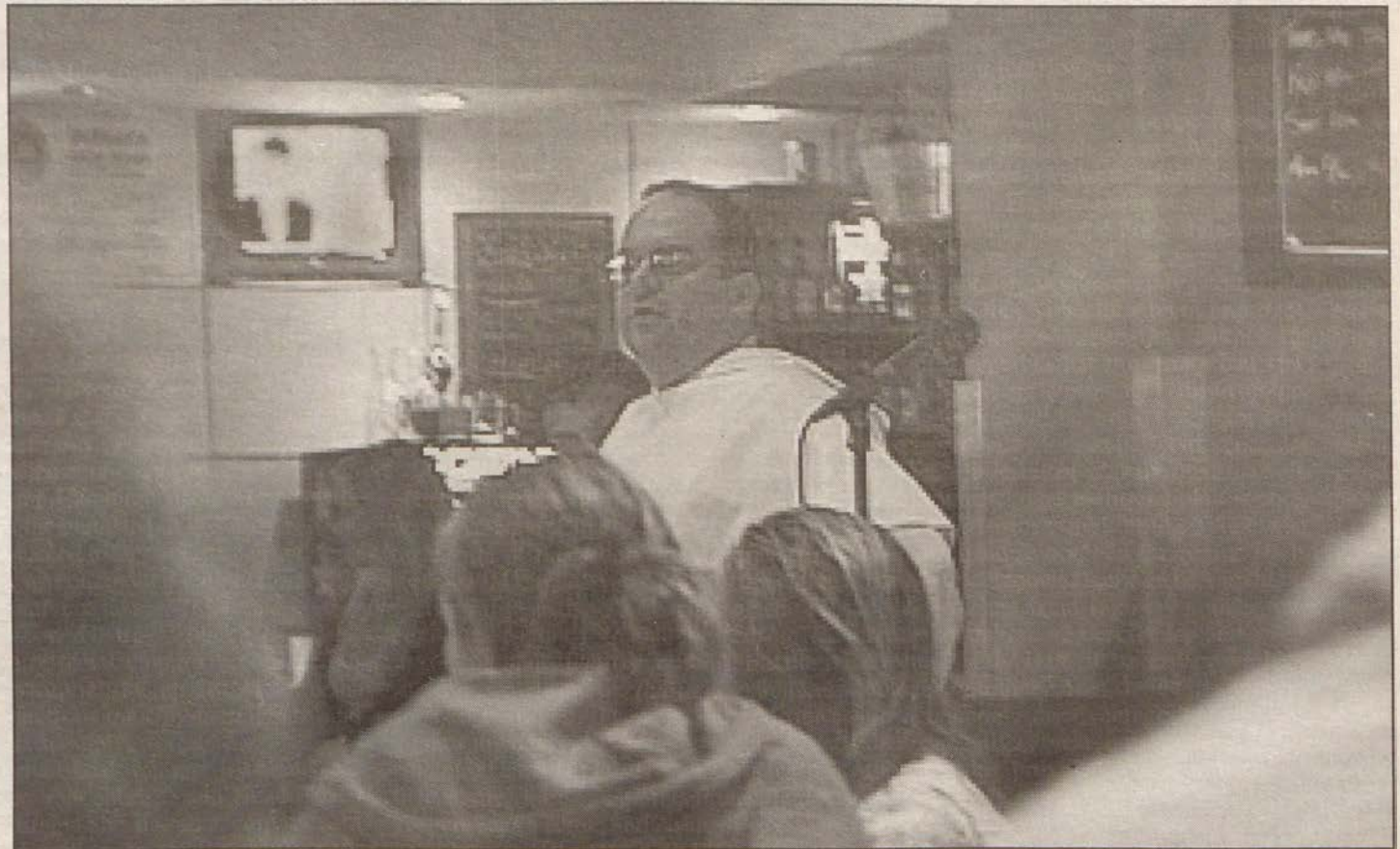
"None of us have to go to Hell," she said. "Repentance is something we can all achieve."

"I think learning about Hell shows you how to be a good person because you can see what it takes to deserve Heaven," Becky Guihn '08 said.

Although Father Pivarnik is not an expert on Hell or how to get there, he said that he enjoyed participating in a forum other than a classroom setting. The

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Bethany Bourdon '08



MARY PELLETIER '09/The Cowl

Rev. R. Gabriel Pivarnik, O.P., spoke in McPhail's on Oct. 12 at Theology on Tap: How to Get to Hell... And Who You'll Meet There. More than 100 students attended the event, which included a PowerPoint presentation.

abstract nature of the teachings on Hell, however, made things difficult.

"So much about Hell is unknown that to talk about specifics is difficult," he said. "I want to be as precise as possible. There are a lot of concrete questions about hell, but it's hard to give concrete answers."

Bourdon chose Pivarnik, who is in his first year at PC, to speak at the first Theology on Tap of the year because "people don't know a lot about him, and he's a great Dominican who should be known across campus."

Many of the more than 100 students in attendance would probably agree with Bourdon's judgment after hearing Father Pivarnik speak.

"I didn't know what to expect," said Ryan Totolo '10. "I liked how he didn't beat around the bush and was very straightforward."

"His views were interesting, and he had a good presentation," said Laura Filloramo '10, adding that she liked the conversation-

al nature of the event because it didn't seem like Father Pivarnik was "preaching."

Father Pivarnik said that events like Theology on Tap are "huge" because they provide an opportunity "to deal with things that don't come up in class."

Stowell said, "[Theology on Tap] is important because it can be one thing that's said that can change someone's life."

"The goal [of Theology on Tap] is to reach out to the greater PC community—not just the people in the Campus Ministry center all the time," Bourdon said. "We thought [the topic of Hell] was something that would appeal to a different group than what we would normally attract."

"There is no way I'd be able to do this at Clemson or University of South Carolina," said Totolo, who is from South Carolina. "It's what makes a Catholic col-

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Judicial Review

Summary of Alcohol Violations 2/25/06 to 3/10/06

As a result of 52 judicial administrative reviews, 28 students were found responsible for violating the College's alcohol policies. (Please refer to pages 41-43 of the *Student Handbook*.) Twenty-four students were found responsible for their first violation and four were found responsible for a second violation.

Sanctions for alcohol violations include monetary fines of \$100.00 for the first violation and \$250.00 for the second violation, as well as educational sanctions. Additionally, five students were placed on disciplinary probation; 5 students had their parents notified; and 23 received administrative warnings.

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WHERE: Library 104B
TIME: 3:30 pm.

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WHEN: Wednesday, October 25th
WHERE: Slavin G01 (Soft Lounge)
TIME: 3:30 pm.

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Students stand up against poverty

BY JENNIFER JARVIS '07
NEWS EDITOR

A world record was set on Sunday, Oct. 15 and Monday, Oct. 16, and Providence College students played a role in setting it. Fifteen students participated in Stand Up

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Against Poverty, a world-wide initiative to raise awareness about poverty.

"People are doing this all over the world," said Caitlin Ferrarini '07, who organized the event.

The event was designed to break the Guinness World Record for the number of people to stand up against poverty in a 24-hour period, said Ferrarini. In addition, participants strove to remind policy makers of the Millennium Development Goals, a set of eight objectives many countries agreed to try to achieve by 2015. According to Stand Up's Web site, 23,542,614 people stood up against poverty, setting a new world record.

At PC's event, participants made bracelets out of white ribbon, which Ferrarini said was the international symbol for the event. In addition, "Girl's Call," a documentary film produced by young girls in India, was shown. It showed the plight of Ratanamma, a sad 12-year-old girl who left school to get married. While still a young adolescent, she became pregnant. The delivery was done at home, and her child died after two days. The girls who made the documentary used Ratanamma and others' stories to show how poverty perpetuates this type of life.

"I don't think people take the time to think how many people don't even have education," said Lyndsey Ursillo '08. "Even the people living in poverty [in the United States] have more than they have in other countries."

When the movie ended, Ferrarini invited those present to formally stand up



CHRIS HUBER '10/The Cowl

Kait McCoy '10, left, and Emily Vistica '10 made bracelets out of white ribbon to commemorate Stand Up Against Poverty, an event at which students reminded policy makers of the Millennium Development Goals.

against poverty, reading an anti-poverty pledge used at similar Stand Up events all over the world.

"We stand here proudly as members of the generation that intends to defeat extreme poverty," Ferrarini read. "We cannot stay seated when a child born in a poor country today will die 30 years earlier than a child born in a wealthy country. We cannot stay seated when 24,000 people die each day due to hunger."

Ferrarini heard about Stand Up at her internship at Plan USA, an international development nonprofit organization. The youth department, where she works, was organizing an event at the Cable Car café and theater in downtown Providence, and Ferrarini decided to hold her own event for PC students.

Because she is a resident assistant in McVinney, many of the people who attended were her residents. They were

impressed by a bulletin board on the eighth floor, which contained facts about the classification of the world's population.

Using information she got from the Millennium Campaign Web site, Ferrarini posed the hypothetical situation of a world with only 100 people in it, in the same proportions as the current world. In other words, the numbers represent the percentage of the world's population currently in that situation. Among the statistic, it was reported that 57 would be unable to read, 50 would be malnourished, 33 would be without a safe water supply, and only one would have a college education.

Some students noted the complacency they have observed in their peers regarding the issue of poverty.

"I think since it doesn't really affect people here, they don't actually think about kids dying in other countries," said Emily Vistica '10.

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Millennium Development Goals

At the U.N. Millennium Summit in 2000, heads of state and governments signed on to the idea of Millennium Development Goals. Poor countries agreed to increase accountability to their citizens, and wealthier countries agreed to provide the resources needed to effect this end. The eight goals include:

Eradication of extreme poverty

Achievement of universal primary education

Promotion of gender equality

Reduction of child mortality

Improvement of maternal health

Combat of HIV/AIDS

Ensuring environmental sustainability

Developing a global partnership

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Crimes: E-mail notifications increase visibility

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been a "substantial increase" in off-campus crime, he pointed out that it could be due to one individual. One suspect was arrested, but a positive identification could not be attained.

Leyden described students' awareness of the crimes as a positive step.

"We want students to be aware of it, to talk about it, and take precautions while off-campus," he said.

The interest among the student body may be attributable to the expanded system of campus crime alerts instituted this year.

Under the Clery Act of 1990, all colleges and universities that participate in federal financial aid programs are legally required to record and disclose information about crime on and near their campuses. The law is named for Jeanne Clery, a 19-year-old Lehigh University student who was sexually assaulted and murdered in her campus residence in 1986.

While Providence College previously complied with this policy in the form of postings at Slavin Center and residence halls, this year efforts have been expanded to include e-mail alerts as well.

"E-mail is becoming the official means of communication for this college," said Rev. Brendan Murphy O.P., vice president of Student Services, who is responsible for the innovation.

"It's important for students, faculty, and staff to know what's going on in the neighborhood so they can make wise decisions, especially if they do go out late at night," said Father Murphy.

As in the past, crime alerts are published if a violent crime occurs and a description of the suspect is available. Now, however, they reach a greater number of people in an easily accessible manner.

"Federal law mandates reporting inci-

dents involving students and crimes on campus. We've gone above and beyond that," said Leyden.

The Office of Safety and Security and the Providence Police Department are working constantly to prevent such crimes from occurring, both through active patrols and by raising student awareness.

"We work hand in hand with them," said Leyden, in reference to the Providence police. "They are dedicated to the College, and we've had them in the areas where these incidents have occurred."

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There have been some bad decisions . . . or I'm just getting nervous because my friends live off-campus now.

Jenn DeAngelis '08

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The College hires officers from the Providence Police Department several nights a week and during the weekend to patrol the perimeter of the campus. In response to recent activity, this effort has been expanded to the corner of Eaton Street and Douglas Avenue as well.

In addition, the Office of Safety and Security has sponsored awareness programs with students, primarily in the form of presentations on street smarts led by Sgt. David D. Marshall, a supervisor in the department. Pamphlets featuring safety guidelines have also been distributed around campus.

Despite the continued efforts of law

enforcement personnel both on and off campus, Leyden and Murphy emphasized that students have to take responsibility for their actions as well.

"The students have to be aware that this is a city, an urban environment, and there are people who will prey on college students, especially late at night," said Leyden.

Murphy echoed this advice, adding that "it's always wise to be together in groups and stay in well-lit areas" when traveling at night.

Leyden also stressed the importance of reporting any incident promptly after it occurs.

"Students are reluctant to report these crimes immediately, but they have to. If these people aren't arrested, the crimes will continue," he said. "Be aware of [your] surroundings, act responsibly, and notify police or security of any suspicious

activity or crimes."

Students have perceived an increase in off-campus crime so far this semester, due to new e-mails, although this is not necessarily due completely to the actual rate of incidents.

While she "doesn't feel less safe personally," Jenn DeAngelis '08 said she believes that there has been an increase in crime, which has been exacerbated by carelessness on the part of the students.

"There have been some bad decisions," she said. "Or, I'm just getting nervous because my friends live off campus now."

Despite not being personally involved in any incidents, Steve Kennedy '07 also described off-campus crime as more frequent this year.

"I guess I kind of notice it twice as much as I used to," he said. Kennedy is living away from campus for the first time this semester.

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Zero Proof leads students to examine drinking habits

BY RICK KURKER '09
NEWS STAFF

Seventeen hundred is the number of years since Diocletian retired as Emperor of Rome. It is also the number of students who attend Bates College, a private liberal

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arts college in Lewiston, Maine. And though it is a grim reality, the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism (NIAAA) predicts that about 1700 college students between the ages of 18 and 24 die annually from unintentional alcohol-related injuries, including motor vehicle crashes.

The NIAAA also suggests that about 25 percent of college students report that their drinking has affected their academic success, and about 31 percent of college students meet the national criteria for a diagnosis of alcohol abuse. But students debate about whether alcohol abuse is a problem at Providence College.

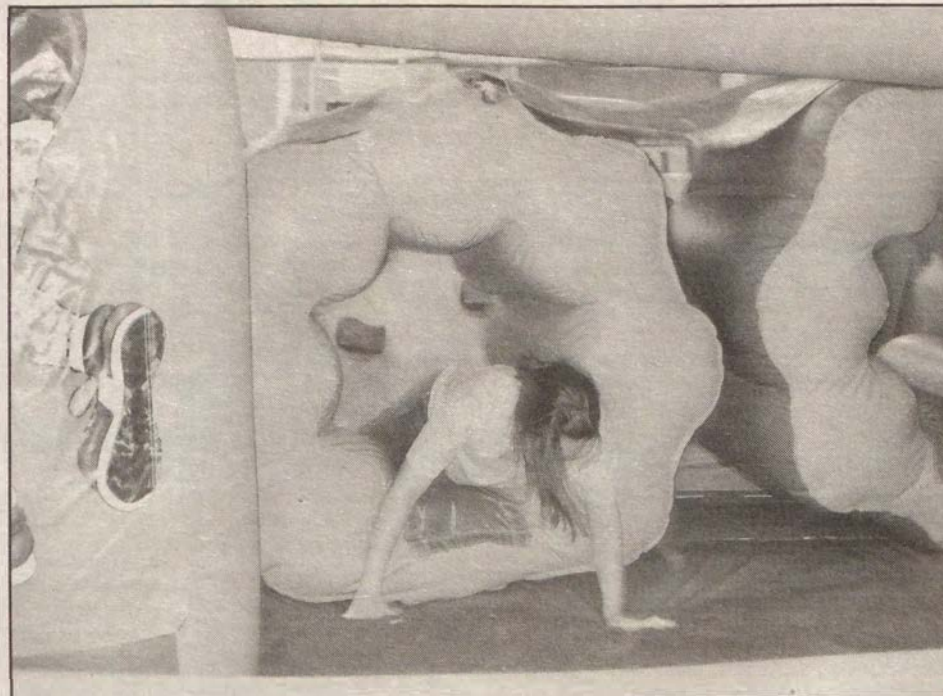
"It's tough to say whether alcohol is a problem because it's a social institution," said Vanessa Bowen '09. "Looking from the outside in, it may look like a problem, but looking from the inside out, it might not."

"I think a problem exists but we don't call it 'alcoholism,'" said Caitlin Towey '08. "But I think the lifestyle here could develop into something eventually."

The *Princeton Review* says that lifestyle already exists at PC. According to their survey, PC ranks No. 1 in consumption of hard liquor.

Last week was Alcohol Awareness Week, sponsored by the Office of Residence Life and (Students Together Educating Peers (STEP 1.) Included in the schedule were Zero Proof, held on Saturday, Oct. 14 from 9:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m., and Real/Not Real, two events that helped to spread alcohol awareness.

"We promote moderation, but it's very difficult," said Andrea Therrien '07, a member of STEP 1. "It's hard to penetrate the college culture."



JOHN OWENS '07/The Cowl

Jen Murgu, the hall director of Meagher Hall, participated in an inflatable obstacle course at Zero Proof on Saturday, Oct. 14. Run by the Office of Residence Life, Zero Proof occurred during Alcohol Awareness Week.

Therrien said she hopes that events such as Zero Proof will help to educate people about the potential dangers of alcohol abuse.

Activities that went on at Zero Proof included tricycle riding and Twister games while wearing beer goggles. Therrien said that these activities demonstrate the change in perception due to alcohol intoxication, but she also said that it is important to incorporate fun activities in the education process so that it stays interesting.

"I think the key is not to preach, but to educate," Therrien said. "We provide the tools for making the right decisions."

Therrien said she measures the success of events like Zero Proof by the number of people who attend and the number of people who do not make it into a joke.

"We try not to overpush the issue," she

said. "Most people know if they're not doing the right thing."

Therrien said that Providence College's location within walking distance from bars makes alcohol even more of a temptation.

"I think the social life here revolves around the bars nearby," agreed Molly Lynch '09.

PC Health Educator and Wellness Coordinator Catherine Gates said that the situation is not helped by the local bars, which she said are generally not strict in checking if identification cards are fake. She said that bars are probably not overly concerned because they make money from each person who enters.

Gates said that when asking oneself if drinking is a problem, individuals must look at whether alcohol use is affecting them financially, physically, socially, spir-

itually, or academically. She also said that the amount of crime and vandalism tends to reflect the amount of drinking that goes on at Providence College.

"Over 17,000 students die each year from alcohol-related incidents," Gates said. "Three students died at URI in the past year, and one died at JWU."

Gates said that if alcoholism were considered an "illness" like cancer, there would be more outrage and more vocal advocacy, although she admitted that the campus is trying to grab hold of the problem more now than in the past. She cited the alcohol policies of the 4Cs Committee as an indication of the recent efforts to deal with alcoholism on campus.

Gates said that her efforts with STEP 1 and Alcohol Awareness Week are an attempt to raise awareness and increase education about alcohol abuse. She said that if students are better informed at such events as Zero Proof, they will make better choices.

"Zero Proof is one day of activities, but is a 365-day process," said Gates. "It's not a hit-and-run."

Gates mentioned that the 16-ounce red cups typically used by college students are misleading because students tend to consider one red cup to be one drink. In reality, however, one beer is 12 ounces.

"The use of such cups causes students to misjudge how much is actually consumed," Gates said.

Gates also mentioned the long-term effects of alcohol, such as financial problems, behavioral issues, and health problems.

The risk of becoming dependent on alcohol can also be an issue for college students.

"If drinking is the only thing you can do on the weekend for a social get-together, then that's sad," said Asha Chana '09. "Alcohol shouldn't control your life."

"We're not telling people not to drink at all," said Therrien. "We are only promoting moderation."

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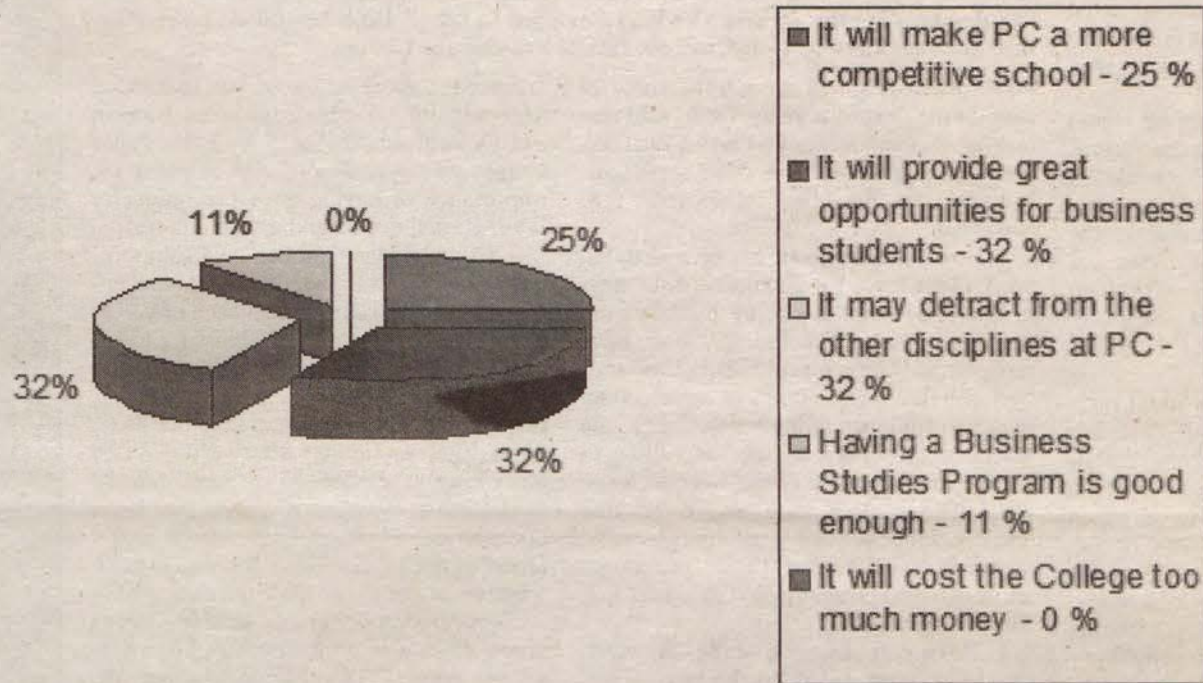
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What do you think about the guest speakers that the College invites to campus?

- 1.) There should be more talks from influential alumni.
- 2.) Some departments invite more guest speakers than others, so there should be more of a balance.
- 3.) There should be more politicians who come to campus to share their thoughts on the war in Iraq.
- 4.) It would be nice if there were more guest speakers who could deliver their talk in one of the languages offered at the College.
- 5.) There aren't enough female guest speakers.

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Dodd raises the stakes for students

BY SARAH VAZ '07
WORLD EDITOR

United States Senator Christopher J. Dodd '66, D-Conn. returned to his alma mater last week not only to give a speech on Middle East policy, but also to issue a plea to current students that they take responsibility for shaping society during this time of uncertainty.

The senator began by lightheartedly acknowledging that he may not have been a shining example of academic excellence during his time at Providence College, but that it was time well spent nonetheless. I did leave here with the "idealism, values, and commitment that have sustained and motivated me," he said.

He began with his observation that American projects in the Middle East during the Bush administration have been "tainted by a litany of one bad choice after another." Like many of his peers, he stated his belief that Congress would never have authorized the use of force in Iraq if they had all the facts.

"Had we never entered Iraq, we would be safer today," he said, citing the various intelligence agencies that have concluded that the Islamic world is growing far more radical, "not despite, but because of the war in Iraq." Dodd criticized the Iraq war by saying unlike the conflict in Afghanistan—what he called a just war—Iraq is "a war of choice, and a terrible choice at that."

The war in Iraq, and the administration's Middle East policy, Dodd said, has been a direct setback to the country's ability to diplomatically protect our interests in that region of the world. He criticized the administration for not knowing or caring enough about Iraqi culture, a factor that has been a stumbling block in reconstruction as almost two-dozen sectarian groups thrive while civil war is erupting.

He also reflected on two recent developments about the war. The first was the controversial report by Johns Hopkins University, which claimed that as many as 600,000 Iraqi civilians may have lost their lives in the conflict to date.

In response to this Dodd asked, "How can we expect them to embrace democracy when democracy has given them all of this?" The second was the announcement



Senator Chris Dodd '66 delivered a speech on campus last week entitled "Understanding the Stakes: The Way Forward in Iraq." Both he and his father, former Senator Thomas Dodd, are alumni of Providence College.

that troop levels will remain the same in Iraq for the next four years. Dodd said that making this announcement was a mistake, noting that "Iraq must seize the opportunity to take responsibility for security, law, and order."

Dodd then laid out his own detailed proposition for what should be done next in Iraq—both in terms of military and political strategy—but argued that we must rely primarily on politics. "There is no military solution, only a political solution can save Iraq from becoming a failed state," he said, suggesting that we be "as willing to engage in diplomacy as we were to wage war." The senator also suggested that Iraq's neighbors take a more pro-active approach, and lauded those prominent Iraqis who have shown by example that change is possible.

Perhaps more importantly, however, Dodd dispensed advice to the largely student audience on how to combat apathy and effect change. "You don't necessarily have the power to move armies, but you do have power to move the debate," he said, urging that, "If you are informed, if you have truth on your side, America will listen."

He urged students to undertake a two-fold strategy, to both broaden their own

knowledge about the world, and to demand accountability. Dodd, who spent time in the Dominican Republic with the Peace Corps after graduation, also stressed the importance of having an appreciation for international events and global cultures.

"Civic engagement can be a solution," he said, suggesting that the goal of citizenship should be truth. "I want each of you to be able to say 'At the very least I told the truth and I demanded nothing less.'"

Dodd also met with a group of students prior to the talk, and entertained questions from the audience afterward. While answering he elaborated on more Middle East issues, and acknowledged that he is considering a presidential run in 2008. Dodd plans to announce his decision on whether or not to run after the new year.

"I'm very very worried," he said, "not so much about where we are today, but where we are going." The senator, who has two young children, said he anticipates being asked, "What did you do at the outset of the 21st century when things were heading in the wrong direction?"

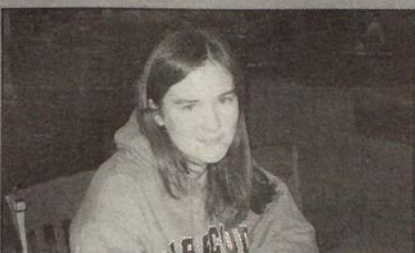
"We each have a responsibility, and I am worried our generation will miss our opportunity to improve the nation as past ones have."

Ask PC

Do you think efforts like Project (RED) will be successful in the fight against AIDS?



"I don't see why they wouldn't be successful and, if nothing else, I hope that it raises awareness."
Larissa T. Zuhoski '07



"I think that it won't fix everything, but it's definitely a worthwhile program."
Siobhan Curran '10



"I think that it's a good start for extra funding, but if all the profits from those items went to AIDS funding, it would be a significant boost."
Joseph DeMartino '10



"It's making a profit, and it's also making [participating brands] look good publicity wise."
Mike Wipper '09



"Yeah, I think any money raised toward AIDS research is a good initiative."
John Hirschfeld '09

Embracing consumerism for charity

BY JIM HANRAHAN '09
ASST. WORLD EDITOR

In a world where the imminence of danger is expressed in government color codes, red—the most alarming code—may instead be a signal of hope for millions in Africa. And it may come as a surprise that it's pop culture's top brands, not the government, that are making it happen.

For years the color red has been associated with the fight against AIDS, but just recently a new way of thinking about relief came onto the scene. Started at the world economic forum, (Product) RED is the brainchild of U2 frontman/activist Bono and Bobby Shriver, co-founder of Debt, AIDS, Trade in Africa (DATA).

The project's goal is to fight HIV/AIDS by increasing awareness and generating a sustainable flow of money into the the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria. To accomplish that goal, major corporations have agreed to donate portions of the proceeds from the (Product) RED branded items that they carry to the fund.

Participating brands range from clothing, like GAP, Armani, and Converse to popular tech brands like Motorola and Apple, and even banking institutions like American Express. Many of the products are red in color and some display slogans sure to create brand awareness. For exam-

ple, GAP (Product) RED shirts are available with phrases ranging from, ADMI(RED) to INSPI(RED), even HAMME(RED).

The parenthesis in the trademark are not insignificant; they are meant to symbolize "the embrace." Once a company partners with (Product) RED, the brand is "embraced" and "elevated to the power of red," according to a statement from the project's Web site, www.joinred.com.

The organizers behind (Product) RED looked at the tremendous buying power that fuels the increasing consumerism of first world countries, and hypothesized that it could be harnessed to fund solutions for third world countries.

"What we collectively choose to buy, or not to buy, can change the course of history on this planet," states the (Product) RED manifesto. It goes on to say that through the sale of certain products, they hope to increase the distribution of anti-retroviral medicine to those affected by AIDS in Africa.

Bono, who for years has assumed the dual role of singer and activist has frequently met with world leaders and others in power to bring attention to the issue of HIV/AIDS, the leading cause of death in Africa. In Africa alone, 25 million people a year die from the disease, accounting for 60 percent of AIDS deaths worldwide. In a statement on the project's Web Site,

Bono claims that the fight against

HIV/AIDS is not just a cause to casually support. "5,500 Africans dying a day of AIDS, a preventable, treatable disease is not a cause. 5,500 Africans dying each day is an emergency."

He went on to describe the effects of the anti-retroviral pill on those affected by AIDS, saying, "Just two pills a day will bring someone who is at death's door back to full health, back to a full life. Doctors call it "the Lazarus effect." I've seen it myself and I have to say that it's nothing short of a miracle."

Corporations aren't the only big names helping the project however, with Oprah Winfrey showcasing (Product) RED on her popular talk show, where she purchased dozens of the products herself, including the first (Product) RED iPod to be released.

Apple CEO, Steve Jobs, is another big name behind Shriver and Bono's efforts. "I've never been to Africa, but you don't have to go there to know there are a lot of people dying of AIDS there. In a small way, this is something we could do about it."

As (Product) RED continues to spread from brand to brand, consumers are being given more and more options to use their buying power to save lives. As Bono said while shopping with Winfrey, he hopes (Product) RED will encourage consumers to "shop 'till it stops."

Week in Review

Compiled by Amanda Silk '08

Local

Urciuoli found guilty of conspiracy

Robert Urciuoli, former president of Roger Williams Medical Center in Providence, was found guilty Friday of conspiracy on 35 of 36 counts of mail fraud. This comes after former state Senator John Celona admitted to conspiring with CVS pharmacy, Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Rhode Island, and Roger William Medical Center.

U.S. Attorney Robert Corrente told *The Providence Journal* that "Mr. Celona admitted that while he was a state senator, he accepted money and gifts from a number of Rhode Island businesses. In exchange, Celona admitted he took action, or pressed others in the General Assembly to take action, on legislation that was of special interest to the companies that were paying him off."

National

Earthquake hits Hawaii

At 7:07 a.m. on Sunday, Oct. 15, a 6.6 magnitude earthquake rocked Hawaii's Big Island, making it the strongest earthquake to hit Hawaii since 1983. There have been at least 50 aftershocks, the strongest measuring at a 5.8 on the Richter

scale. Gov. Linda Lingle declared a state of emergency in Hawaii soon thereafter.

Emergency rooms were full with patients who suffered lacerations during the storm. There have been no reported fatalities. Hawaiian T.V. station KITV reported to CNN that the earthquake has caused significant structural damage throughout the island. The quake also knocked out power throughout the island and caused a landslide across the main Big Island highway route.

International

Pope canonizes four new saints

On Sunday, Pope Benedict XVI canonized four new saints. On the steps of Saint Peter's Basilica, the Pope recognized an American, Mother Theodore Guerin; a Mexican, Bishop Rafael Guizar Valencia; and two Italians, Rev. Filippo Smaldone and Mother Rosa Venerini.

Guerin established a college for pioneers on the frontier in Indiana, as well as several orphanages. Valencia was a Mexican missionary who risked his life in attempts to help wounded soldiers during the Mexican Revolution. Smaldone established the Congregation of the Salesian Sisters of the Sacred Hearts and initiated

education for the deaf. Venerini established the Congregation of the Holy Venerini Teachers.

Technology

Russia to use nuclear power barge

The Russian company Rosenergoatom announced plans to construct a nuclear barge to deliver power to the 200,000 inhabitants of Russian territories in the White Sea by 2010. Coal and oil deliveries to the area are unreliable and expensive due to unfavorable weather conditions. Nuclear energy would provide a constant and relatively inexpensive alternative.

Rosenergoatom plans to attach two reactors onto the 100 yard floating barge, dock it in port, connect power lines, and activate the reactors. The project will cost approximately \$200 million.

Many have voiced concerns regarding safety issues. First, a boat could crash into the barge and spill nuclear waste into the ocean. Second, a storm could disconnect the barge from its port, which could ultimately cause a Chernobyl-like disaster. Third, an overheated nuclear core could melt through the bottom of the barge and drop into the ocean, causing a radioactive steam explosion.

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At college, business deals are just par for the course

Hey, business majors! Ever think that your time would be better spent playing a round of golf to prepare you for a future career? Well, Xiamen University in China thinks so too. The university has made golf lessons a required class for all business and law majors.

According to the Associated Press, a professor at the school stated that the aim of the program "is to find students jobs," citing that "many Chinese business deals are clinched on golf courses."

The golf game can also teach professionalism via sportsmanship. PGA Tour Instructor Tom Ward noted how golf can reveal a lot about a person. For instance, he said, those who refuse to accept the fact that they have made a mistake use course conditions and caddies as their excuses.

These people usually look for "scapegoats" in the business world. Players who did not look behind them before teeing off also often lack respect off the green.

—KIM KRUPA '07

North Korea joins ranks of nuclear powers

BY SARAH VERNON '07
WORLD STAFF

South Korean and Japanese officials reported this week that North Korea may be planning a second nuclear test. Two separate officials from both countries expressed concern, saying that there were indications a second trial was eminent. At the same time, American officials confirmed on Monday that the reported nuclear test by North Korea did occur on Oct. 9. They stated, however, that the explosion was unusually small, and may have even been a misfire.

Soon thereafter, a North Korean official stated that the sanctions imposed by the United Nations against the country constituted a declaration of war on their country, a statement neighboring South Korea has tried to downplay in U.N. discourse.

The warning of a second test came just days after a U.N. Security Council resolution imposed sanctions on North Korea.

Following this resolution, reports circulated that Chinese officials were beginning to inspect cargo entering the country. The reports of stricter Chinese border patrol were taken as a sign that China was beginning to implement the U.N. resolution.

Under the terms of the Security Council agreement, which was voted on unanimously, countries can inspect cargo coming from and heading to North Korea and halt its progress if necessary. All trade in heavy weapons and luxury goods was banned in an effort to economically isolate the country. The resolution also called for the freezing of financial assets held overseas by North Korea. Both China and Russia provided some resistance to the resolution, which was drafted by the United States. The two countries had expressed concern about creating conflict in the region and harming their trade relationship with North Korea. In the aftermath of the U.N. resolution's passage, North Korea has accused the United States of instigating warfare with the sanctions.

North Korea's announcement of a nuclear test on Oct. 9 was condemned prior to the test by its neighbors, including South Korea, China, and Japan. The already isolated nation is only the eighth country in history to join the small group of nuclear weapons states.

Some remain unconvinced about how effective the Security Council's resolution can be in significantly damaging the North Korean regime. Chinese officials reported after the unanimous vote that they did not want to hamper their trade with North



BBC

Kim Jong-il has been the leader of Democratic People's Republic of Korea since 1994, when he succeeded his father. He is known to be an unpredictable leader with a passion for Hollywood films and the NBA.

Korea for fear of creating conflict with the already unstable nation. For this reason, the United States weakened harsh language in the resolution by leaving out the possibility of military consequences and

requesting rather than requiring the inspection of cargo. China, which traded about \$1.7 billion worth of goods last year with North Korea.

Moreover, the sanctions will more likely damage the people of North Korea rather than its regime, headed by the infamous Kim Jong-il.

In the past, North Korea's political leadership has shown disregard for its citizens. During the 1990s, about 10 percent of the population was estimated to have died during a massive famine. North Korea has also faced economic collapse and increasing isolation.

While many debate how real of a threat the country's nuclear power is, many students expressed real concern. "I do think that we should be concerned, especially considering the United States' position in the world," said Diane Krainak '07. Alison Marchetti '08 also believes North Korea presents a danger. "I don't think it's something that should be ignored," she said.

"North Korea is a very real threat. It has the third largest standing army in the world, 1.2 million, and its economy is otherwise nonexistent," said Adam Friedman '09. "Allowing North Korea to continue its nuclear testing is something the US may regret in the future."

Spread of AIDS, economic problems closely tied

BY ERIN EGAN '07
WORLD STAFF

The World Health Organization (WHO) Commission on Macroeconomics and Health (CMH) proposed in 2001 that with an investment of \$27 billion each year going towards AIDS prevention initiatives, rich countries could prevent eight million deaths per year. In 2001, this was 1/1000 of the aggregate size of all rich countries. The present expenditure of these countries, however, was a mere \$6 billion.

The international fight against AIDS has evolved in the past five years since this claim. Economist Jeffrey Sachs, commissioner of the CMH, pushed for the first Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria in 2001, and since then it has reached 62 million people with voluntary counseling and testing services, supported one million orphans—and provided anti-retroviral treatment to 1.8 million people.

AIDS is not only a public health concern but a severe hindrance on economic growth in countries that are losing their labor and children.

Wolfowitz stated in his most recent

"Path to Prosperity" speech that "for young African children, the path out of poverty starts in the classroom, but far too many of them are still not able to attend even primary school.

For the whole sub-continent, the two terrible killers—AIDS and malaria—are major obstacles on the road out of poverty." He noted that we are still not reaching 80 percent of those in need of treatment.

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Sub-Saharan Africa suffers more from the AIDS pandemic than any other region. In his book *The End of Poverty*, Jeffrey Sachs notes that 10,000 Africans die "needlessly and tragically every single day of AIDS, tuberculosis and malaria."

According to AVERT, an international HIV and AIDS charity based in the UK,

24.5 million people were living with HIV at the end of 2005. Even more daunting, the infectious population of the four countries living in the most abject of conditions has risen above 20 percent. AVERT estimates 24.1 percent of Botswana's, 23.2 percent of Lesotho's, 33.4 percent of Swaziland's, and 20.1 percent of Zimbabwe's population is infected.

The AIDS pandemic does not stop at the African borders. The virus, unfortunately, permeates much of the developing world. The World Bank has recently, for 2006, deemed South Asia a great risk in the spread of AIDS.

It argues that "the HIV/AIDS epidemic is comparable to Africa's in size and potential and requires an immediate, all embracing response."

Already five million people are infected in South Asia. This number must be addressed with much caution from the global population. Although it is spreading rapidly, 99.6 percent of the population still remains unaffected. Prevention is possible with adequate funding and programs. We must learn our lesson from Africa and prevent South Asia from falling into the calamitous grasp of an AIDS pandemic.

Possibly, the most important yet controversial question to be answered about such a spread is its cause. AIDS has ravaged Africa for years, seeing its peak in the early 1990s. Can this be chalked up to poor morals and sexual irresponsibility alone?

The true reason is not well understood, but a U.K. Journal *The Lancet*, has researched the demographic trends of various countries and noted that "African men typically do not have more sexual partners than men elsewhere. . . men and women in Africa report roughly similar, if not fewer, numbers of lifetime partners than the populations of many western cultures."

Why, then, does Africa suffer from the sexually transmitted disease?

Sachs speculates that the high transmission of the disease has many contributing factors, including the "specific details of sexual networks, lack of male circumcision, extent of other untreated diseases which are conducive to a faster spread of AIDS, or the actual viral type of HIV."

These theories, unfortunately, are very difficult to quantify, and are controversial in nature, considering the persistent stigma that surrounds HIV/AIDS in Africa, where many do not even understand how the dis-

Is the liberal media losing its grip?

BY MARK SCIROCCO '10
 COMMENTARY STAFF

Several weeks ago, former President Bill Clinton appeared on "Fox News Sunday". When the host of the show, Chris Wallace, asked Clinton why he had not done more in his eight years in office to try to catch Osama Bin Laden, Clinton erupted into an angry tirade that lasted several minutes. What Clinton was really upset about, however, was not Wallace's question, but Fox News itself. Pointing his finger at Wallace, the same finger Clinton pointed when lying to Americans about his affair with Monica Lewinsky, Clinton said, "So you did Fox's bidding on this show. You did your nice little conservative hit job on me." Leave it to Clinton to turn a simple question about national security during his tenure as president into an opportunity to attack a news organization that would dare to question his legacy.

Up until the mid-90s, almost every major news outlet in America was run by those with left-leaning ideologies. Today, Democrats hold power over such major news outlets as *The New York Times*, *The Washington Post*, the three major news networks of NBC, ABC, and CBS, as well as cable-news outlets such as CNN. Millions upon millions of Americans watch, read, and listen to these news networks every day. According to zap2it.com, a TV ratings source, Katie Couric's debut on the "CBS Evening News" drew 13.59 million viewers. When combined with the other two major news networks CBS, NBC, and ABC reach more than 30 million viewers per night.

Recently, however, the left's monopoly on the news has been challenged. Alternative news sources such as the internet and talk-radio now exist and are responsible for the declining distribution of newspapers such as *The New York Times*. Among cable-news networks, Fox stands alone as the outlet branded "conservative" by Clinton and others in the mainstream media. Although Fox is the highest rated of all the cable-news networks, the greatest number of viewers that watch the channel at one time is two million. Thus when compared to the main-stream media, Fox reaches only a small percentage of American homes.

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Nevertheless, the major media outlets are threatened by Fox. Clinton and so many others Democrats dislike Fox because unlike other networks, Fox does not give any public figure a free pass when it comes to important issues like national security and immigration. As Brent Bozell, founder and president of the Media Research Center, states, "Wallace may have tripped a trigger by mentioning Clinton's 1993 debacle in Somalia, primarily because it's something every other interviewer skips. The roughest part came

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Diversity cannot be ignored

BY AIDEN REDMOND '08
 COMMENTARY STAFF

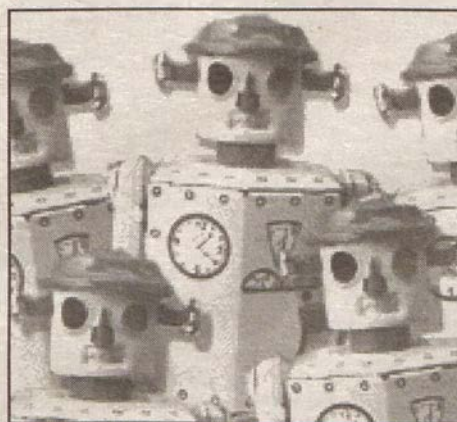
It wasn't until I picked up a copy of *The Cowl* and read an article in the issue of Oct. 5 that I realized that according to *The Princeton Review*, Providence College is

CAMPUS ISSUES now officially the most homogeneous college in the nation. With the onset of each new school year, PC has gradually been moving up in the homogeneity rankings, but now *The Princeton Review* has finally provided us with first prize. Even though it was just made official, or as "official" as *The Princeton Review* can get, it doesn't take a genius to realize that there are many striking similarities among the majority of people who make up the PC student body. There are many things about this school that I love, but since the time I came here as a freshman, the homogeneity has really bothered me.

Visiting PC while I was still in high school, the tour guides never really addressed the issue of diversity among the student body, so I just assumed it was not a problem. I liked the atmosphere, the kids seemed pretty normal, and it just clicked with me that this was a place where I would really like to spend my next four years. In these regards, my feelings have not changed about PC, but had I been aware that I was applying to what would eventually be the most homogeneous school in the nation, I might not have sent in my application. Indeed, PC is a great place, but since *The Princeton Review* has given us the gold medal for being so overwhelmingly Caucasian (whatever "Caucasian" really means), the issue of homogeneity has reached a point where turning a blind eye is no longer an option.

Coming to PC after spending four years at Fordham Preparatory School in the

Bronx, N.Y., made the homogeneous nature of PC painfully obvious. Fordham Prep is an urban high school that prides itself on celebrating diversity and reaching out to the less fortunate. The school's emphasis on improving its students from a moral aspect is arguably equal to preparing young scholars for college.



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Homogeneity: Is this what the PC campus has become?

I didn't worry about diversity in high school, primarily because I was surrounded by it Monday through Friday. I wasn't worried about it before arriving at PC either because I figured if it was so important in high school, it must be even more important in college. In high school, being Caucasian didn't make you part of the majority; if anything, it made part of the minority, and no one was bothered by it or even thought twice about the matter. After having the same conversation with many of my PC friends throughout the last few years, there is obviously a disconnect between the way I feel about PC's lack of diversity and the way lots of other people do. Just because the PC students are aware that there's a diversity problem doesn't make it all right, and in my opinion it's one

of the biggest problem this school has on its hands. When I see that our tuition money is being spent towards new PC Security SUVs and a mammoth new sports center, it drives me crazy. I realize that PC has difficulties providing money to support tuition costs, while at the same time trying to create a more diverse student body, but pouring money into these unneeded "improvements" is not helping matters of diversity.

The whole point of going to college is so that students will be prepared for life in the "real world" outside of school. More than anything, this is why we should be more concerned about a problem that has gotten extremely out of hand. No matter what line of work you end up in or wherever life takes you, society as a whole outside of PC is going to present a serious culture shock for many people who are used to its homogeneous nature. The "real world" isn't comprised of only heterosexual Caucasians from New England who all listen to the same music and wear the same clothes. It's extremely important to be surrounded by peers of different social, ethnic, and cultural backgrounds before you graduating from college because you'll be interacting with them for the rest of your life. Living at Providence College has completely cut me off from the diverse population of people whom I used to spend a great deal of time with in high school. Not only is PC ranked No. 1 in terms of homogeneity, but we're also ranked No. 20 in terms of not accepting alternative lifestyles. After reading what *The Princeton Review* has to say about PC, it makes us sound like we are 50 years behind the colleges in the rest of the nation, and I agree with *The Princeton Review*. Hopefully this recent "award" will serve as a blessing in disguise for something that's been in desperate need of change for a long time.

Citizens . . . it's not just a bank

BY KELLY JONES '07
 COMMENTARY STAFF

I went to Europe this summer. I'll skip the bragging. Suffice it to say that a) I had a blast, and b) I was embarrassed to tell the rest of my international roomies at the hotel which country was mine. This could be a personal problem, but I'm going to write this article based on the assumption that the concept of citizenship has become such that Americans are forced to choose between being frustrated, embarrassed, or apathetic about their citizenship.

Citizenship is not essentially a question of birthplace or ethnicity—it is something beyond nationality. Though there is sometimes a great deal of legal mumbo jumbo that comes with becoming a citizen, we should ultimately define ourselves as citizens because we are active people, engaged in our communities both politically and socially.

What does this activity entail? First, an investment in decision making, both local and national. This requires a lot of time, commitment, and research which many 'citizens' shrug off as impossible to catch up with once they've passed eighth grade civics class.

Second, a close monitoring of officials and those to whom we have given authority is necessary. The media makes this an almost impossible task as well, considering the quagmire of bias and misinformation that American citizens have to wade through. For example, National Public Radio reported a study at Johns Hopkins

University that claimed 655,000 Iraqi civilians have been killed since the U.S. occupation. In a recent press conference, President George W. Bush claimed that that number was "too high and not credible." Unfortunately, it is the job of dedicated citizens to weed out the correct authority to believe. Because this is a daunting task, many who only feel their citizenship implicitly do not take up the responsibility of being active.

For an example closer to home, one can look to the Narragansett Indian Casino that Harrah's desperately wants to build in West Warwick. For this to become a reality, the people of Rhode Island will have to allow their constitution to be amended. Many feel that the casino will bring a substantial amount of revenue and property tax relief to the state. Some are for a casino because it promises to provide jobs to Rhode Islanders. Others feel that a casino will bring psychological damage and ruin to local businesses, which outweigh the fiscal benefits mentioned above.

In this example, a risky decision is in the hands of citizens who are flying blind. The people of Rhode Island have been bombarded with pro-casino advertising and monetary estimates since July, and yet many still feel that they cannot accurately predict what will happen if the casino is built. The people of Rhode Island have a responsibility to enact their citizenships—whatever the people think is best is what will be realized, so let's hope that the people are thinking.

When citizens do not think, when they rest comfortably on their intangible 'rights,' and chose to remain apathetic to

political situations, their country is no longer their own. A country is not ever be finished building itself—countries progress through time, always gathering more identity through each of its collective projects. When a country becomes stagnant, it is less effective at building its identity, much like a person who lives as if he or she were dead. Unless citizens are actively engaged in building up their country, they will cease to identify with it, and their citizenships will be rendered meaningless.

It seems that our democracy currently has no room for citizens, an ironic and somewhat paradoxical statement. On a national level, this presidency has shown that it's not enough to simply elect officials those people must be held accountable for the decisions that are made in the name of American citizens. If we can learn anything from these last five years, it is that, in fulfilling our role as citizens, we have a responsibility to keep those who run this country answerable for themselves. Don't forget: This country exists for us, but without our explicit interest, our democratic nation will disintegrate.

If it is the aim of democracy to uphold the will of the people, then the people are in turn responsible for their own democracy. We not only have a right to participate in American democracy—we have a responsibility to do so. Therefore, being a citizen means being an active person. Our rights have little significance if we do not actively realize them.

Sources: NPR.org

Letters to the Editor:

Paying tribute to a worthy man—Earl

I'm a huge fan, and always go to you to learn about anything and everything to pick up the ladies and to help keep my relationships going. I don't know how I would get by without your advice. I was shocked to find that your impenetrable wisdom had made a mistake, though! I do recognize that you are mortal, and are entitled to mistakes, but it seemed to me that you were so smooth as to not let such a thing happen! You see, you missed an important part of the Contra code. The key part you missed is select. Up Up Down Down Left Right Left Right B A

Select Start. It's easy to forget! Especially since these new videogame controllers don't have a select key any more. I just figured you may want to know and please forgive me for correcting you! You're my idol!

"Earl Jr." (Todd Page '08)

P.S. - Did you know that the Contra (or "Konami" code) can also be used on almost every game Konami has made? It just got popularly known on Contra! It even works on some Non-Konami games

Accountability in exchange for funds

The article on BOP funding highlights a critical area in regard to a student organization where Student Congress has failed in allocating funds. BOP consistently receives the funds they request. Almost every other club consistently does not receive the funds they request.

Instead of spending \$60,000 on a well known act, such as Howie Day, whose concert received terrible reviews for his terrible lip synching and complete lack of interest in giving the concert, but BOP could support local musicians. BOP could pay local musicians \$1,000 to perform at McPhail's every week during both semesters and save at least \$20,000. Not only would local musicians be much more grateful for the money than Howie Day, BOP would also be helping the local music scene and increasing Providence College's connection to the surrounding community. The remaining \$20,000 could then be dis-

tributed to other clubs and organizations who need the increased funding.

If BOP is trying to appeal to all students on campus, why do they have a bus trip to NYC to see *Hairspray* the same weekend that *Amadeus* is opening on campus? Not only is BOP preventing many theater students from seeing a Broadway show but more importantly it is also subverting the work and effort that theater students have put in to producing *Amadeus*.

BOP needs to be held accountable for all of their events. Independent, non-biased tracking of attendance at its events should occur to determine how successful the events are in reaching out to the student population. At the very least, BOP needs to keep track of every single dollar they spend.

Michael Bonnell '08

Where does the money go?

In response to Jennifer Jarvis '07's article, "BOP—Where the money goes," I would like to draw attention to the first sentence of this article. Within the first 10 words, Jarvis writes, "If you've ever been to . . . Things for Thursday . . . the [Board of Programers (BOP)] has served you." It isn't factual and thus forces the reader to question the validity of the entire article. BOP does not run the Things for Thursday program. Things for Thursday is put on by the S.A.I.L. office and its graduate assistants, who do an incredible job providing excellent events for students passing through the Slavin Center on Thursday afternoons. They deserve due credit. Throughout the article, Jarvis presents the argument that BOP does not effectively spend its funds but does not support it with concrete facts. No statistical evidence is presented on event attendance or actual expenses. No comparisons are drawn to programming groups at our peer institutions.

Furthermore, in response to the question, "Where does the money go?" a quick

glance around campus will point students in the right direction. Granted, between losing table tents in Ray and *The Cowl's* decision to charge clubs \$400 for full page advertisements, deciphering the mess of posters on kiosks has proven difficult for students. But on any given day, there are at least three posters hanging outside the BOP office, an event ticket, and each poster kiosk advertising a BOP event. Within the month of October alone, BOP has sponsored 12 events, ranging from Broadway shows, trips to Six Flags, concerts, lectures, among other events, not to mention Channel 47 movies.

If students are not satisfied with how BOP uses its funds they should speak up. Head down to the BOP office and make a suggestion. Go to a BOP event and introduce yourself to a member; he or she would be glad to tell you what upcoming events might be catered toward you. Reading a misinforming article and complaining to your friends from the confines of your dorm room will change nothing. Richard Faillace '07

BY ERIC FULFORD '08
COMMENTARY STAFF

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Contrary to all logic, watching "Grey's Anatomy" for seven hours straight did not help Dave with his anatomy midterm at all.

Tangents and Tirades

I want to suck your blood? I really don't want to suck YOUR blood, but I do want to hear about others who do. Be sure to go to McPhail's on Tuesday, Oct. 24, at 5:30 p.m., to hear the lecture "Sinking Your Teeth into Vampire Tales: Everything You Always Wanted to Know, but Were Afraid to Ask." While there you can learn all about vampires and pick up a vampire "grill" compliments of the History Club. On Wednesday, Oct. 25, (look for posters for the time and place) to go on the "Unauthorized Tour" of Providence College. The History Club will take you places where even Friars' Club can't go. Vampires = \$0.00, Unauthorized Tour = \$2.00, Referencing an outdated commercial? Unforgivable.—**Laura Bedrossian '07**

More cars than meets the eye. Now that I am a junior, I love having my car on campus. I have waited two years for this privilege. I love the freedom and I love the mobility a car offers. I do not, however, like the parking situation. More than once, I have driven to all of the student parking lots, but have been unsuccessful in finding a parking spot. I ended up parking in the faculty lot, and notified a security guard so that my Ford Taurus would end up in a lot somewhere. I suggest allowing students to park in faculty parking during the weekends. I do not have a solution for the work week, but my observation is that there are more cars than there are parking spaces.—**Betsy Rouleau '08**

Double standards. A few days ago, Congressman Gerry Studds passed away. Studds was the first openly gay member of Congress and a Democratic representative of Massachusetts. In addition to this, he was also censured by Congress in 1983 for having sex with his 17-year-old page in the 1970s. Following this, he remained in Congress until his retirement in 1997. When Congressman Mark Foley was caught having sent sexually explicit e-mails to a page he immediately resigned; his political career is over, as should be expected. Should the same standard have not been applied to Congressman Studds? We should be willing to hold all of our elected officials to the same moral standard, regardless of the time period in which they held office to the party to which they belong.—**Kyle Drennen '07**

Just wanna give out some props to my peeps. Just like those little (and big) teenyboppers on those music video shows, I just want to give a "shout out" to whomever decided that it was OK to projectile vomit on a certain floor of Davis Hall. Why should he or she be bestowed with my attention? Without going into the disgust factor of his or her actions or the fact that it is inconsiderate of the residents on the floor, but I am concerned over who actually cleaned the mess. Those who are hired to clean the buildings here at PC are not hired to be our personal maids. We, as responsible adults, should and are expected to clean up after ourselves. I am, of course, assuming that the individual did not clean the disarray he or she caused, and I hope that whoever the guilty culprit may be did act responsibly. We need to consider others when we live in the dorms, such as the maintenance workers, and not just one's fellow residents.—**Laura Bedrossian '07**

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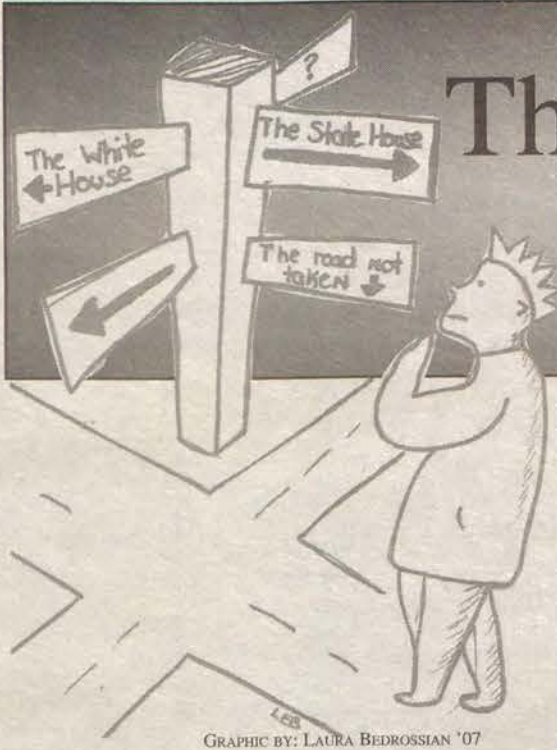
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The Rhode to the State House

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As Tuesday, Nov. 7, is approaching, you should be asking yourself: Will I be a ghost or a hamburger for Halloween—right? WRONG—though I do bet a nifty James Woods costume would go over big in the state. You most definitely should do your duty by exercising your right as an American citizen and asking yourself: Do I know all the candidates and referenda issues on which I am going to vote? Don't panic, I'm still here to help you sort this all through, so stick with me for the next few weeks and keep yourself

On the first Tuesday after the first Monday next month, Rhode Island voters will have the opportunity to vote on nine referenda. Last week we went through the first three ballot questions; in this issue, I'll take you through a few more:

Question 4:

If approved, this question will allow the state to issue bonds for higher education. Specifically, it will enable the issuing of bonds, refunding bonds, and temporary notes which cannot go over \$65,000,000 for the construction of a new college of pharmacy building at the University of Rhode Island and \$7,790,000 for renovations to the former Department of Children, Youth, and Families buildings at Rhode Island College.

Question 5:

Approving this question will allow the state to issue bonds, refunding bonds, and temporary notes to match federal funds. It would also provide direct funding for improvements to the state's highways and bridges as well as money to provide funding for commuter rail, and funds to pur-

chase and to provide general maintenance on buses for the Rhode Island Public Transit Authority.

Question 6:

Vote "yes" on this question, and the Roger Williams Park Zoo in Providence could be issued bonds, refunding bonds, and temporary notes not to exceed \$11,000,000 for improvements to the park.

Despite the fact that many on the Providence College campus may not be registered Rhode Island voters, many are still highly involved in the campaigns and issues, and remain highly informed on the elements of Campaign 2006.

Sarah Highland '08, president of the PC Republicans and campaign manager for the Dan Harrop campaign, stated that she believes "the Republicans in Rhode Island are the strongest they've ever been. I think the Rhode Island electorate is tired of a single party system."

Highland elaborated by adding that, in her opinion, bringing more Republicans to power will bring a "breath of fresh air" to

the state. But what can the Republican Party bring to Rhode Island that the Democrats cannot? "The Republicans can bring new ideas," stated Highland, "they can bring new perspectives, and they can bring new dialogue." Given the state's history in electing, Highland said she does not believe that the Republicans will sweep the boards by any means, but in her opinion the Democrats have had a hold on power for too long.

However, Kevin Roe '07, who works on the campaign for Charlie Fogarty, and is president of the PC Democrats, clearly does not share Highland's view. "The failure of past Republican leadership makes the need for change apparent. We need new ideas and new solutions which the Democrats can provide," stated Roe.

Holding that the Republicans have not delivered much to the state, Roe sees that under Gov. Donald Carcieri's leadership Rhode Island maintains the highest unemployment in the country and the state continually has problems of corruption within the various parts of the state government.

"Democratic leaders, such as candidate for governor, [Lt. Gov.] Charlie Fogarty, are being seen as an alternative to the

Rhode Island electorate," said Roe.

Some more useful links to help you in your quest for knowledge on all issues having to do with the election:

The League of Women Voters

This nonpartisan political organization established in 1920, with leagues in all 50 states, is a good source for information on issues.

<http://www.lwv.org/>

The Federal Election Commission

The FEC's job is to handle tasks such as disclosing campaign finance information and enforcing the campaign finance laws. To view data on campaign finance reports, check the commission meetings, and read the laws and regulations candidates and campaigns must abide.

<http://www.fec.gov/>

Charlie Hall's political cartoons—Hall is a local comedian and artist.

<http://oceanstatefollies.com/Galleries.html>

(All information on State Referenda can be found in Sec. of State Matt Brown's 2006 Voter Information Handbook)

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when Wallace quoted Osama bin Laden. In the wake of the Somalia debacle, bin Laden reportedly stated "I have seen the frailty and the weakness and the cowardice of U.S. troops." Clinton, who has appeared on shows such as CNN's *Larry King Live* and NBC's *Meet the Press*, isn't used to such hard-hitting questioning from the host. As Bozell states, "Here's an actual Larry King question to Clinton: 'Now, the purpose of your initiative overall is to make the world a better place, right? . . . Is it a better place?'" Clinton has no trouble

with soft-ball questions like these and would never dream of attacking a news network that has been as loyal to him as CNN. Clinton "only expects a challenge from the radical right-wingers at Fox. That's what he calls anyone who would ruffle a fine feather of his glorious legacy-building project," says Bozell.

As news outlets like Fox grow more popular, Americans are turning away from the irresponsible main-stream media that attacks President Bush non-stop, while giving men, like Clinton a free pass.

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Indie band invasion

Learn about *Ima Robot*, *Damone*, and *Under the Influence of Giants*—the three bands opening for the *All-American Rejects*, the headlining band for the fall concert on Oct. 23

Ima Robot

BY JOE MCCORMACK '07
A&E STAFF

Ima Robot is the red paint peeling off of fake bricks in a Los Angeles alleyway. The group sounds like The Sex Pistols playing Mötley Crüe songs. Its members feel like a darker Andrew W.K., and they dress like they thought the '80s were cool long before you did (which is probably true). Ima Robot comes from L.A., where the band has a huge fan base for its live shows, like the one that propelled Mötley Crüe to stardom. The group compares itself in interviews to the Killers and Panic! at the Disco, but is always careful to complain that it has been at it a half-decade longer than those two bands.

If you're looking for fun songs, danceable songs, hipster irony, and charisma, this is your band. If you're looking for good songwriting, singing, lyrics, musical integrity, catchy hooks, fun, danceable songs, hipster irony, and charisma, try Head Automatica.

I am very excited to see this band live. The frontman Alex Ebert and his compatriot Timmy "the Terror" Anderson have a motto. As they explain in *Campus Circle* magazine, "every show has to be a memorable experience for everyone in the crowd." I am inclined to believe that they will deliver on that promise after hearing the ferocity of the album, even the ferocity is impotent. It attack your ears like a de-clawed lioness, all the more enraged for her lack of ability.

The paradox that is Ima Robot is encapsulated by the lyrics. It shows an attempt at deep thinking and an attempt to reconcile pain, alienation, love, obsession, murder, and politics. At the same time, the songs all sound like they were written under the influence of very strong narcotics, not only because they are trite and under-thought, a kind of stoner-philosophy, but because they are so heavy-handed and inelegantly written. Take for example, "Oh, ow, stop it hurts/pretty things make it worse/soon ima hit the dirt/so unfair—such despair/poetry beauty desperation of love," part of the rap section in "Cool Cool Universe."

The middle of the group's new album, *Monument to the Masses*, has some bright spots, with "Happy Annie," "The Beat," "Stick it to the Man," and a fun little ballad called "Lovers in Captivity." In an arena, when you cannot make out what the singer is saying, the energy lifts Ima Robot up to where Mötley Crüe once lived: Revving up crowds, seducing girls, and casting an ironic wink on the whole thing. Without the lyrics that irony pervades throughout the sound and look of this band, taking from U2 and the Sex Pistols in the same sentence and not thinking twice about it. Come on, it's fun. . . right?



GRAPHIC BY KATIE LEVINE '07 AND JAMES MCGEHEE '08

Under the Influence of Giants

BY JESS MCCAULEY '07
A&E STAFF

Any band that references Pogs, tumbleweed, and blueberry jam as a lubricant in its own biography is bound to be all over the place. Luckily for *Under the Influence of Giants*, this assumption holds true, but in an intriguingly musical way. Citing influences from the Pointer Sisters (I'm so excited! I'm so excited! I'm so. . . scared. . .) to the Wu Tang Clan to the Beatles, the average person might approach this band with some tongs and a pair of rubber gloves.

Fear not, Avid Appreciators of ColdMatthews FrayJohnson, *Under the Influence of Giants* will undoubtedly keep your toes a-tappin' with its disco-infused electronic alt rock.

Formed in the Los Angeles area by buddies Aaron Bruno (vocals), Jamin Wilcox (drummer/keyboards), and Drew Stewart (guitar), the group united under the common front of evoking a certain emotion from their music.

As the group began to record its original material, bassist David Amezcua joined its efforts, and the band progressed into a funk-flavored amalgamation of Prince-style R&B, pop song structures, Bee Gee-esque vocals, and effective white-boy soul that caught the attention of hipsters and mainstream music fans alike in the Los Angeles area.

Even from a cursory glance at the

band's self-titled full-length album cover, it's difficult to ascertain exactly what decade the band—or the music—is from. Is the group a neo-70s soul hipster foursome? Is it (minus the one guy with the grizzly beard) the Bee Gees settling in during a plane ride to the recording sessions of the *Saturday Night Fever* soundtrack? Is it an electronica/alt pop band from the year 2010?

It is all of these at the same time and yet not—the band manages to draw from countless artists, bands, and genres without simply rehashing what has already been done.

Since disco sucked, *Under the Influence of Giants* made it better. Since rock in the '70s was almost perfect, the group sampled what it liked. Since everybody loves Pogs, and tumbleweed, and blueberry jam, it referenced all, and more.

A band like *Under the Influence of Giants* might seem, with such widespread influences, one of those bands that completely polarizes the audience.

It is safe to say that on the band's genuine sense of basic rock, it picked what it liked—and what worked well—out of the catalogue of music history to create a sound that manages to be familiar and progressive at the same time.

The group's reissued its self-titled debut album back in August under Island Records.

Source: www.myspace.com/thegiants

Damone

BY JESS MCCAULEY '07
A&E STAFF

Live fast, die young. From Bon Scott to Keith Moon, Jimi Hendrix to Sid Vicious, most musicians live out this rock 'n' roll ideology by destroying themselves with copious amounts of drugs and alcohol. *Damone* has followed in their footsteps intentionally by perpetuating hard rock anthems but it has also involuntarily come close to emulating rock 'n' roll deaths.

After running for a few minutes on a treadmill at the gym, trying to blow off steam during the recording process for their second album, *Out Here All Night*, *Damone* bassist Vazquez felt a strange sensation in his head and passed out from what would later be identified as a brain hemorrhage. Lucky for Vazquez and the rest of the band, the rock gods didn't claim another victim, and he recovered well enough from a two-day coma to contribute to the creative process for the second album.

Damone, hailing from Boston, was not completely in the clear, however, as further financial problems and internal strife led its guitarist to quit and its label to leave them in the dark, all while the band itself was struggling to avoid being pegged as another Avril Lavigne rip-off. Thankfully, lead singer and guitarist Noelle did not have a penchant for wearing skinny ties and wifebeaters, so *Damone* already had a leg up on the competition. Besides, I question Avril's ability to recognize that *Damone* is named after the piano-key-scarf-wearing ticket scalper from *Fast Times at Ridgmont High*. That fact alone should be enough to intrigue any person with a soul, or at least some knowledge of pop culture from the last 25 years.

With lyrics by Noelle and Vazquez, backed up by the musical arrangements of lead guitarist Mike Woods and drummer Dustin Hengst, *Damone* set out to re-conquer the world the way old school hard rock bands did during the late '70s and '80s. Citing influences from legendary bands like Led Zeppelin and AC/DC to more humorous antecedents like Mötley Crüe and Ratt, *Damone* has successfully fused razor sharp metal riffs with pop-song structure to create hard rock revival that is as accessible—and entertaining—as your parents' unlocked liquor cabinet. Employing the clear timbre of Noelle's vocals without declining into pitiful wallowing, *Damone* instead looks to bring back the spirit of good old rock 'n' roll, minus the part about burning out before fading away. Coupling an energetic, ear-searing live performance with straightforward rock anthems, *Damone* brings the audience back to the Golden Age of rock with no need for a time machine.

Source: www.myspace.com/damone

Castle is 3-Dumb-ensional

There are better ways to get excited for Halloween than seeing *The Haunted Castle*

BY KATIE LEVINE '07
ASST. A&E EDITOR

To get in the spirit of Halloween, the Feinstein IMAX Theatre at the Providence Place Mall is showing the 2001 3-D film *The Haunted Castle*. I love the IMAX theatre, especially in 3-D, so I decided to check it out. Even though those 3-D glasses are incredibly cool, I would recommend that you get in the mood for Halloween in some other way.

The Haunted Castle is about Johnny, a wannabe rock star who has been estranged from his reclusive ex-rock star mother since age three. Suddenly, Johnny gets a letter from Europe informing him of this mother's death and summoning him to appear in person and inherit his mother's castle. But this letter is really a trick by the devil himself (uncreatively called "Mr. D") to turn Johnny into a rock star in order to get him to sign a contract with the devil.

Any plot at all would have been better than this one. This movie could have easily just been a creepy tour through a scary castle and could have had some real fun with the 3-D element. The rock star/music element was totally out of place.

Johnny is played by Jasper Steverlinck of the Belgian rock band Arid. Don't worry, I've never heard of the group either, which made the random live performance by the band at the end of the film even weirder.

The movie takes Johnny on a tour through hell and shows him the miserable ex-rock stars who broke their contracts with Mr. D (even though I don't really understand how seeing souls in pain would convince him to sign a contract with the devil).

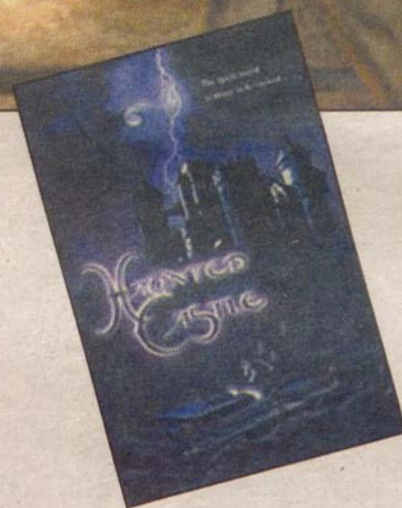
I don't want to ruin it for those of you who plan on seeing this film, but the end was the most ridiculous part of it all. I could go on and on about how weird the storyline was, but I will spare you. I, unfortunately, was not afforded that pleasure.

The only redeeming factor of *The Haunted Castle* comes through the visuals. There is a moderately amusing part where you feel as if you are on a roller coaster. The creators of this film found every excuse to make things pop out at the audience, which is pretty much expected in a 3-D movie. I found myself acting like a little kid more than once by reaching out and trying to touch the objects popping out at me, along with the 10-year-olds sitting two rows down.

If you really like the IMAX and 3-D movies, you should check this one out—if you can ignore the miserably bad plot. With a student rate, the cost is only \$6 (less than seeing a matinee at the regular movie theatre). But if you are just looking for a fun way to get in the mood for Halloween there are plenty of other ways to do this: Scary movies, fun costumes, or a haunted house.



If you can't tell by the picture above, this movie is pretty stupid: In *The Haunted Castle*, the Devil offers a wannabe rock star a deal that will make his dreams come true.



Let's be serious, man: Lewis Black gives Robin Williams some political advice.

BY OWEN LARKIN '07
A&E STAFF

Film studios are nothing more than a conglomerate of liars and thieves. I'm not really bothered by this, because they have as much of a right to manipulate the system and make a few bucks as any other American of questionable morals. But why, I implore you, do they feel the need to bring the movie preview into the mire of deceit and misinformation? It doesn't make any sense, and my patience is wearing thin.

I went to see *Man of the Year* anticipating a feel-good comedy. "What if a Comedian Ran for President? . . . What if He Won?" they asked me in the preview. And to be perfectly forthright, I spent some time pondering this intriguing and rather comical question. I expected to see Robin Williams become president and simply have a good time. After spending 45 minutes in office, he would realize he has to take his job seriously, only to break down, and re-bound after some soul searching. The movie would end with a

nice montage where he becomes a great president, and that's it. But no. The studio couldn't be formulaic even when I wanted it to be. Instead of a lighthearted good time, *Man of the Year* attempts to be a serious film, leaving the audience to wonder when the comedy is going to begin. I could laugh harder watching the real president (as much as this term applies) than watching this film.

Through all this, however, *Man of the Year* is not half bad. Robin Williams plays Tom Dobbs, the host of a *Daily Show*-type talk show. When more and more people look to his show for actual news, the public starts to align itself more with Dobbs' views than those of real politicians. As only seems natural, one of his fans suggests that he run for president and, as for us to have a movie here, he enters into the good fight.

But then, out of nowhere, the movie takes a serious turn. Meet Eleanor Green (Laura Linney), an employee of Delacroy—a company that has recently developed and put in place a new computerized voting system. This system is adopted by the U.S. government, and will

be the new way to vote in the upcoming election. Yada yada yada, she finds a glitch in the system, tells the CEO who tries to cover it up, and all of a sudden we have a drama on our hands.

The rest of the film is, more or less, a political thriller filled with dramatic irony and a few thought provoking scenes. It is, however, rather devoid of anything overwhelmingly hilarious. There are a few funny one-liners and clever scenes, but most of the humor is simply Williams taking parts of his stand-up routine and interjecting them into the storyline. As you may have figured out by now, this is not how the film was packaged.

The saving grace of *Man of the Year* is the cast. Christopher Walken, who plays Dobbs' manager, does a good job with his character, as one has come to expect of the superbly talented actor. Watching him interact with Lewis Black (who offered some of the funniest lines of the movie) created some of the film's best scenes. I also enjoyed Jeff Goldblum's part as the mildly evil and dark right-hand man of the sleazy Delacroy CEO. But as much as the cast was excellent, I still think that its

members could have done a better job.

Man of the Year is not bad. In fact, it is rather good, but only if you are prepared for the type of film you are going to see. If you want to laugh and take part in Robin Williams' silliness, I'd suggest renting some of his stand-up, or just about any other movie in which he has starred. If you are looking for a somewhat serious, and mildly thought-provoking film, then, why not? Go see it. Just don't tell me I didn't warn you.

GRADE: B-

Man of the Year

Directed by: Barry Levinson

Starring: Robin Williams, Laura Linney, and Christopher Walken

Runtime: 115 minutes

Rated PG-13

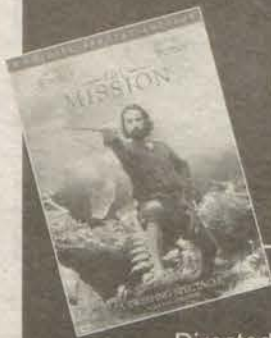


Anti-comedy needs laughs

Man of the Year provokes more thoughts than laughs. Does it work? Owen Larkin '07 has mixed thoughts.

Picks of the Week

By Joe McCormack '07
A&E Staff



Movie

The Mission
Directed by Roland Joffé

Jesuit missionaries from Spain in the jungles of Brazil use music and non-violence to gain the trust, love, and religious devotion of an isolated tribe, until the kings and Church conspire to sell the land to Portugal and destroy the "dangerous" Jesuit outpost. The cinematography and music are heartbreakingly beautiful. The story is told simply and without dialogue until the powers that be interfere. It stars Robert DeNiro and Jeremy Irons.



Music

As Tall As Lions
As Tall As Lions
Triple Crown

The hope of Long Island, ATAL comes back from their unfocused debut, *Lafcadia*, to deliver depth, majesty, and timelessness. Now more like the Police than U2, the interplay of vocal melodies are more free and soulful than previously seen from singer Daniel Nigro. Layer that with counter-melodies (usually sung by new bassist Julio Tavares, who adds Latin soul and a velvet voice), and challenging drums. No matter what genre of music you like, you will love this album. I promise.



Book

Orlando Furioso
By Ludovico Ariosto

OK, so it's a 700-page epic poem written in 1516. Still, you will never read anything like it. A witty study of human folly, full of scene changes, absurd characters who change their goals faster than Paris Hilton in Saks 5th Avenue, hilarious monsters, and not so subtle innuendo. It's the epic poem for the ADD generation, only 510 years ahead of its time. Just make sure you get a translation that's easy to read.

Where is the love?

Here are four actresses who haven't gotten the credit and recognition they deserve from audiences and critics

BY DEANNA CIOPPA '07
A&E STAFF

Some of you among my most faithful (thanks, Mom) might remember a piece I wrote last year concerning underappreciated actors—sidekicks, comic relief, etc.

MOVIE FEATURE

Well, I think it's time for the ladies to have a turn. The task is a bit more daunting this time around.

It seems that Hollywood is split these days between gorgeous young starlets banking on their bodies and more mature women esteemed for their acting chops and not their looks. So where do you go to find unrecognized talent with or without drop-dead beauty? I found what I was looking for in film and T.V. alike; the somewhat absurd friend of the female lead, the tough as nails suburban mom, the intimidatingly artsy girl—I beg you give them their due. Read on...

Vera Farmiga:

Thirty-three year old Farmiga first caught my eye as Teresa Gazelle in *Running Scared* (2006). There is a definite roughness to Farmiga's looks and character which bordered on trashy in this film, until you took a moment to really look at her face. Aside from decidedly "strong" features, there is something haunted, something sad in her eyes which not only makes her more believable as a lower-class mom in Jersey, but seems to make everything else around her more believable as well; part of what makes the audience dubious toward her husband's crude behavior and suspect dealings is the years it has put into his wife's eyes. Farmiga recently appeared as a strong yet vulnerable psychiatrist in *The Departed* opposite Matt Damon and Leonardo DiCaprio. What remains to be seen is if Farmiga can play a "softer" role. I, for one, am confident that she can.

Ginnifer Goodwin:

Goodwin wasn't given much to work with in 2004's *Win a Date With Tad Hamilton!*. Playing the cute and curvy friend of a waif-like Kate Bosworth made me worry that Goodwin would always be typecast as just that—the quirky friend whose job it is to highlight just how gorgeous the leading lady is. Well, Goodwin has got quirky down. There's a twitch to her features that made even the more banal lines funny, at least in delivery. Goodwin's proved herself adept at drama as well, turning in a sensitive and believable performance as Johnny Cash's first wife in *Walk the Line*. Perhaps her most challenging role to date, however, has been in HBO's series *Big Love*, a look into the life of a modern-day polygamous family in Utah. As the young



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Actresses (clockwise from top): Goodwin, Matarazzo, Collette, and Farmiga.

third wife Margene Heffman, Goodwin straddles the life of a newlywed with the complex system of interrelationships that accompanies polygamy. Margene is 23, and though she loves her family, it is a lonely life. Goodwin captures perfectly the mixed bag of Margene's feelings—a love-struck zest for life and a growing realization of just what she has gotten herself into. Quirks and all, Goodwin is one to watch.

Heather Matarazzo:

No one does awkward quite like Heather Matarazzo. The 24-year-old has played eccentric sidekick to some of Hollywood's most prominent leading ladies—Anne Hathaway in *The Princess Diaries* (2001), and Kirsten Dunst in *Strike!* (1998), among others. Yet Matarazzo manages to hold her own, bringing maturity to Hollywood's image of the dork. In *Strike!* she played an unattractive loser-type that could have easily sunk into caricature. Fortunately, Matarazzo knew how to bring enough pathos to the role to keep it from doing just that. Long live the geek!

Toni Collette:

I'm tired of the brilliant Toni Collette playing second fiddle. Brains, beauty and serious acting chops should have made this Aussie a far bigger star than she is. And yet, I continue to see her as "the awkward" or "overweight" sister, mother, friend. *The Last Shot* (2004) was an exception, in which the lithe Collette played an '80s B-movie star. But consider 2005's *In Her Shoes*, in which she played the chubby older sister to Cameron Diaz. Collette admittedly gained weight for the role, but even then, Diaz was the headliner. Why? Collette played with far more depth, and the weight gain itself was a testament to her dedication to her craft. In 2002's *About A Boy*, she was the undesirable mother of Hugh Grant's young friend. In the HBO movie *Dinner With Friends*, she was once again the absurd friend who couldn't hold on to a man. Artistically, Collette can run the gamut from a suicidal depressive to an ego-maniacal vixen. She makes falling apart at the seams relatable, organic, and effective. All I ask is that she receives some credit.

Countdown to JRW: 23 days

Time to get started on finding a date!

Take the A&E Quiz:

What classic action hero returns to the big screen in his 21st film this fall?

If you know the answer to this question, come apply to the A&E Staff in Slavin G05.

I can get my clothes in the morning

BY LINDSAY WENGLOSKI '10
PORTFOLIO STAFF

Midnight on campus: Dark obviously; cold, most likely; deserted, if it happens to be a Thursday, Friday, or Saturday. A lone cat slinks by under the pooling light from a streetlamp and is lost in the shadows again. Far off in the distance, a siren wails. On lower campus, a hand reaches for a vial hidden high up on a shelf and tosses it into a bulging bag that looks like something out of *The Blob*. With a *plop*, a worn, ancient-looking book lands in the bag, too. Midnight. The witching hour. *Tres* spooky.

Fear not, Harry Potter haters. No covens, no séances, and no Miss Cleo hotlines to be found here at Friartown. Just good old-fashioned alchemy—and by alchemy, I mean the centuries-old secret process of mixing an excessive amount of detergent, water, and a week's worth of smelly clothes in one of Providence College's very own, industrial-strength, water buffalo-cleaning, typhoon-creating, kiddie-pool size washing machines. Add eye of newt, toe of frog, and your favorite soiled sweater; press one of six magic buttons, and enjoy your 40 minutes of reading time while you wait.

Sounds simple and just rings of domestic bliss, right? I thought it did. But that was before I realized that all residence hall laundry rooms are *not* created equal. I live in Dore Hall. Don't try telling me our laundry room is just like Ray's. Just don't.

My nocturnal laundry experience began with the elevator depositing me in Dore's unsettlingly warm basement. With a *ding*, its doors slammed shut and the elevator shot up to a safer locale, leaving me, laundry bag in tow, to fend for myself. Being a person who still believes that scary things live under my bed, despite the fact that my bed happens to be lofted, I don't do horror movies—not even the crappy ones. Standing alone in the hallway outside of the laundry room, I still managed to notice how easy it would be to turn my late-night laundry fiesta into a cheap horror movie—despite my scary-flick deprivation. Think about it: A young girl all alone, late at night, in a basement that used to be a morgue? Just add a chainsaw, the undead, a kid who meows, or a girl who crawls out of the T.V., and you've got one

freshman who's suddenly not so sure she still wants to wash her favorite sweatshirt all by her lonesome. Being that stereotypical cognizant but still clueless brunette every horror flick is required to kill off in the first five minutes, I decided that washing my clothes in an eerie basement was still a good idea.

I lugged my body-bag of clothing into the laundry room and proceeded to shovel it indiscriminately into two cavernous machines. After pouring in a liberal amount of detergent, I opted to play Russian roulette with my wardrobe. Pick a button, any button. Thankfully, the machine my woolen sweater was in happened to get the cold-water wash. The doors locked shut, the water began pumping into the washers, and I settled down for a long, mildly spooky, late-night reading session.

Twenty minutes into *A Portrait of the Artist as a Young Man*, a washer in the corner began to grumble angrily. I ignored it. The machine, clearly offended that I wasn't concerned with its Maytag angst, rumbled louder. "It's just overloaded," I reasoned to myself, naively thinking that Dore's washing machines, like the rest of the building, are somehow 'normal.' So when the entire machine began pulsating and shrieking a few minutes later, I realized that my "overload" explanation *might* need a few revisions. And when the table I was perched on began shaking with the temper tantrum tremors from the machine, I decided that vacating the premise was probably a good idea.

Unfortunately, by this time my own washing machines (my own!) either



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caught the ornery or decided to check "get possessed by a malevolent spirit" off their appliance To-Do lists. I couldn't leave my clothes to the horrors awaiting them at the hands—err, dials—of the foul-tempered washers. I just couldn't. The machines howled and rattled for what seemed like another 20 minutes (but was, in reality, only five), and then all was still. I heaved a sigh of relief, rescued my sweater, jeans, and other clothes from the clutches of the Dore washing machines, and shoveled them into a waiting dryer. I grabbed my book, laundry bag, and detergent, and ran—not walked—to the elevator. That was enough alchemy for one night.

I could get my clothes in the morning.

That was then, this is now

BY SARAH ARNINI '07
PORTFOLIO STAFF

Whoosh! I remember sliding down the gigantic hill behind school during recess one cold January afternoon. Shrieks of laughter rang out through the snowy field, which was glazed with a layer of sheer ice. I was playing happily with my friends one minute, sledding down the hill, and the next thing I knew, blood was dripping down the side of my face and I felt a stinging sensation too painful to describe. The scrapes on my cheek caused by this icy sledding accident would heal in a week or so. There were other wounds, however, that took a little longer to heal.

There are three things I remember vividly about that year—becoming friends with the "new girl" during a lesson on Chinese New Year, cutting my cheek on the layer of ice on the big hill, and the fact that Amanda stole my sparkly Troll stickers out of my brand new pink and purple backpack—both of which had been Christmas gifts.

"I got them from my aunt in Vermont," she said, blatantly lying to me, and later to the teacher. In tears, and not believing a word of what she said, I went to tell the teacher. Mrs. M was a woman with a jolly disposition, short dark hair, red cheeks, and a round sort of build. She wrapped me in her arms and told me it would be OK. The next day she gave me a sheet of puffy Troll stickers. There were Trolls in Halloween costumes, a Troll with balloons, clown Trolls, an artist Troll, and a ballerina Troll. I was thankful for them, but nothing could replace the sheets of stickers that Amanda had unrightfully robbed from me. They just were not the same. What made me even more upset was the fact that Amanda wouldn't own up to the crime, and she continued to plead innocent.

Isn't it funny the things that stick in our memories? At the time, the Troll sticker robbery was a great tragedy in my life. 14 years later I still remember, and hold it against her, though I have not seen her in many years. Finally, I told myself: "Don't you think it's about time to let this silly thing go?" There are worse things in the world, more important issues to be frustrated about. I had faced much worse in the years that followed the sticker incident.

It made me think perhaps the things that bother me now, like an "unfair" exam I might have had, or a professor who pushed too hard, will matter very little in the future. 14 years from now I might be worried about how to make ends meet to feed my family, or about a certain client I am working with in my job. Maybe it's not worth getting so upset over the little things—it's necessary to learn to focus on the good, and keep those memories in the forefront of the brain. Maybe we're all better off forgiving people for the things they have done to us, to allow us more space to care about one another.

There is so much pain in this world. That pain is worse than the sting from the cut I received on the icy hill behind the elementary school in 1993. A world covered in poverty, hunger, hate, and injustice causes various pains to millions each day. Thinking about that makes me wish I were 7 years old again, simply worrying about how mad I was at Amanda for stealing my sparkly Troll stickers. Sometimes physical wounds heal faster than emotional ones, and I've learned the best way to help heal emotional wounds is to learn to forgive and let go. So Amanda, if you're out there, I forgive you.

That was then, this is now.

Don't let librarians and their fines intimidate you

BY JAMES MCGEHEE '08
A&E EDITOR

As a child, Stephen King checked books out from the Stratford Public Library. I don't know this for sure, but logic follows if the book-loving King lived in Stratford, Conn., for a few years, he must have used the same library I use. Maybe we have read the same copy of Harper Lee's *To Kill a Mockingbird*.

I bet you Uncle Stevie still uses public libraries, although he has the resources to build his own, because readers desire a sense of community in their pursuit of a mostly solitary pastime. I, who share Uncle Stevie's love of books, music, and movies, but not his fortune, need my local library. It's a beautiful thing: Any book I could ever want to buy for \$16.95 at Borders, a VHS and DVD collection bigger than Blockbuster's (yes, bigger, if you consider

most of Blockbuster's DVDs are additional copies of new releases), and a decent, if not a Borders-esque, CD collection are available there.

Libraries, though, demand a hefty fee, like the medieval tax collectors who would pocket half the take. The circulation librarian says to me, "I don't know if you know this, but you have a fine of \$26.95 on your card. You're going to have to start bringing that fine down."

"Yes, thanks ma'am," I reply. "I actually, um, paid some last week. I do the every other week thing." She seems somewhat appeased.

Not enough, though, to prevent: "Just start bringing it down, because that balance is very high."

I have stopped paying my overdue fines for two reasons. First: Because I can. Libraries level fines, but at least in Stratford, they don't have the power to enforce them. Second: Because since ninth grade, when I assumed full responsibility for my account, I have accumulated almost

\$200 in overdue fines.

When I moved into Providence College as a freshman, my balance at the Stratford Public Library was \$0. I achieved a clean soul by first subtracting the \$50 I accumulated on my younger brother's card, which I will never pay, then a few \$20 bills I handed over when feeling rich (and guilty), and finally, the day before I came to Providence College, the librarian wiped my remaining balance, saying simply, "Do well in college." God bless that woman.

But I couldn't keep my soul clean. In two summers (six months altogether), I ran up \$40 in overdue fines. Through occasional payment, I have brought the balance to \$26.95. That's as low as it will ever go.

There's a third reason I stopped: I feel unappreciated by the library. As a high school sophomore, I bought a CD I didn't like, Dashboard Confessional's *A Mark, A Mission, A Brand, A Scar*, and decided on

Over There . . .

Stories from Students Abroad

BY MELISSA SILVANIC '08
FEATURED WRITER

Although I have sporadic pangs of homesickness, I am still having the time of my life in Prague. I am busy with various field trips and have been finding new restaurants and pubs in which to spend my time. My family recently visited, and they graciously took me and several hungry friends out to lunch and dinner whenever we requested. I was able to show them Prague's most beautiful sites and was able to do some "touristy" things myself. I discovered that actually living in a city for several months versus merely visiting for a week, is a very different experience. I tend to stay away from the generic tourist attractions and attempt to discover the authentic Czech lifestyle. I pretend to prevail, even though my frequent eating habits include an American-style bagel restaurant and Subway.

This past weekend, I attended a field trip to a town about an hour outside Prague called Kutna Hora. The most interesting and bizarre part of this trip included a stop at a church decorated completely out of

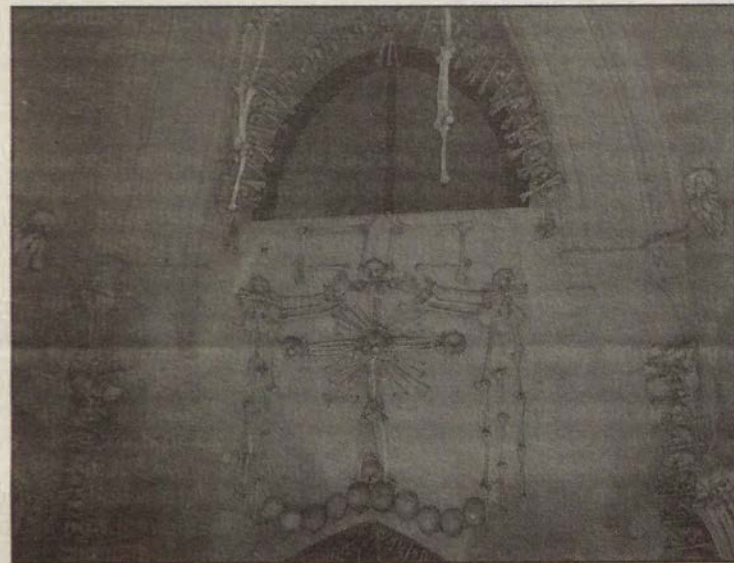
human bones. The bones of more than 40,000 people are hung in very intricate designs throughout the small church. At first glance, it seems like a movie set for a Halloween horror movie—but it's real. The bones come from mass graves of people who most likely died of the plague in the 1300's. In a way, it seems like an honor to be displayed in a beautiful church along with your friends and family who died a tragic death. At least they will always be remembered.

I also recently took a weekend trip to Florence with Maria Galle '08. We were able to stay with her friend who is studying abroad there. Traveling around Europe is easy for the most part. There are some exceptions, though. For example, we were not aware that Alitalia, the primary Italian airline, is notoriously known as one of the worst airlines in the world. When we arrived at the Prague airport at 5:00 a.m., we soon discovered that our flight had been cancelled. We then proceeded to wait in line for approximately two-and-a-half hours to speak broken English and broken Czech to a woman who represented Alitalia. She then informed us that we would be able to fly to Paris and then to Florence. She hand-ed us a piece of paper and we thought we were finished. We soon realized that she did not actually book us a ticket. She only informed us of a possibility of a flight. We then waited in line for another solid hour. The woman in front of us was desperately trying to get back home to Phoenix, Ariz., and the Alitalia woman's response

Getting by on the kindness of elderly Italian men who have a soft-spot for crying, American girls



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was that she could fly to JFK airport in New York City and then take a cab to Phoenix. Absolute disaster.

We finally received our tickets to Paris and Florence, and barely made it through the Charles DeGaulle Airport in Paris to our Florence flight. Needless to say, we had a great weekend experiencing Italy, and the weather was fantastic. On our way back, we handed our handwritten tickets to the check-in counter and were informed that we had not been booked on the flight home. I hate to say it, but the tears began to flow. And apparently a kind, elderly, Italian man can never resist two pathetic, blubbering, American girls. The result was free snacks in the airport, and a paid chauffeur to drive us to the Bologna airport where we flew to Frankfurt, Germany, and then finally made it back to Prague. In three days, we had been in five different airports. At least it makes for a good story. And I have more country stamps in my

passport. We were all lucky enough to attend a soccer (or shall I say "football" game) last week. The match was paid for by our program and was between the two Prague-based teams, Sparta and Slavia. We Americans know that the Europeans take their football seriously, but until you actually attend a match, serious football is definitely an understatement. The beer flows, the chants are continuous, and the lighting of various articles of clothing and/or paper on fire is the norm. It seems as though every football match is equivalent to a Division 1, top-seeded American college football team playing its ultimate rival. It's a blast.

Our fall break is upon us this week, and I am off to Barcelona, Venice, and Rome with a group of friends for a little warm weather and shopping. Life is good over here, but all six of us PC kids miss school! Enjoy the rest of the fall!

Library: Ridiculous fines

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a whim to donate it to the library's growing teen CD collection. They already had Dashboard Confessional's other albums. Would they not love the newest one? The librarian took the CD and I left feeling like a Good Samaritan. Do you know my CD has never appeared in the online catalog? They either sold the CD at the annual sidewalk sale or threw it out.

“The moral: You can check out a PC library book and keep it all year if you really want to, without racking up any overdue fines.”

The library used to offer biannual amnesty days, in which you brought dried and canned goods for the poor, and the librarian reduced your balance by 50 percent. I asked last summer when such a day would happen. “They never were very successful,” said a librarian, “So we've stopped doing them.” That was the final straw.

What about my second favorite library? Last year, my roommate received a friendly letter from the Phillips Memorial Library. He had checked out Chuck Palahniuk's *Choke* in September, never read it, and forgot the book laying under the two-inch coat of Pringle's crumbs on his desk, until the library wondered, come March, what happened to

Choke. The letter demanded my friend pay a ridiculously high amount of about \$35 for the actual book, \$10 for shipping & handling, a \$20 processing fee, a \$15 shelving fee, a \$10 surcharge, a \$40 deposit returned only if the book lasts more than five years, and \$50 for reparations to be paid to the people who wanted to check out the book in the past half-year but couldn't. The letter did not state that if the book was returned the ridiculous bill would be waived. Pissed (and I choose this word very carefully, as my friend's choice phrase during the many trials he faces is, “I'm so pissed right now. I am sooo pissed.”), he spoke to a librarian, who said he didn't owe anything now that he had returned the book. The moral: You can check out a PC library book and keep it all year if you really want to, without racking up any overdue fines.

Of course, don't ignore the issue of respect. Every May, I'll want to check out a book or movie someone else has already checked out. The due date on the computer catalog reads early June. I return mid-June and again find it checked out. The due date: Early June again. Come late August, still checked out, still due early June. Not paying your library fines is one thing, but don't be the person responsible for something like that. And this goes for whoever has checked out *Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf* from the Phillips Memorial Library. Your book is due Oct. 23, and I better find it on the shelf soon after.

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—Commencement Core '07

Scarves, skepticism, and undying love

BY JENNIFER McCafferty '07
PORTFOLIO STAFF

Katie had worried that something like this was going to happen from the moment her friends had first suggested that they go to a fortune-teller in the "artsy" part of town. They had ended up paying \$25 each to listen to a strange lady wearing an inordinate number of scarves make up stories about their future that was supposedly derived from the wrinkles on their palms.

The woman had smiled serenely into Katie's dubious eyes and made vague predictions about what was to come. While she dramatically hinted that Katie might end up in a career involving paper, or that she would someday face some foggily-foreseen hardship, Katie had been silently telling herself not to believe a word of it. She had simply smiled and nodded, and occasionally feigned intrigue with an "oh!" or an "ah!" and let the predictions bounce off her like invisible ping-pong balls . . .

All except for one. The woman had just told Katie that there would be some kind of purchase in the near future when suddenly, she stopped mid-sentence and yanked Katie's hand closer, staring at it intently. She leaned so low over Katie's hand that the ends of the scarf wrapped around her head drooped onto Katie's wrist. And then she smiled and looked back at Katie, seemingly oblivious to her vaguely bemused expression.

"Aha," the fortune teller said, sitting back in her chair with a look of triumph, the scarf ends flipping back over her shoulders. "Young lady, I see someone with blonde hair in your future. He's a stranger to you now, but within the next six weeks, he will declare his undying love to you!"

Katie was startled by the lady's seemingly random preciseness. All of the other predictions had been vague and could have been applied to anyone, but this last one had actually involved intimidating specifics of appearance and time. As she left the fortune-teller and rejoined her friends waiting outside, her mind raced. Should she believe it? Or should she dismiss it as a ploy of the woman to spark her customers' interests and possibly draw them back to her for more over-priced prophecies? Logic told Katie to dismiss it as fiction, as it was descended from a line of other made-up stories.

But somewhere in the back of her mind, there was a curious twinge that haunted Katie for the next few weeks. She could no longer look at any man with blonde hair without having to quell a wave of panic that inevitably arose within her. As a result, she under-tipped a blonde waiter at a restaurant, nearly got into a car wreck with a blonde kid in an El Camino, and seriously considered skipping school when she learned that her English class's substitute teacher was a 47-year-old bachelor who, while in the throes of a mid-life crisis, had bleached his hair. She knew she was subscribing to the fortune-teller's prediction to a ridiculous degree, but for some reason, she couldn't shake the memory of the woman's sudden attention to detail.

Six weeks to the day she had heard her fortune told, Katie found herself walking down her street and silently belittling herself for being so easily taken in by a crazy woman wrapped up in scarves. In the last six weeks, no blonde strangers had approached Katie with the intention of enlightening her to his everlasting love. If anything, the blonde male population in her neighborhood thought she had some eccentric phobia regarding blonde-haired men.

Sighing, she tried to push all thoughts of the fortune-teller and her prediction from her mind and began walking faster. However, she soon noticed that one of her shoelaces was untied, so she knelt down to tie it.

She was just about to stand back up and resume her walk when she heard a shout and the sound of rapid footsteps. Katie turned around just in time to see a giant yellow lab racing toward her, and before she could move out of its way, it pounced on her, knocking her back to the ground. For a moment, Katie was scared that this massive dog had come to maul her face in a rabid frenzy, but instead, she burst out laughing as the dog stood over her and licked her face enthusiastically, its tail wagging in a blur. She gently pushed the dog back a bit so she could sit up, and as she pet her new friend, she saw a woman running toward them.

"I'm so sorry," the woman said as she reached them, extending her hand to help Katie off the ground where she was still being licked by the dog. Katie stood up and wiped the dog slobber off her cheeks. The woman continued, "Are you all right? Did he hurt you?"



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"It's OK," Katie replied, grinning. "What a great dog!" she added. "What's his name?"

The dog's owner smiled. "My son named him Sunny D. Wow," she remarked with a bemused look on her face as Sunny D continued to lick Katie's hands. "He just loves you!"

Katie's jaw dropped.



Tiffany & Earl

Making PC an emotionally stable place, one letter at a time . . .



Dear Always,
Being a beautiful girl myself, I've had my share of stalkers. Well, maybe just people I've approached and told to stop stalking me who vehemently denied it, but stalkers nonetheless. That

being said, it's a lot easier than you think to get rid of said stalker.

Clearly the first step, ignoring, is not working for you. So we will move onto step two. For this, you must let your stalker know that you know he is there. That means when he stares at you from across the bar, you stare right back. Or, if you notice his footsteps behind yours, turn around. Sometimes stalkers just like to think they are creepy, and if you prove them otherwise, they flee and abandon their mission. If that doesn't work, and he stares right back, talk to him. Please note that you should choose the time and locale of this wisely; dark secluded places are a no-no. Find a well-lit spot, preferably in the daytime, and try to have lots of witnesses around you.

If said person denies all claims, which he most likely will, then cut him a break. Maybe he does just have the same schedule as you and accidentally caught your eye across the bar. But, be on the look out. If this continues and he seems to be guilty, then you must take some other form of action. Speak with the PC police, and if they're not helpful, and you feel that your safety is truly in jeopardy, you may want to take a trip to the Providence Police Station. I hope this helps!

Tiffany

This Week . . .
Are those footsteps behind you?



Dear Always,
Apparently I have been a little reckless in my liaisons with my partner, which has resulted in a son. This much can be expected, and he is added to the ever-growing list of illegitimacies that have been

blessed to share a bloodline with myself. The surprise however, comes in his ability to correctly identify the Konami Code for Contra and be conceived. For he is only six years my junior. . . apparently I mature fast. . . and so does he. Good work, sir. I implore all to review his letter to the editor.

Now to the topic at hand: Stalkers. I think that they get a bad rap. Case in point: John Hinkley, Jr. He was a very handsome, successful, and intelligent individual; yet, the one thing he could not control was his carnal impulse for Jodie Foster. This is understandable. After all, she was in the *Taxi Driver* and not even De Niro could resist her. I say that instead of shunning this possible lover you return his—until now—unrequited love. Who knows, this stalker, much like Hinkley, could go to lavish extents for your love; i.e., cooking, cleaning, paying for everything, attempting to kill President Reagan, walking the dog, and even letting you hold the remote control. Now, if this isn't love, I don't know what is, and I don't want to live in a world without love.

EARL

Dear Tiffany and Earl,

I know lots of people write you with trivial problems, but, this is serious. I think I may have a stalker. At first I thought it was a coincidence that said stalker always seemed to be in Harkin's third floor when I got out of my 11:30 a.m. class, and my 2:30 p.m. class, and my 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. night class. Then, I also thought it was a coincidence that they were always out at the same bars as me, and the same late nights. I didn't get really creeped out until I caught him staring at me from the corner of Louie's tavern, seemingly alone without friends, sipping gently from a draught beer cup. It wasn't until I noticed him walking a few steps behind me on my way to Phillips Memorial Library the other afternoon that I grew concerned. We've never spoken before, so I don't know how to approach the situation, and I'd rather not turn him crazier than he already is. Please help!

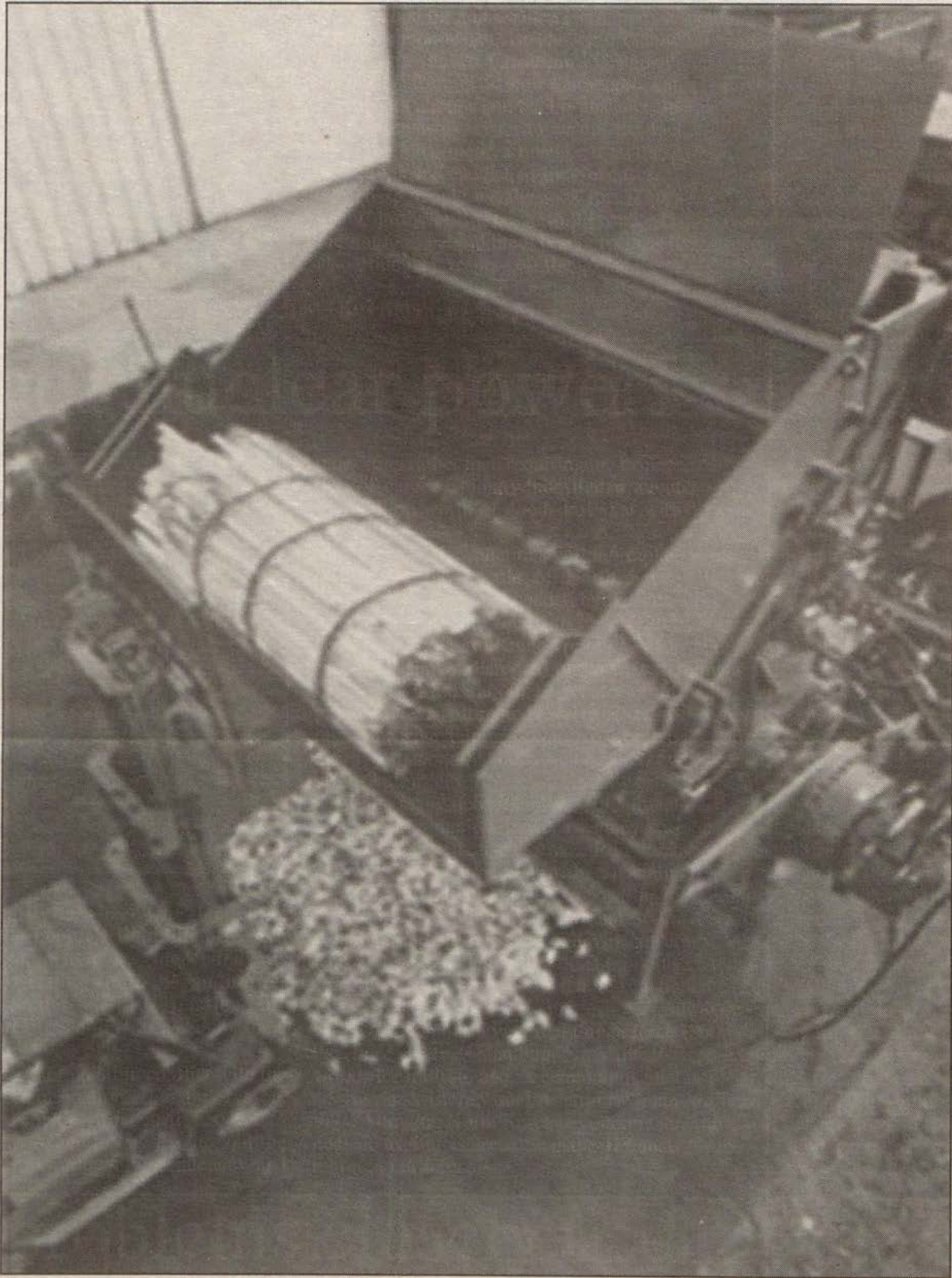
—Always Walks in a Group Now

Do you like Earl's moustache or Tiffany's hair?
Do you have a problem you need answered?

Write to Tiffany and Earl!
AskTiffanyEarl@yahoo.com

P.S. Tiffany, it's only stalking if you don't like it, and as for "Always Walks in a Group Now," I will try not to stare as much anymore!

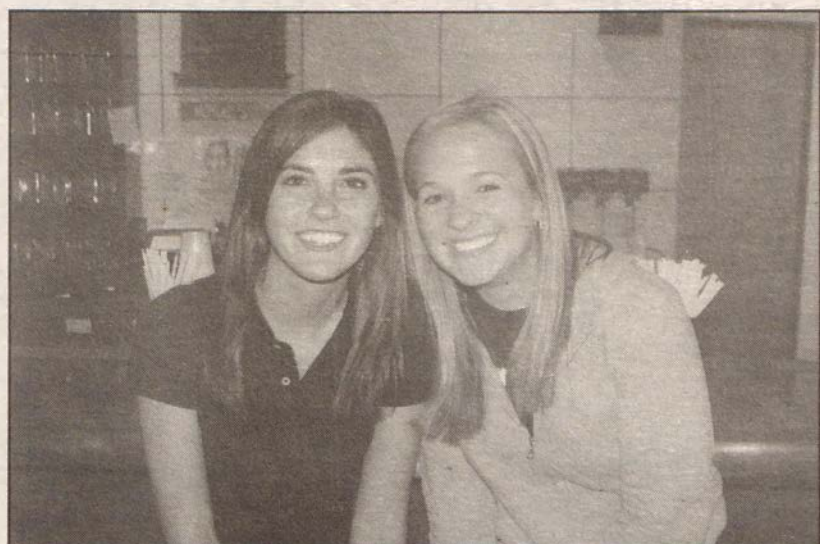
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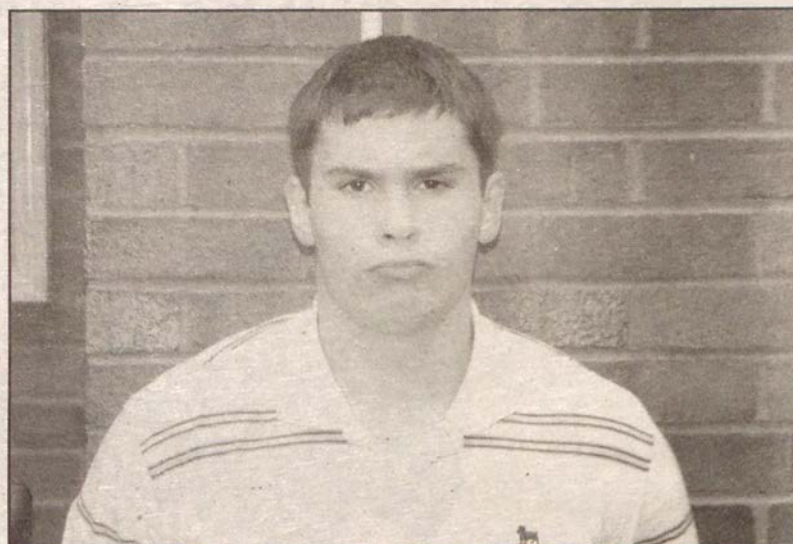
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If you were a hotdog, and you were starving, would you eat yourself?



"Only if we were cheese dogs!"
Gulia Muca '07 and Julie Mark '07



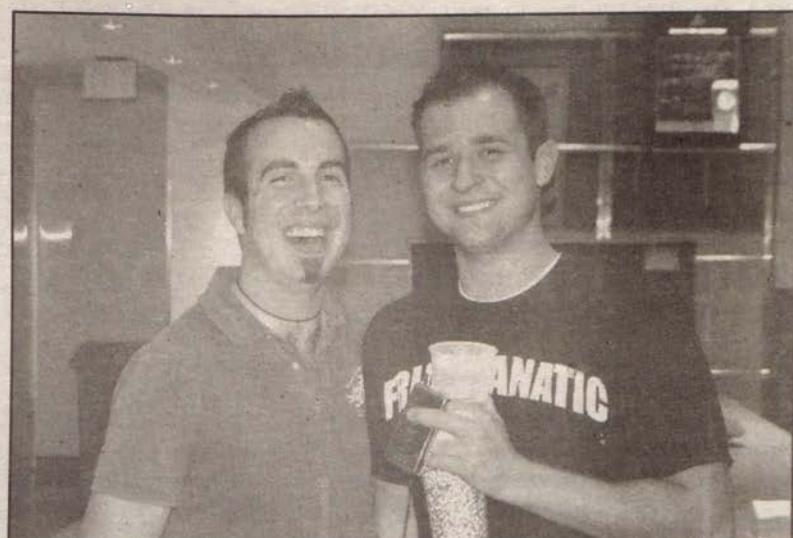
"Heck no at all."
Joel DeFelice '09



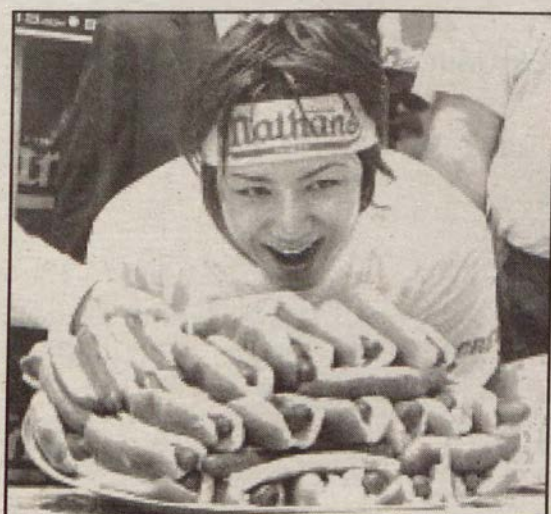
"Absolutely!"
Danielle Pukala '07



"Hell yeah! I love hotdogs but only if they're 100 percent beef."
Christina Nelson '08



"Only if I was a turkey hotdog!"
Matt Korn '07 and Adam Jurczyk '08



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"As the world leader of competitive hot-dog eating, the answer is yes. A resounding yes."

Takeru Kobayashi

Friars Scoreboard

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Standouts



Melissa McGow
Women's Field Hockey
Senior—Branford, Conn.

McGow scored her 100th career point with an assist in the Friars' win at Syracuse Friday night. She also had two assists and a goal to lead PC in defeating New Hampshire on Sunday.



Martin Fagan
Men's Cross-Country
Senior—Mullingar, Ireland

Fagan captured the title in the blue team race at the Pre Nationals on Saturday, finishing with a time of 23:30.3. As a team, the Friars finished sixth in the meet.

Scores

Friday 10/13

Women's Soccer vs. DePaul	W, 2-1
Men's Hockey vs. Clarkson	L, 6-1
Field Hockey at Syracuse	W, 2-0
Women's Volleyball at St. Francis	W, 3-0

Saturday 10/14

Women's Tennis at New England Championships	3rd
Men's Soccer at Notre Dame	L, 3-0
Cross Country at Pre-Nationals	11:00 a.m.
Women's Volleyball at St. Peter's	W, 3-2
Women's Ice Hockey vs. St. Lawrence	L, 2-1
Men's Ice Hockey vs. St. Lawrence	W, 4-2

Sunday 10/15

Field Hockey at New Hampshire	W, 4-1
Women's Soccer vs. Notre Dame	L, 5-0
Women's Ice Hockey vs. Colgate	W, 5-2

Wednesday 10/18

Men's Soccer at Seton Hall	W, 1-0
Field Hockey at Brown	W, 2-1 (OT)
Women's Volleyball vs. Quinnipiac	W, 3-0
Women's Ice Hockey vs. Northeastern	7:00 p.m.

Schedules

Friday 10/20

Women's Tennis at ITA Regionals	8:00 a.m.
Women's Soccer at Pittsburgh	7:00 p.m.
Men's Hockey vs. Bowling Green	7:00 p.m.
Women's Volleyball at Delaware State	7:00 p.m.

Saturday 10/21

Men's Soccer vs. West Virginia	1:00 p.m.
Women's Volleyball at Winston-Salem State	11:00 a.m.
Swimming at Fairfield	1:00 p.m.
Women's Ice Hockey at Northeastern	2:00 p.m.
Men's Ice Hockey vs. Notre Dame	7:30 p.m.
Women's Volleyball at NJIT	3:00 p.m.

Sunday 10/22

Field Hockey vs. Villanova	1:00 p.m.
Women's Soccer at West Virginia	1:00 p.m.
Women's Ice Hockey vs. Connecticut	2:00 p.m.

Tuesday 10/24

Women's Volleyball vs. Hartford	6:00 p.m.
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Wednesday 10/25

Field Hockey at Rhode Island	3:00 p.m.
Swimming vs. Bryant University	5:00 p.m.
Men's Soccer vs. TBD (Big East Tournament)	TBD

Standings

NFHCA/STX Division I Field Hockey Poll (10/17)

Team	Votes		
1. Maryland	679	11. Louisville	316
2. Wake Forest	640	12. California	281
3. Old Dominion	618	13. Indiana	266
4. Duke	555	14. Providence	222
5. Ohio State	511	15. Villanova	161
6. Boston College	492	16. James Madison	150
7. North Carolina	490	17. Richmond	126
8. Penn State	468	18. Michigan	124
9. Connecticut	392	19. American	123
10. Virginia	369	20. Hofstra	34

Men's Soccer Big East Blue Division Standings (10/17)

Team	Big East				Overall		
	W	L	T	Pts.	W	L	T
West Virginia	7	0	1	22	12	1	2
Connecticut	7	1	1	22	9	4	2
Notre Dame	7	2	0	21	11	3	2
Providence	7	3	0	21	11	4	0
Seton Hall	6	4	0	18	8	7	1
Pittsburgh	3	4	1	10	4	9	2
Georgetown	2	7	0	6	5	10	0
Marquette	0	9	0	0	1	13	1

FRIARS Update

A recap of the week in Providence sports

Cross Country tunes up for Big East Championships

The Providence College Men's and Women's Cross Country Teams are ranked among the Top 20 in the nation according to the latest USTFCCA Division I National Poll, released on Tuesday, Oct. 17. After a successful showing in the Pre Nationals at Terre Haute, Ind., this past weekend, the Friar men's team is No. 20 in the nation with a total of 165 points. The women's team is ranked 12th in the nation with 245 points. Additionally, the women maintained their No. 1 regional ranking, while the men hung to their No. 2 spot in the regional standings.

The men finished sixth in the blue team race with a total of 285 points, with senior Martin Fagan winning the race with a time of 23:30.3. Junior Max Smith finished second among the Friar runners with a time of 24:21.2, placing him 37th overall. Also placing for the Friars were junior Ahmed Hagi (24:34.7), Nicholas Weidman (24:46.1) and freshman Hayden McLaren (24:53.8), who finished finished 61st, 81st and 105th, respectively.

The women finished fifth with 247 total team points. Danette Doetzel paced the Friars with a 17th place finish with a time of 20:38.5. Also scoring for Providence were sophomore Katie DiCamillo (20:54.9), freshman Breffini Twohig (21:02.4), graduate student Aine Hoban (21:04.0), and freshman Krystal Douglas (21:43.7). That group finished 35th, 42nd, 46th, and 107th respectively.

The Friars return to Terre Haute, Ind. for the NCAA Championships on Nov. 20. Meanwhile, the next event for the Friars will be the 2006 BIG EAST Cross Country Championships, which take place on Friday, Oct. 27, at Franklin Park in Boston, Mass.

Volleyball wins three, scores double digit victories for season

The Providence College Volleyball Team registered three victories this past week to extend its winning streak to four games and its overall record to 11-13.

The Friars began the week by defeating St. Francis on Friday, Oct. 13; the scores of the games were 30-18, 30-16, 30-18. PC was led by sophomore Jeanette Toney, who had double figures in kills with 14, and sophomore Sara Sheehan, who was great in setting up her teammates with 29 assists. Also helping out was freshman Jess Storer, who had nine kills, two assists and eight digs in PC's three game sweep.

The Friars won their third straight match, and second of the week, with a 3-2 comeback victory over St. Peters on Monday Oct. 16. PC dropped the first two games 29-31 and 23-30 but came back with a fury—30-28, 30-22 and 15-12 in the decider. The win improved the Friars to 10-13.

Sheehan recorded a match-high 60 assists and added 13 digs to record a double-double. Two other Friars had double-doubles: Storer (15 kills and 19 digs) and sophomore Aida Cadres (12 kills, 12 digs, and four blocks). Toney again led the team with 24 kills, a career-high tying total and her 15th double-digit kill game this season.

On Wednesday Oct. 18, the Friars played host to Quinnipiac and won 3-0. Toney had 18 kills to lead all players.

This is the first time since 2000 that the team has had more than 10 wins in a season.

PC's season is beginning to wind down, as the Friars have only six matches left over the two weeks before postseason play begins. The Friars can be seen next at home on Tuesday, Oct. 24 when they host Hartford at 6:00 p.m.



Do you think any of the Friar hockey players have a chance to be picked in this year's NHL draft, especially after the team's success last season?

—Steph Ringelstein '08

There certainly is tremendous talent on this year's team. As evidence of that, five players have already been drafted by NHL teams: Senior Colin McDonald, juniors Jon Rheault and Trevor Ludwig, and sophomores Cody Wild and Pierce Norton. Your point that a successful team season can lead to being drafted is certainly correct: Both Rheault and Wild went in the fifth round this past year after PC took Hockey East by storm.

There is no doubt that others may join them in the future. Head Coach Tim Army, who has NHL experience in particular on the coaching side, knows how to get his guys ready for the future. Army prides himself on running the team in a professional atmosphere. His players, as a result, should not have a problem adjusting to the life in the NHL.

Netminder Tyler Sims is coming off a great year. If he continues his progress, we may see him drafted in the next year or two. Dinos Stamoulis, one of the hardest hitting defensemen in the NCAA is another formidable candidate. His heart and tenacity, as well as capacity to score goals, would make him an asset in the pros. Many of the incoming freshmen have tremendous talent. A big year from any one of them may mean the NHL will come calling.

The Friars have some talented and hard-working guys on the team this year. A breakthrough year by any of them—particularly if the team fares well in Hockey East play—is a recipe for being drafted into the NHL.

—Ryan Holt '09

Remember, Cowl readers . . . we want to hear from you! Just e-mail your questions either about PC sports or sports in general to cowlsports@gmail.com, and we'll do our best to answer them—and stir up a little debate if we can!

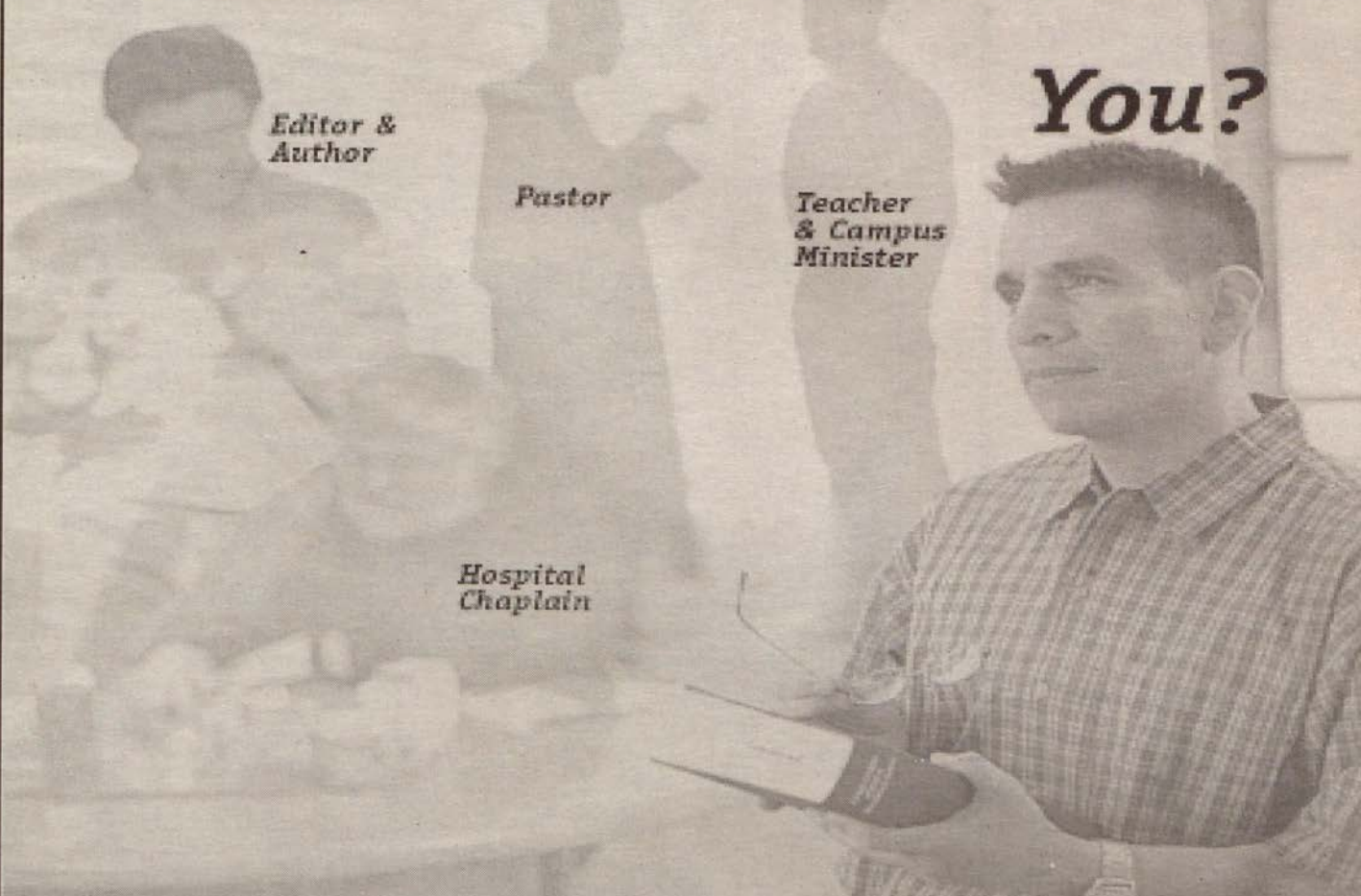
Thanks,
The Cowl Sports Staff

Before I get to specific players, I'd like to start by talking about the draft itself. It forces NHL teams to lock up rights to the whole world's best players in just seven rounds. Because of the pressure to select draft-eligible talent immediately, many players who aren't in their first year of eligibility get overlooked, unless a team sees marked improvement from a year ago. For college players in particular, teams may wait to have an affiliate offer a tryout after senior year. It is safe to wait because unless collegians are directly NHL-bound, they generally finish their college years without interruption. Later, they can often work their way into professional contracts, and some are fortunate enough to crack the NHL, like collegians Adam Oates and Joey Mullen—who were overlooked on draft day—and went on to 1,000 point NHL careers. On the flip side, a Draft selection does not guarantee the right to sign a pro contract. It just aids the chances.

This merits consideration for our Friars. Many undrafted upperclassmen possess the ability to potentially play competitively in the ECHL, AHL, or possibly even the NHL: Chase Watson's playmaking; Jamie Carroll's two-way intelligence; Tony Zancanaro's leadership; Dinos Stamoulis's stalwart defense. But all are a few years removed from initial draft eligibility. While they may be a few years away from being selected, the undrafted Friar with the best shot at a 2007 NHL pick, especially if he continues his strong start, is freshman backup goalie Ryan Simpson, who enters Year No. 2 of draft eligibility.

—Drew Goucher '08

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to keep their two-game win streak alive.

"Anytime you play someone so close, there's a natural territory rivalry," said Madl. "We're looking forward to it."

The game definitely turned out to be a battle, as the teams ended up in overtime. Abby Maguire drew first blood when she scored unassisted two minutes into the first half. Brown's Andrea Posa evened the score with her goal at 22:27.

The score remained knotted at one until Nellie Poulin scored the deciding goal at 9:57 in overtime to capture the Friars' 14th win of the year.

Providence senior Kim Vesling made her first college start in goal. She had five saves while allowing the one goal. Overall the Friars outshot the Bears 12-5.

The team continues its charge toward the Big East Tournament and the NCAAs when they host No. 16 Villnova (11-5) on Sunday, Oct. 22 at 1:00 p.m.

"They knocked off Connecticut but lost to Louisville," said Madl. "We need to come out and set the tone because it's going to be a battle. We have to minimize their opportunities."

The Friars will finish off their non-conference schedule when they visit in-state rival University of Rhode Island (6-6) on Wednesday, Oct. 26, at 3:00 p.m.

"That's usually a good game," said Maguire about the Friars' annual matchup against the Rams. "We're better this year. There's no reason why we can't win, but we can't take anything for granted and we can't let any games slip by."

There are some tough Big East teams ahead for the Friars but they have shown they can play with the best of them. If the team keeps limiting its opponents' shots, the Friars could be well on their way to earning a spot in the NCAA finals at Wake Forest University in November.

Strong showing at New England Championships

BY GREG HARTWELL '07
SPORTS STAFF

The Providence College Women's Tennis Team captured the equivalent of a bronze medal at the 2006 Women's Tennis New England Championships. The event doesn't actually issue medals like that but the team did capture third place out of eight teams, finishing behind the University of Rhode Island and the tournament host, Fairfield University. The competition was held Saturday, Oct. 14 and Sunday, Oct. 15, at the Fairfield campus and the Friars captured 47 points by winning six first round matches.

"Last year we finished seventh," explained Head Coach Wayne Turner. "We went into the tournament with a veteran team but we didn't have a good weekend; we had bad weather and bad draws so this year we were hoping for a better result."

And a better result is what the Lady Friars found. Apparently age does not guarantee results as the Friars found out last year when they finished seventh overall, only beating Hartford. With a greener team going into the tournament, the Friars were hoping for better results.

In singles action, sophomore Ashley Rissolo helped the Friars gather some points early by placing fourth in the No. 1 singles slot with a 1-2 record. Fellow sophomore Meghan Gilroy contributed to the team score with a first round win and an overall record of 2-1, leaving her in third place at the No. 2 singles play. Senior Kerry Schulz placed fourth in the No. 3 singles competition with a 1-2 record.

"The competition was stronger this year and we are a younger team with 2 sophomores and 3 freshmen filling the top 5 out of 6 spots," said Turner. "We had high expectations and our main goal was to see how much we've matured in the span of a month since the last time we played at the Fairfield Doubles Tournament."

The three freshmen filled up the No. 4,

No. 5, and No. 6 singles competitions for PC. At No. 4, freshman Allison Cohen took fifth place with a 2-1 record. Competing at No. 5 was freshman Dara Hawkins-Hodgson, who also placed fifth, posting a 2-1 record. Rounding out PC's effort in singles play was freshman Jen Cusack, who competed at the No. 6 singles and was the only Friar to advance to the finals. She placed second and was defeated by Fairfield's Alexis Accomando.

With the majority of the singles games being played on Saturday, the doubles competition was held Sunday. Providence had the chance to push ahead of their competitors; unfortunately, the Friars were met with a little more opposition than they would have liked.

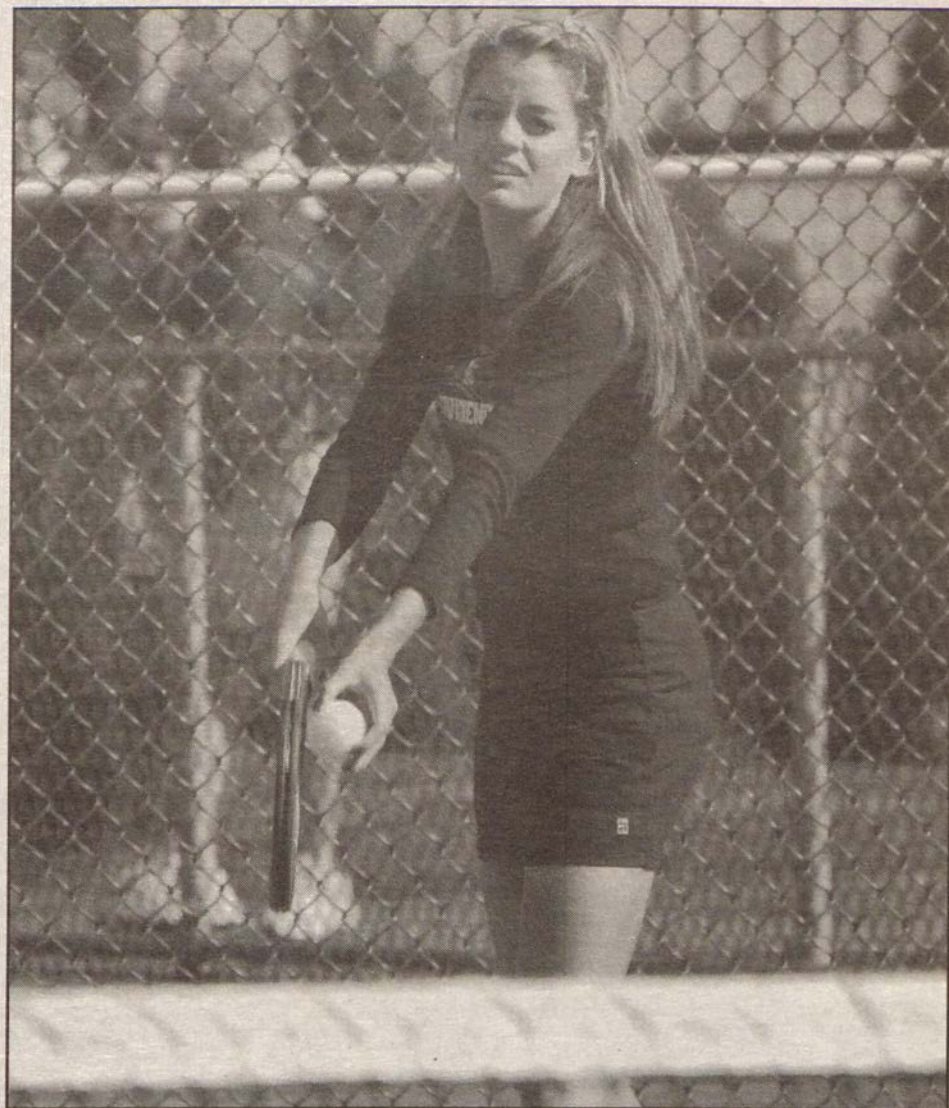
"On the second day, we came up against some of the other teams' top seeds," said Turner. "We came out a little flat in the doubles, and we felt that we could have played a little better and should have played better sooner. Regardless, we were able to play well and I was pleased with our results."

For doubles, the girls were paired up with different partners to yield the overall best result. Filling the role of the first doubles team for PC was Gilroy and Schulz. The two would post a 1-2 record which resulted in a fourth place finish. Also posting a 1-2 score over their doubles match was Rissolo and Cohen, who occupied the second doubles slot and earned fourth place.

The final doubles team for Providence was a frosh duo of Hawkins-Hodgson and Cusack. The two had a reverse score from the other two doubles and would post a 2-1 leaving them with a third place finish out of the eight teams.

After all was said and done, the Friars performed well and amassed 47 points over the two day tournament. Although it beat out five other teams including Holy Cross and Stonehill, PC could not overcome URI and Fairfield, who finished with 78 and 61 points respectively.

"URI and Fairfield have scholarship money for their players, so for us to finish third against the teams that we played was



COURTESY OF SPORTS INFO

Sophomore Ashley Rissolo led the Friars to a third place finish at New England. This week she and freshman Allison Cohen will compete in the ITA Regionals.

a real tribute to the girls' abilities," said Turner.

The Friars return to action on Friday, Oct. 20, when they travel to Dartmouth College to compete in the ITA Regionals. This competition rounds out the fall season for the team and unfortunately will not include all of their members. Rissolo will be playing in the singles competition and

will then join up with Cohen to take on the doubles.

"We hope to take the opportunity to build on our skills," explained Turner. "It's an honor to be in the tournament and we are hoping to end our short season on a high note. Hopefully this experience will fuel the team's passion to improve at that level of competition."

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Friars avenge last year's loss to DePaul, fall to No. 1 ND

BY MIKE SPRINGER '08
SPORTS STAFF

Exacting revenge for last year, freshmen forward Jill Camburn blasted two goals on Friday to help the Providence College Women's Soccer Team to a 2-1 victory over DePaul, giving the Friars their first Big East win of the year. Unfortunately, the Friars lost 5-0 in their next match against No. 1 Notre Dame, in PC's final home game of the season.

On Friday, PC struck first against DePaul when sophomore forward Victoria Neff found Camburn open in the 14th minute of the game to put PC up 1-0. Neff, who was forced to sit out last season due to an injury, was accredited with her first collegiate assist.

In the second half, PC quickly found the net again, when Camburn scored at the 47:59 mark to put PC up 2-0. The freshman leads the Friars in both goals and assists this season.

"The first goal was just Jill being that goal scorer that she is," said Head Coach Jim McGirr. "She has that commitment where she will never give up on the ball, and that's just vintage Jill."

Even with the Friars dominating play, DePaul would not go down quietly, as senior forward Lea Hill headed the ball in at 81:40 to cut the Friars' lead to 2-1.

"It was a game we controlled for 85 minutes," said McGirr. "But once Tara went off the field the game changed a little bit, and we allowed DePaul to get back into it."

Falling back on their strengths of strong defense and solid goalkeeping, the Friars held on to win 2-1, sealing their first Big East victory.

On Sunday, fans packed into the stands of Glay Field to the watch the Friars take on nationally ranked No. 1 Notre Dame. Providence was without injured freshmen forward Tara Ricciardi, a key part of the Friars' defense.

The aggressive play and consistent pressure of Notre Dame led to an early goal

when sophomore midfielder Brittney Bock headed a corner kick in at the 6:25 mark to put the Fighting Irish up 1-0. Then, only seven minutes later, the Irish scored again when Kerri Hanks would scored off of a rebound to put the Irish up two. The goal was Hanks' 12th this season.

The Friars had an opportunity to score with just 5:31 left in the first period, but freshmen forward Jill Camburn's kick sailed high over the net.

"That goal could change things for you," said McGirr. "It would give you a lift and help change your player's mentality, giving them something to build off of."

Notre Dame scored quickly again to open up the second half when junior forward Amanda Cinalli scored the Irish's third goal at the 49:35 mark. Freshman forward Michelle Weissenhofer put the Irish up 4-0 at the 55:24 mark when she connected for her 10th goal this season. In the 68th minute, the Irish rounded out their scoring when junior midfielder Ashley Jones netted Notre Dame's fifth and final goal of the day.

Notre Dame led PC 21-4 in shots and 7-0 in corner kicks. For the Friars, junior keepers Laura Elfers and Ashley Fedyshyn combined for 10 saves, with Elfers recording seven of them. After the game, McGirr spoke highly of his team and their performance against the undefeated Irish.

"Notre Dame is the best team in the country, and they definitely lived up to those expectations. We played very well in the first half, but in the second half we gave up some goals that we shouldn't have," he said.

With the loss, the Friars fall to 4-6-5 on the year and 1-5-2 in Big East play. Providence will head out on the road this weekend to take on Pitt on Friday and then West Virginia on Sunday for its final regular season matches.

McGirr remains optimistic about his team's chances of making the Big East Tournament.

"Mathematically we're still in it," he said. "If we beat Pitt, that's eight points, and then on Sunday, anything can happen. Our destiny is in our hands."

Big East: Hoops and more

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incredibly influential players (Carl Krauser for the Panthers, Brandon Bowman for the Hoyas), yet are picked to finish tops in the conference. Perennial power UConn will likely run out this starting five to begin the year: A.J. Price, Jerome Dyson, Marques Johnson, Jeff Adrien, and Hasheem Thabeet (if your reaction to that was, "Who?," then you're not alone).

All right, I'm belaboring my point. The idea here is that with a little bit of improvement from the 5-11 Big East and 12-15 overall campaign that the Friars had last year, they can legitimately make some noise in what will be a down year for college basketball's lone super-conference.

That little bit of improvement is well within reach. The ability to play sophomore Geoff McDermott at the 3 this year will mean more minutes for senior Herb Hill, junior Randall Hanke (who should be back from his hand injury within a few weeks), sophomore Jon Kale, and even freshman Ray Hall, if he can prove he's able to contribute. That should help negate the rebounding disadvantage that plagued the Friars all last year, and should solidify the 2-3 zone provided that either Hill or Kale can play the side spot effectively.

I got blasted by one of *The Cowl's* readers for not making a prediction in the season preview, but I'm ready to make a tentative one now. After looking at the schedule, I've got the Friars at 16-13 with a 7-9 record in the Big East, good enough for probably 10th in the conference. If they don't overcome their defensive problems, it could be worse; on the other hand, if everything falls into place, this team certainly has enough talent to win 20 games.

Anyway, mark the Friars down for a trip to the NIT this year—anything less would be a disappointment, given the potential on this roster and the status of the Big East.

Now, on to some random musings from the current world of sports.

• Speaking of the Big East: The first BCS standings are out, and there's already controversy brewing. There are five undefeated teams with hopes of making the national title game: Ohio State, Michigan, USC, West Virginia, and Louisville. Whoever wins the OSU-Michigan showdown on

Saturday, Nov. 18 will take one of the spots, and if USC can run the table, then the Trojans will join the Big Ten champ in Glendale, Ariz., for the championship game. Simple as that: the only two major conference teams that go undefeated deserve a shot at the national title.

But here's where things get tricky. A one-loss Auburn team is actually ahead of both West Virginia and Louisville in the BCS standings. Hypothetically speaking, let's say that Ohio State wins out and clinches one of the spots; USC falls to Notre Dame in the final week; and West Virginia annihilates Louisville on Thursday, Nov. 2 and finishes undefeated. The odds are pretty good that an 11-1 Auburn squad would find itself ahead of the 12-0 Mountaineers in the final BCS standings, leaving Pat White, Steve Slaton and WVU out of the national title game.

Now I'm not going to defend the Big East—especially against the SEC, which is certainly the strongest conference in college football—but why should an Auburn team that got humbled 27-10 by then-unranked Arkansas get the nod over an undefeated team? What can West Virginia do besides beat everyone that's put in front of them?

It's an interesting question, at least. Stay tuned as the season wears on.

• Has there ever been a worse pitching matchup in baseball playoff history than the one we witnessed in Game 4 of the NLCS on Sunday? Mets walk-machine Oliver Perez, he of the 3-13 record and 6.55 ERA, overcame the Cardinals' stellar Anthony Reyes, who finished the year at 5-8 with a 5.06 ERA, in a 12-5 barnburner. Am I the only one who thinks that Mets fans should be horrified at the possibility of throwing Perez or Darren Oliver at one of the Tigers' young guns?

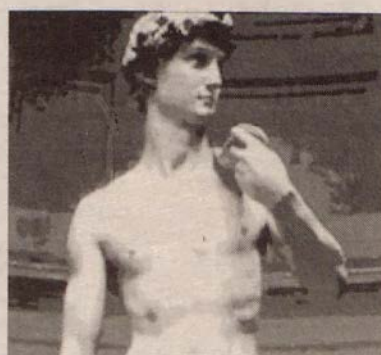
• Finally, I'm glad the ACC and Sun Belt Conferences doled out punishments for that savage brawl in the Miami-FIU game on Saturday, but I honestly wonder if those kids got the message. I realize that it's a natural impulse to protect your teammates, but that shouldn't involve wielding your helmet as a weapon, ganging up around a player to stomp on his head, or body-slaming someone to the ground. Some of those players should be sitting for the rest of the season, not just next week.

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2-1 week doesn't tell whole story for PC

BY DREW GOUCHER '08
SPORTS STAFF

Not too many teams get to open their season by taking a crack at a big dog. Not many teams get to fire away at one of the top five teams in the country this early in the season. And not many of the teams that do perform particularly well, usually.

But the Providence College Women's Hockey Team is quickly proving it's no ordinary team. Although they could not pull off a win against St. Lawrence, the Friars took what they learned in that game and used it to defeat Colgate 5-2 on Sunday, Oct. 15 and Northeastern 4-1 on Wednesday, Oct. 18.

Despite ultimately losing its opening contest against No. 4 St. Lawrence by a final of 2-1, the Friars had plenty of positives to take from the game, and that's not just some opening game mantra. The Friars managed to match St. Lawrence shot for shot and save for save. The only difference proved to be Providence's penchant for getting whistled for penalties during the contest.

"I thought the defense was outstanding," said Head Coach Bob Deraney. "Both goalies made outstanding saves. In a tight game like that, usually it's going to come down to special teams. They have a great offense, and we matched them toe to toe."

"Everyone played incredible," added sophomore forward Katy Beach. "[Senior goalie Jana Bugden] stood on her head and kept us in the game. She definitely gave us a fighting chance."

With 33 saves, Bugden certainly did so. In fact, her performance was strong enough to claim the Hockey East Defensive Player of the Week Award.



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Sophomore Katy Beach scored the only goal in Providence's 2-1 win over St. Lawrence and contributed three assists in the team's win over Colgate on Sunday.

"As a [defensive] core, we definitely stood up [to their players at the blue line] and did a great job preventing them from gaining the zone," said junior defenseman Kristin Gigliotti. "We're very strong defensively this year, and that's because we have confidence in one another. We definitely came close to winning, but more importantly we proved that we can compete with anyone in the country. We really gave them a run for their money."

It was St. Lawrence that struck first, going up 1-0 on a power play marker, but PC responded quickly, as Beach collected an outlet pass from Gigliotti in the neutral

zone and raced up ice into the left wing corner, to the end boards. She quickly cut to the middle of the ice and took a hard slant to the goal mouth where she stuffed the puck in past St. Lawrence goalie Meaghan Guckian.

The buzzer sounded after one period with a 1-1 deadlock that lasted through the second. But midway through the third, a debated holding call on junior defenseman Kathleen Smith gave the Saints a power play, and they converted for a 2-1 advantage. PC did its best for the equalizer, even pulling Bugden in the final minute to generate more offense, but was unable to score, largely due to Guckian's efforts.

With Bugden resting after Saturday's heroics, sophomore Danielle Ciarletta was in goal against Colgate, posting 24 saves in a 5-2 win. She kept PC in the game until the offense heated up in the second period.

Providence, trailing 1-0, got its first goal from Gigliotti while on the power play. Manning the left point, she skated down to the half boards and took a pass from Beach. Using the Colgate defender as a screen, she fired on net, and wisely followed her shot looking for a rebound. When the puck popped back to her, she was able to fire it home. Sophomore forward Mari Pehkonen received a secondary assist on the goal, her first point as a Friar.

Like Saturday, when the first period buzzer sounded, PC found itself in a 1-1 deadlock. But with the Friars on a second period power play, another transfer, ex-BC Eagle Sarah Feldman, showed that this was not Saturday. She stickhandled past two defensemen out of the right wing corner by the end boards and cut to the net for an easy finish, her first goal and point as a Friar, assisted by Beach. Feldman added another tally early in the third, running the Friar advantage to 3-1 as Smith assisted.

Colgate cut the lead to 3-2 with 12:29 remaining in the final stanza, but Pehkonen was able to finish a pretty 2-on-1 offensive rush to restore the two goal

lead, as Feldman and junior defenseman Caitlin Malboeuf assisted. Gigliotti capped the scoring in the final minute by calmly hitting an empty net from just inside the red line, with Beach assisting.

After the game, the story was clearly Feldman and Pehkonen—the transfers—and Beach, who finished with 3 assists.

"Sarah had a phenomenal game. Her goals were great goals. She and Mari have filled the roles of people we lost last year. They've stepped up and become big contributors. You know they're going to be in the lineup, on the stat sheet, producing, and being in the mix," Gigliotti said.

"I think everyone got a chance to see how good they are," said Deraney. "Coupled with their terrific skills, they're great teammates and complement what we already had. They make us a very formidable and dangerous team. We knew we could play good defense, but we can be pretty explosive [offensively] too. It was a hotly contested game, but in the third we just put it out of reach."

Deraney also praised Beach. "She really decided to take her game to the next level this year," he said. "She's always had the speed, the strength, the skill. . . . Now her physical conditioning is really starting to show. And she can fly. Man, can she skate. It's a credit to how hard she worked all summer. Now she's reaping the rewards."

The coaching staff also emphasized the importance of special teams.

"Our power play is still trying to find itself," Deraney admitted. "Working in practice versus the game is completely different, but now that we've got a couple games under our belt, we will continue to get better. Really we've got to stay out of the box. In our game, the team that wins the penalty game [allowing fewer power plays than the opponent] usually wins. It held true for both games this weekend."

The team is also eyeing its upcoming schedule.

"We want to go out hard and show everyone in the league what we've got, so we can get back up to being No. 1 in Hockey East," said Beach.

The team moved closer to Beach's goal with a 4-1 win over Northeastern in their Hockey East opener. The Friars came out strong with three different players—juniors Kelli Doolin, Caitlin Malboeuf, and Gigliotti—all scoring in the first period. Gigliotti would find the net again in the third to put her team up 4-0.

The Huskies outshot PC 37-34 but Bugden was again brilliant in goal, only allowing one puck past her. Bugden held the Huskies scoreless until Ashley Bielawski scored ten minutes into the last period, the final goal of the game.

"We're a month into the season, and I'm really excited with where we are," said Deraney. "It's a tribute to how hard we worked in the offseason. What's really exciting is that if we feel this good now, where will we be in five months? Really, it's the kids. They want to make up for last year. They're bothered by it, and bent on making sure that we get back to form."

If this weekend was any indication, the Friars will be in midseason form in just a couple weeks. And then, let the winning really begin.

Friars: Rebound from loss

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ing the goal to make it 2-1.

"Our older guys have to take charge," Army said. "They did, particularly our captains."

In the third, the Friars added two more. Rheault added his second, a shorthanded goal early in the period. Then, with just under two minutes to play, they added their fourth and final goal, an empty-netter from Zancanaro, making the score 4-1. The Saints would add a late goal to make the final score 4-2.

On Saturday, the Friars were faster and more aggressive than the previous night. They capitalized on their opportunities and created more.

"Last night we were tense," Rheault said. "This was a new night."

It was a better defensive game, as they allowed less shots on goal than on Friday.

"We were winning the small battles, the races to the puck," said Rheault.

Saturday marked the collegiate debut of freshman goalie Ryan Simpson. He allowed only two goals and made 22 saves.

"It went pretty well. The guys played great; they kept most shots on the outside.

It was a nice way to break in," said Simpson.

Much praise for the freshman followed. "He looked good," Rheault said. "It was a tough situation for the freshman."

Simpson has been working closely with Sims to adapt to the college game.

"Tyler's great—he's been helping me a ton. I'll continue to learn from him," Simpson said.

Simpson will likely play a share of games in order to give Sims rest in a grueling Hockey East and non-conference schedule this season.

The upcoming weekend keeps the Friars at home. Friday, Oct. 20, brings Bowling Green, and Saturday, Oct. 21, brings Notre Dame—and the return of Army's predecessor, former Head Coach Paul Pooley, now an assistant at Notre Dame. Both games begin at 7:00 p.m. and will be televised locally.

"They're going to be fast, skilled," said Rheault.

"I expect defensive-oriented games this weekend. We will need to find a way to penetrate, generate offense," said Army.

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Win over Seton Hall is landmark day for Friars

BY KEVIN O'BRIEN '07
SPORTS EDITOR

Head Coach Chaka Daley often talks about creating a culture of winning for Providence soccer. After Wednesday, you can check two more items off the To-Do List for that goal.

MEN'S SOCCER The Providence College Men's Soccer Team grabbed three crucial away points with a 1-0 win at Seton Hall on Wednesday in the penultimate game of the regular season. Any Big East win is, well, big, but this one held a special significance. The victory ups PC's conference record to 7-3 on the season (in addition to the 11-4 overall record), marking the first time the Friars have ever tallied that many wins in conference play.

But even better: The win over Seton Hall locked up home-field advantage for the Friars in the first round of the Big East Tournament, the first time in the program's history the team has achieved that feat.

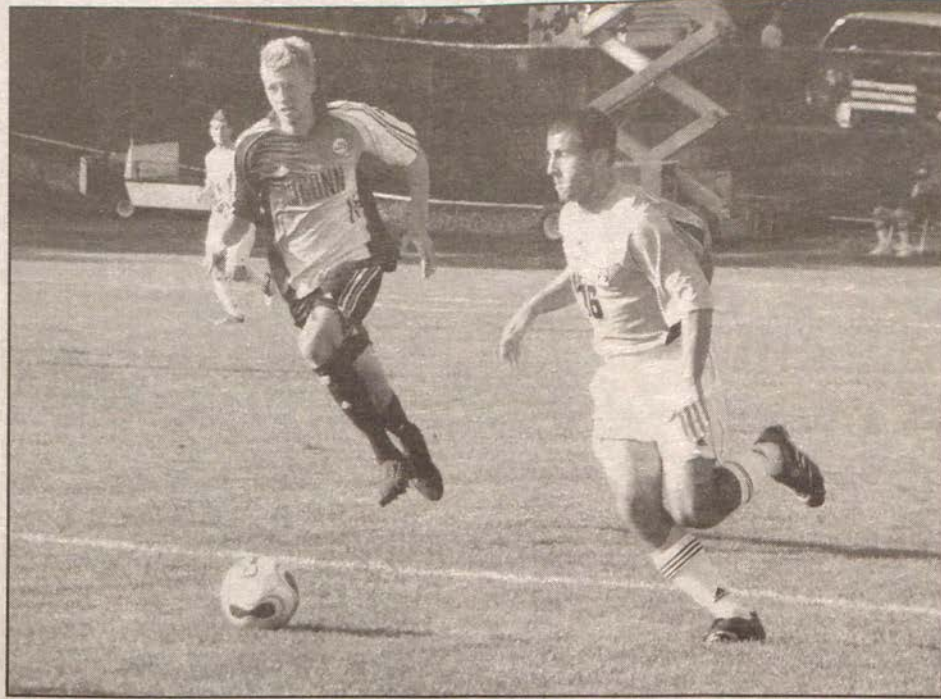
"It's history," Daley said. "You talk about our program—building a culture and making a difference with the kind of guys we're recruiting. For us, that's seven conference wins, which is the most in school history, and for us to host a home game in the Big East (Tournament) for the first time in school history, that's great."

But Daley wasn't done. "But it will be more monumental if we win that game," he added.

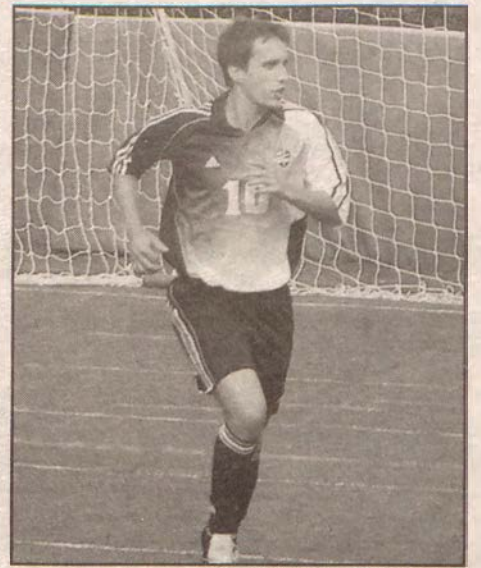
That kind of forward thinking is a big reason why PC soccer is where it is right now. A culture of winning is indeed growing around this program with each passing win, and Wednesday's victory was even more crucial than most.

After a 3-0 loss at nationally ranked No. 8 Notre Dame on Saturday, the Friars saw Wednesday as an opportunity to bounce back in a big way. Daley talked about it as an opportunity to get back to playing PC-style soccer.

"Our motto is to be a blue collar team, to make ourselves difficult to beat, and we like to counterattack," he said. "Notre



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At left, junior midfielder Michael Narciso, pictured in the UConn game, set up junior Alex Bury, above, for the game-winner on Wednesday.

Dame scored three goals; we counterattacked, had some pretty good chances, but couldn't score."

That wouldn't be the case on Wednesday. The Friars executed their gameplan to perfection, punctuated by a great strike from junior center midfielder Alex Bury in the 22nd minute. A PC corner was cleared only as far as junior midfielder Michael Narciso, who set up Bury from 25 yards out. Bury made no mistake with his shot, burying it into the top right corner to give the Friars all the scoring they would need on the day.

"He's good from set pieces, he's a very good long distance shooter, and he takes our penalties," Daley said of Bury. "We like to get him in those situations where we set up our set plays and the ball pops out. He's capitalized on those situations, for example today and Pittsburgh—both game winners."

The goal was Bury's fifth on the season, three of which have been game-winners. But Daley praised his center midfielder not just for his goalscoring exploits but for his

all-around play.

"Alex has been very, very consistent for us this year," Daley said.

Of course, the work was not done for PC after that goal, and the Friars had to endure a virtual onslaught on their goal for almost 70 minutes. But a 19-4 advantage in shots, as well as a 6-5 edge in corner kicks, could not bring an equalizer for the Pirates against a stout PC defense.

"For us to go away from home and keep a clean sheet, that's a very positive thing from a character standpoint," Daley said. "It's a concentration issue, which will happen with young teams. We have a lot of young guys at the back—three freshmen and one sophomore."

But the lone senior at the back, goalkeeper Chris Konopka, helped keep the defense organized and the clean sheet intact. Konopka finished with four saves and recorded his fifth clean sheet of the season.

The win assures the Friars home field advantage in the opening round of the Big East Tournament, which is scheduled to

start next Wednesday. Additionally, by clinching the fourth seed from the Big East's Blue Division, the Friars assured themselves of avoiding any of the divisional powers until the latter stages of the tournament—at least the semifinals.


"No team in the top four on either side is an easy game, but the likes of Notre Dame, West Virginia, and Connecticut are probably the three stronger teams in the whole league and they're all (in our division)," Daley said.

Avoiding those teams is a huge bonus for the Friars, who have already lost to Notre Dame and UConn by scores of 3-0 and 1-0, respectively.

As for the third of those? PC has a chance to take down West Virginia at Glay Field this Saturday.

"We're looking forward to West Virginia," Daley said. "They're the No. 5 team in the country in our own backyard. We have to take care of business there. It's either win or go home (once the postseason starts), and we might as well start that mindset with West Virginia."

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Madness and other musings

Mid-October is here already, and that can only mean one thing: It's time for the eternal pessimism to commence in Friartown.



That's the way it works around here, isn't it? We see the UConns and Syracuses of the world pulling down blue chip recruits, and we lament our small school status in a power conference.

But things aren't as bad as the naysayers would lead you to believe. Take a look around the Big East: The top 12 scorers in the conference last year are gone. Yes, *twelve*. Gone are 'Cuse's Gerry McNamara, Villanova's top three guards, Steve Novak from Marquette, and practically everyone from both UConn and West Virginia. Rutgers' Quincy Douby bounced to the NBA after his junior year; Louisville lost Taquan Dean; hell, even Notre Dame lost its two best players in Torin Francis and Chris Quinn.

Are you sensing a theme here? The Big East is the best conference in college basketball—but not this year. Pitt and Georgetown each graduated incredibly influential players

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Friars split in opening homestand

BY RYAN HOLT '09
SPORTS STAFF

The ice was ready, the new seats were in, and for the first time this season, it was Hockey Night in Friartown. Just hours

before Late Night Madness, the Providence College Men's Hockey Team faced off with nationally ranked Clarkson. The two had met last year in the season's opening weekend as well, with nationally-ranked No. 16 Clarkson being the victor. The Friars put forth a tough effort, only to lose 6-1.

They started out strong, hitting hard and killing penalties. Many opportunities came their way. Some others were passed up. Early on, however, none resulted in goals.

"We started well," said Head Coach Tim Army.

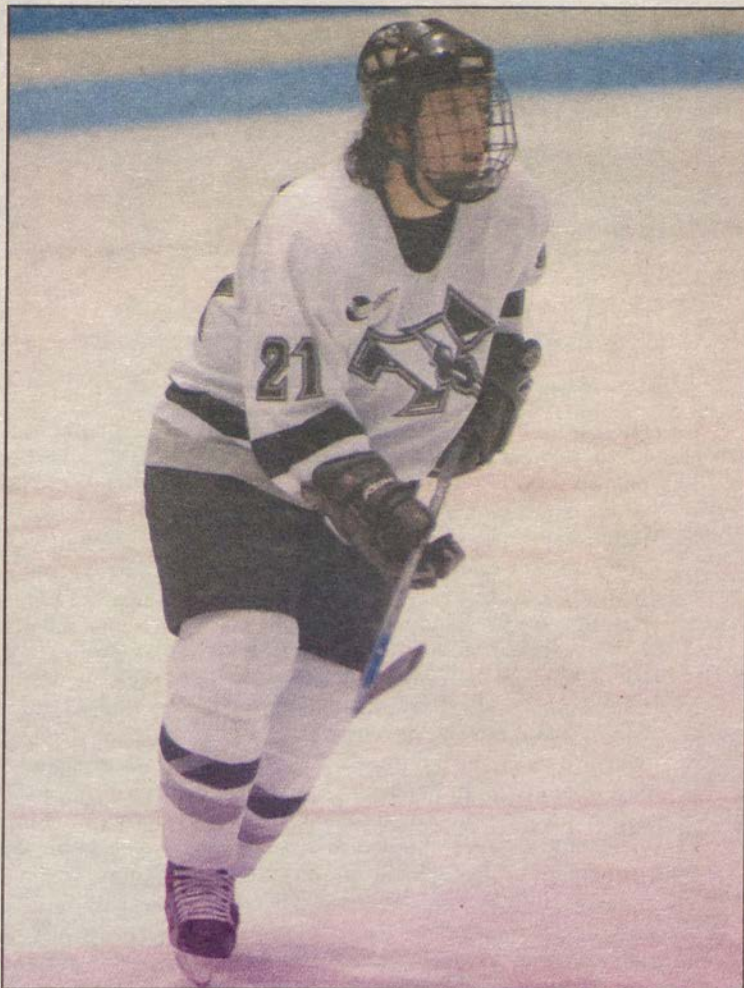
Soon, though, the wheels came off.

"We had turnovers. We got a little scambly on the penalty kill," Army added.

Before they knew it, the Friars were down 2-0 heading into the second period. They were forced to try to climb back.

"When we were down 2-0 we played differently," said Army. "A good team will expose your mistakes."

In the second, the Golden Knights piled on two more, giving them a 4-0 lead. With just nine seconds to go in that period, the Friars scored their lone goal. On a power play, goalie junior Tyler Sims was pulled, giving PC a two-man advantage. Senior co-



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Junior Jon Rheault scored twice and just missed a hat trick with a shot off the post in Saturday's home win over St. Lawrence.

captain Colin McDonald put it in the net.

That was not the only time Army would pull his goalie. For nearly five minutes, on and off, Sims would sit in exchange for an extra skater.

"It gave us a chance to get us back in it," he said.

Army, in an attempt to spark offense late in games, has used the strategy in the past. Though it resulted in two empty-net goals, making the score 6-1, it kept the Golden Knights on their toes.

"We're down 4-0—why not take a gamble? Losing 4-1 is the same as 5-1 or 6-1," said Army.

It was a tough opener for the Friars. They ran into a good goaltender that stopped 34 shots.

"It's not how we wanted to get it started, but it was the first game," Army said. "We've got 33 more to go. Our objective is to do better every game."

The Friars had to bounce back quickly. The next night, they again took the ice at Schneider to face another tough team, St. Lawrence. Just as with Clarkson, the Saints had beaten the Friars in last season's opening weekend.

This time, however, the Friars shined. They responded to the previous night with a 4-2 win.

"We responded; we were more consistent. We had to tighten up, and we did," said Army.

The Friars opened with a goal by junior assistant captain John Rheault with just over 10 minutes to play in the first period. The goal was his first of two of the night. He would have had a hat trick had another not hit the post in the third.

"He's talented; he's a game-breaker," Army said of Rheault. "He can do things on his own. His quickness creates openings [and] he's a great shooter."

"It feels good after last night," Rheault said. "I knew I had to put forth a better effort."

In the second, the Saints evened the score at 1-1 off a power play goal. The tie would be short-lived, however, as with just under 9 minutes to play in the period, the Friar co-captains, seniors Tony Zancanaro and Colin McDonald went on a two-on-none break, with McDonald scor-

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PC eyes Big East tourney as season winds down

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Coming off a week that saw them lose consecutive games for the first time in 2006, the members of the No. 14 Providence College Field Hockey Team (13-3) knew they had their work cut out for them. After losing to Boston College and Big East foe Louisville, the team needed some wins to keep its Big East Tournament—and its chances for a rematch with Louisville—alive.

On Sunday, Oct. 15, Providence continued its four game road trip with a stop at the University of New Hampshire (1-13). The Wildcats have struggled so far, a fact that the Friars used to their advantage.

PC started the scoring early when junior Abby Maguire scored unassisted in the 13th minute. Four minutes later, senior Melissa McGow fed freshman Nellie Poulin for Poulin's sixth goal of the year. McGow had a goal of her own three minutes before halftime to increase her team-leading season total to nine.

Providence started the second half leading 3-0 and its dominance continued through the remainder of the game. Junior Micalagh Stoddard capped off the Friar scoring with her first collegiate goal at 64:09. Sophomore Meghan Holden and McGow were each credited with an assist on the play, giving McGow two assists in the game and 10 this season.

The Wildcats scored their only goal in the 71st minute off freshman goaltender Rachel Chamberlain, who made eight saves. Providence outshot UNH 24-14.

"This was a nice win after our loss last



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Senior Melissa McGow marked her place in Friar field hockey history on Friday when she reached the 100-point plateau in the team's win at Syracuse.

year," Providence Head Coach Diane Madl said. "We turned the tables."

On Friday, Oct. 13, the Friars took on Syracuse in a game Madl called "critical" earlier in the week, as the Orange were only one game behind PC in the Big East standings. Desperate for a win after losing their perfect Big East record to Louisville on Oct. 8, the Friars went into Syracuse looking for their 12th victory of the season, their most since 1992.

As has been the case in many of their successful games this year, the Friars

struck first. Poulin scored the deciding goal in the 14th minute off an assist from McGow. Poulin's tally was the only one for either team in the opening half. Due to strong defense on both ends, each team managed just two shots in the half.

"We were pretty equally matched," said Maguire. "Our offense and defense played well. We kept their shots down."

The Friars penetrated the Orange defense early in the second half when senior Emily Ewens scored for the fifth time this year at 3:56, with McGow's second

assist of the evening coming on the goal. This play was a memorable one for McGow, as it marked her 100th career point. She becomes the eighth player in Providence Field Hockey history to reach the 100-point plateau. McGow is ranked third all-time in school history in assists.

"This says a lot about her," said Madl about McGow. "She's a special kid. The [high number of] assists and goals show how balanced her play is."

With the win, Providence is now tied for first place in the Big East with Villanova and the University of Connecticut.

"This was a very exciting win for us," said Madl. "This game was critical to the Big East Tournament . . . (and) a great game for our program."

Chamberlain led the typically solid Providence defense to a 2-0 shutout, the team's seventh on the year and second in the Big East, as the Friars also held Georgetown scoreless on Sept. 20. The two shutouts tie the most PC has had in the Big East—in 1990 PC did not allow goals in games against Villanova and the University of Connecticut.

After their success in New York and New Hampshire, the Friars have clinched a spot in the Big East Tournament for their first time since 2000, but their work is not over. The seedings are yet to be decided, making every game meaningful. Providence is also playing toward making the NCAA Tournament this November.

The team wrapped up its roadtrip in a match at Brown University (7-3) on Oct. 18. Going into the game, the Bears were trying to avenge a 6-1 loss to Princeton on Saturday, Oct. 14 while the Friars looked

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