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Making the Early Choice



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Students begin support for presidential candidates

BY BETH LENEHAN '08
NEWS EDITOR

Though the next presidential election is more than a year away, some students on the PC campus are giving their support to a specific candidate. Jacob Bissaillon '09 is the media coordinator for the Providence chapter of Students

for Obama, a national organization. Started at the beginning of the 2007—2008 academic year, Bissaillon said he first heard about the organization through a professor. "I first found out about Students for Barack Obama (SFBO) over the summer through my advisor Prof. [Joseph] Cammarano, [assistant professor of political science]," Bissaillon said. "In late July he sent out an e-mail to all of his students saying that a former PC student, Kim

Ahern '06, was heading up the Rhode Island chapter of SFBO and that she was looking for a core group of students to set-up a chapter at PC. Liking Obama, and wanting to gain some campaign experience, I immediately contacted Kim and told her about my interest in the candidate and the opportunity to help on the campaign."

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EVENTS GET STUDENTS READY FOR LATE NIGHT MADNESS

BY DEVIN MURPHY '10
NEWS STAFF

Madness Week began on Sunday, Oct. 7 in preparation for Late Night Madness on Friday, Oct. 12.

"We're doing this to get kids more involved," said Student Congress Chairman of Student Outreach Claire Seguin '08. "We're trying to make it about the basketball team and school unity."

This Madness week is geared towards student fans and getting them more involved in PC athletics.

"It's necessary, we're a D-1 school," Seguin said.

The week's activities began with the Black and White Hockey game, hosted at Schneider Arena; the game started at 1:00 p.m.

Friartown was held Tuesday, Oct. 9 through Thursday, Oct. 11, afternoons from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. A basketball shooting contest was held among hopeful students competing for a chance to be in the contest at Midnight Madness. As of Tuesday afternoon at 5:30 pm there was a four-way tie. Brian Beloin '09, Christina Rondeau '08, Ryan Mee '09, and Pete Korthy '11 all made six three-point baskets in 60 seconds. The competition was held outside of the Concannon Fitness Center and Turf Field and was sponsored by Intramural Athletics Board. The top two students to make a three point basket won the chance to show off their skills Friday night at Madness.

"... It's a good way to bring out the competitive side of Friar Fanatics," said Renee Seitz '09, member of the publicity

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Art Show Displays Variety of Student Talent

BY JOE MILLER '10
ASST. NEWS EDITOR

From still life to sculpture, the student art exhibition at the Hunt-Cavanagh Gallery has opened its doors to the public, beginning Wednesday, Oct. 10. The annual show, which is sponsored by the Art Club, will be on display until Tuesday, Oct. 16. A formal opening and reception will be held Thursday, Oct. 11 from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

"We hope a lot of people stop by," said Colleen Driscoll '08, co-president of the Art Club. "You'll be surprised. You never

know what you'll see."

Each year, all Providence College students are invited to submit their artwork for inclusion in the show. According to Shauna Lacoste '07G, co-president of the Art Club, students do not have to be an art major or be enrolled in an art class in order to get involved. Lacoste added that anyone is welcome to submit his or her work. The members of the Art Club then meet to decide which pieces will be included in the display. The artists selected do, however, get their pieces back after the show concludes.

Lacoste said that some students submit work that they have taken in a previous

class or have done independently.

"It's informal, there's no theme," said Lacoste. "We like to showcase the different talents of the students and celebrate them and celebrate each other."

This year's show features approximately 50 pieces produced by 33 different student artists. While Lacoste said this number is about the same as last year, she added that there is "more large-scale stuff this time," including multiple floor-to-ceiling works.

The pieces being exhibited represent a diverse array of media, styles, and subjects.

"The show is such a fun experience,"

Driscoll said. "Setting it up, it's just exciting to see what everyone produces. Each piece kind of plays off each other."

Karen Roberge '10, a member of the Art Club, is glad that the show provides an opportunity for all aspiring artists regardless of what subject they are formally studying.

"You don't have to be an art student, everyone can get involved," she said. "It's really nice. Any exposure is good exposure, so that makes me feel great. Even if they don't like it, it's out there."

Roberge has a piece of her own artwork on display: a pastel/ink wash combination

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Taste of Asia draws large crowds

The Asian American Association at Providence College held "Taste of Asia," a night of music and Asian cuisine, on Wednesday, Oct. 10, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in McPhail's.

For only two dollars, PC students were given the chance to try out some new foods and learn a little about Asian culture. According to Danielle Allard '10, executive board member of the Asian American Association, the event usually draws a large crowd and food runs out fast, so people were encouraged to arrive on time.

"Our events like Taste of Asia are especially important on campus because it allows not just our club members to get to know each other but for the rest of the campus to as well," Allard said. "We hope that by promoting Asian heritage, culture, language, cuisine, and way of life, it opens students' minds to the world that we live in."

Allard said that the Taste of Asia event was especially important because it is the first event run by the organization that is open to the public, so it is one of the first opportunities students have to see what the club is like.

"It allows us to open up as a club to the PC community during the first weeks of school and for the rest of the campus to get to know us," she said.

According to Allard, the Asian American Association also runs ImaginAsian and Asian Expo, at which students may be exposed to culture, arts and crafts, and performers from places ranging from Brown University to Boston.

"The purpose of the Asian American Association is to provide students at Providence a chance to share in and understand different aspects of Asian culture: the arts the cuisine, the language, and the way of life," Allard said.

"And you do not have to be Asian to join our club," she added. "We welcome people of all backgrounds."

Allard said the Asian American Association's executive board's goal is to promote unity among its members.

"We are trying to promote a sense of community within our club, and this is done through our activities," Allard said. "Last year we had taiko drummers, an Indian contemporary dance group, tai kwon do demonstrations, and much, much more."



MATT LONGOBARDI '10/The Cowl

On Wednesday, Oct. 10, for two dollars, students were able to enjoy Asian cooking in McPhail's. The event was run by the Asian American Association and afforded students the chance to learn more about Asian culture.

Allard said that Taste of Asia did not require as much preparation as some of the group's other events during the year. Among the tasks that normally need to be done are contacting performers, ordering food, public relations, and more.

"It's all a lot of work, but in the end it's

so worth it," she said.

"Last year was fantastic but this year is going to be even better," Allard said. "We have more dedicated members than ever, and we're hoping it will stay like that for the rest of the year."

—Rick Kurker '09

CAMPUS	CALENDAR		October 12 to 18				
	12 Friday	13 Saturday	14 Sunday	15 Monday	16 Tuesday	17 Wednesday	18 Thursday
	<p>4:00 p.m. Fridays at Four—Student performance, Smith Center for the Arts Ryan Concert Hall</p> <p>9:30 p.m. Late Night Madness, Peterson Recreation Center</p>	<p>7:00 p.m. 1207 in Rumi's Anatolia—Turkish Sufi Music, Smith Center for the Arts Ryan Concert Hall</p> <p>8:00 p.m. PC's Black and White Night, Peterson Recreation Center</p>	<p>2:00 p.m. Senior Recital—Caitlin Taber, piano, Smith Center for the Arts Ryan Concert Hall</p> <p>6:30 p.m. Soul Food Sunday, McPhail's</p>	<p>6:00 p.m. Portuguese Fried Dough sale, Slavin Center</p>	<p>3:30 p.m. Spring Internship Planning Workshop, Slavin Center G19</p>	<p>9:00 a.m. Exhibit: Xuhong Shang "Mountain Series," Hunt-Cavanagh Gallery</p>	<p>3:00 p.m. Charting the Course: What I Know Now, Slavin Center Soft Lounge</p> <p>3:00 p.m. Career Services Workshop: Organizing your Career Search, Slavin Center 117</p>

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Sat 10/13

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Toi Derricotte

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All are invited. Refreshments will be served.

Toi Derricotte is the author of a memoir, *The Book of David*, and several books of poetry. Her most recent collection, *Normal Heart*, was named one of the best books of the year by *Time* magazine. She is also the author of *Black Light*, a collection of poems. Derricotte is a member of the National Academy of Poets and the National Endowment for the Arts. She has received several awards, including the American Poetry Award and the National Poetry Series. She is currently a professor of English at the University of Pittsburgh.

S.A.I.L. Office Helps Freshmen Chart First Year

BY MELISSA SILVANIC '08
NEWS STAFF

Providence College's Student-Activities-Involvement-Leadership (S.A.I.L.) Office has recently created a new program called "Charting the Course," made specifically for first year students.

"We started 'Charting the Course' this year because we recognized that these students may have some different needs from our upperclassmen and women," said Leslie Heller '02, assistant director of the S.A.I.L. office.

While the Office of Career Services offers opportunities for older students to gain internship experience and career advice, the new "Charting the Course" sessions will help younger students begin to build their experience earlier.

"As a senior looking back on my first two years, I think having had this program then would have made a significant difference in my transition," said Ryan Loiter '08. "Most freshmen who come to PC were very involved in high school, but when you get to college it can be very overwhelming. Finding that niche is difficult. This program seems to gather those like minded individuals and give them an outlet that isn't always easy to find in the beginning."

Lauren Ouellet '10 agreed. "It is hard to find your place when you get to college, and it would be great to have a program to help this process. Students are still adjusting to school in October, so to introduce it at this point would still help students throughout their freshman year," said Ouellet.

According to Heller, the program was created in the hopes of helping Providence College's younger students build upon the leadership skills that they have already acquired in their high school years.

Thursday, 10/11

Things for Thursday:

Sand Art!
Need a new decoration in your dorm room? Come down to Lower Lobby from 11:30am-2:30pm and make a FREE Sand Art Bottle! Sponsored by the SAIL Office.

Charting the Course: "Time Management"
A workshop series aimed at helping new students make the most of their first year at PC. This week's session will focus on time management. The session will be held from 3-4pm in Slavin G01. Sponsored by the Lifelong Leadership Program.

The Brink Live! McPhail's
Come to McPhail's for some great music and entertainment! The band goes on at 9pm. Bar opens @ 8pm. Proper ID required.

SARA SPIRITO '11/The Cowl

The Student-Activities-Involvement-Leadership(S.A.I.L.) Office is offering a new program for underclassmen, entitled Charting the Course. Through workshops, advice is given to students, especially freshmen, on various aspects of college life.

Ideally, first year students will gain the opportunity to experience an easier transition into the PC community.

"The program runs in a workshop style with interactive sessions put on by members of Providence College's staff from a variety of areas on campus," said Heller.

Through the various sessions, students will be able to gain hands on experience and interact with the PC community in a comfortable and creative atmosphere.

"Participants gain not only valuable skills and some new friends, but also 'points' toward Lifelong Leadership Certificates, which are given out during the spring Student Recognition Ceremony," said Heller. The points carry over from year to year and represent student involvement and support.

Participation in seven leadership programs or workshops enables the student to receive a bronze certificate, 14 programs

qualify students for a silver certificate, and 21 programs earns the student a gold certificate.

The sessions this fall include a variety of different topics. The first session was held on Sept. 27 and focused on conversations and advice from established Providence College student leaders. It was appropriately titled "What I Know Now". On Oct. 4, the session revolved around networking which is a key component in future prospective careers. Oct. 11 will include a time management session, Oct. 18 will produce a cultural awareness motif, and Oct. 25 and Nov. 1 will focus on wellness and civic engagement respectively.

"One interesting feature of the program is that during the final session, which focuses on civic engagement, participants will have the opportunity to brainstorm and begin developing a service project which they can lead along with members of Dirigo, PC's leadership honor society," said Heller.

"Let it not be forgotten that participation in this and other L3 programs is also great for personal development, and for resumes," said Heller.

Nate Pinches '10 said he thinks the program has the chance to be successful.

"I think if it's advertised well and it sounds interesting, it would be really helpful," said Pinches.

"Charting the Course" takes place Thursdays from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. in Slavin Center G01, and while all are welcome, underclassmen are greatly encouraged to participate in this exciting new program.

According to the S.A.I.L. Web site, "this new series, developed with first-year students in mind, covers a variety of topics designed to help students acclimate themselves to campus life and find success both in and outside the classroom."

Art: All Welcome to Submit Artwork

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still life.

Paul Endres '08 has participated in the annual show for all four of his years at Providence College. He pointed out that even though senior art majors have their individual theses displayed and there are other themed shows, this is a unique chance to display an assorted, even random collection of artwork.

"Anyone can put stuff in, so I've always done it," he said. "It's cool to see everyone else's work up together all in one space."

Lacoste and Driscoll said they have both been involved in art for a long time, leading to their roles as the leaders of the Art Club. Their activities include running the Friday art club at the nearby San Miguel School.

"Both our experiences collectively led to the team effort this year," said Driscoll.

And as co-presidents, both are looking forward to seeing the combined efforts of the PC students, novice and experienced alike.

"Getting everyone's work in an open setting, especially those who have never had a chance to see their work exhibited," said Driscoll when asked what her favorite part of the experience is.

"It's something to be proud of and it's something special the Art Club provides," she added.

Lacoste also mentioned the role that art can play in demonstrating diversity on campus.

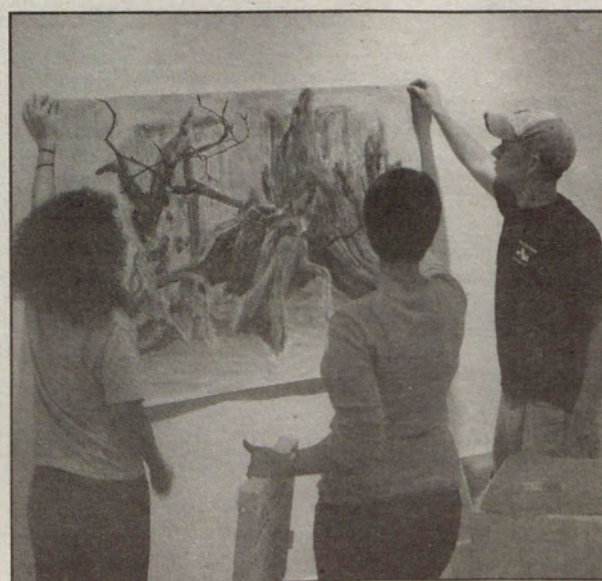
"So many people accuse PC of being homogenous, but even though we come from what might be similar backgrounds, we all have a different perspective on it," she said. "This art show demonstrates that."

The exhibition is open to the public from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday in the Hunt-Cavanagh Gallery until Tuesday, Oct. 16.



TODD PAGE '08/The Cowl

Beginning Wednesday, Oct. 10, student art pieces are on display in the Hunt-Cavanagh Gallery. All students were welcome to submit their pieces, but the members of the Art Club ultimately chose the pieces to display. Approximately 50 pieces were chosen to be on display until Tuesday, Oct. 16.



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Election: Clubs Offer Candidate Information

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Bissaillon said Ahern was looking for three people to organize a Providence chapter: a media coordinator, a campus coordinator, and an outreach coordinator. Upon returning to school in September, Bissaillon said they also recruited a student to be a membership coordinator. Since the start of the school year, he said they have been "active in trying to recruit membership."

"We participated in the involvement fair back in September where we got 30 plus students to sign up," said Bissaillon.

The chapter's best response, however, has come via the Internet.

"We have gotten the best response from Facebook which has been a great means of communicating with the student body," said Bissaillon. "As soon as we set up the group on Facebook, 'PC Students for Barack Obama,' we sent out invitations to all our friends to join and then asked them in turn to do the same. As of right now we have over 120 members in the group."

The initial reaction, Bissaillon said, has been enthusiasm, but it has proven difficult to maintain the high level of eagerness.

"The reaction to the group is multifaceted," said Bissaillon. "An overwhelming majority of the people who I talk to like Obama, like the group, and seem excited about the upcoming election; unfortunately, much of the enthusiasm dies down after that. When we tried to have our first meeting we had over 50 RSVPs but when the actual meeting was held the turnout was nowhere near that. In response, the leadership team has altered its approach and we hope for a bigger turnout next time around."

Having seen the effects of a grassroots campaign in 2004 with Howard Dean (D-N.H.), Bissaillon said he was inspired by that style of campaigning.

"In 2004, with the campaign of Howard Dean, it was shown just what kind of impact a grassroots campaign comprised of dedicated and energized supporters can

have," he said. "First and foremost, we believe in the candidate and his message and we see this as a great medium to garner support at a grassroots level."

For Bissaillon, becoming part of a campaign was crucial for the upcoming presidential election.

"Other than purely political reasons, I think a lot of us felt a responsibility to start or partake in the chapter," said Bissaillon. "I know one of my motivating factors was that I felt if I were to standby idle and watch this election from afar it would be doing a great injustice to my own beliefs in this democratic society. This is a crucial point in American politics, one that does not necessarily call for conservative or liberal responses, but rather sensible and levelheaded decisions predicated on the common good . . ."

Two of the College's political organizations on campus, Providence College Democrats and the College Republicans, are not officially endorsing anyone, but are helping their members learn about individual candidates' campaigns.

"The Providence College Democrats act [as] a venue for all Democratic political candidates," said Emma Pietrantonio '08, president of the Providence College Democrats. "We cannot endorse a specific candidate but we have opportunities for students to get involved with all campaigns."

According to Pietrantonio, PC Democrats acts as a liaison for students and the campaigns.

"Essentially we become a point of contact between students and campaigns, so that a student looking at working for any particular campaign can use our group as a resource," she said.

Once the Democrats have officially nominated a candidate, however, the club turns its attention towards that person.

"After the Democratic primary our group can direct its efforts to the Democratic nominee," said Pietrantonio.

The same holds true for the College Republicans.

"The College Republicans cannot endorse any candidate in a primary, so we

are providing information about all candidates," said Sarah Highland '08, president of the College Republicans.

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Essentially we become a point of contact between students and campaigns . . .

Emma Pietrantonio '08

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The College Republicans, however, have been providing information on various Republican candidates to their members.

"We are very active with the presidential campaigns, and want to provide students with opportunities to all Republican presidential campaigns," Highland said.

Like Bissaillon, members of the organization have also been involved in candidates' campaigns. According to Highland, students have had internships with Mitt Romney's (R-Mass.) campaign while others have been campaigned for Sen. John McCain (R-Ariz.) and Congressman Ron Paul (R-Texas) or attended events for former New York City mayor Rudy Giuliani (R-N.Y.).

"We have had speakers on campus for the Giuliani campaign and the Romney campaign. Some students are interested in starting a 'Students for Mitt' on campus," Highland added.

The PC Democrats and College Republicans are also co-sponsoring "educational forums" that will help students "make an informed choice come election day," Pietrantonio added.

Freshman Election Results

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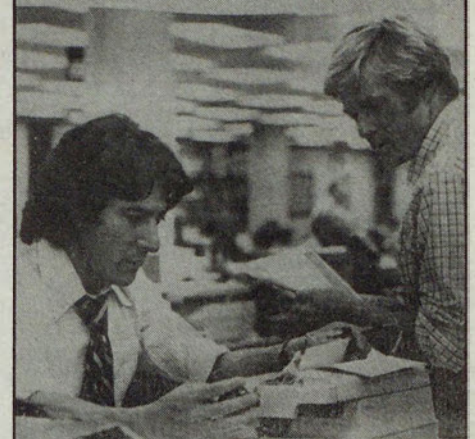
Where: McPhails' Round Tables

When: Friday, Oct. 12 @ 3:30

Panelists: Dave Socha '08 - Off-Campus Representative on Congress (lives on Pinehurst)
Lt. Mike Correia - Commander of the local 7th District Police Sub-station
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Madness: Students, Athletes Compete for Prizes

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committee of Student Congress, of the contest.

PC TV also held a contest to find a new chant for students to cheer at Friar Basketball games. Students were invited to exhibit their creative talents and their new chants were taped.

"We're all sick of 'Go Friars,'" said Seguin.

The student(s) with the most creative slogan will win season tickets for this year's basketball season and an autographed jersey.

A coffeehouse was hosted by the Board of Programers (BOP) in McPhail's Tuesday, Oct. 9. The coffee house brought students together with the PC basketball team. Individual players' "Friar Fanatic" t-shirts were sold for \$5. Winners of the coffee house trivia contest also received season tickets for the basketball season and a signed jersey.

Thursday, Oct. 11 was also a Friar-filled night at McPhail's. The first event of the night was "Throwback Thursday." Students could take a study break and enjoy some classic Friar basketball games and highlight clips from 2:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Afterwards, from 8:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. a trivia contest was held by Student Athlete Advisory Council. Students were pitted against today's most popular student athletes. Those athletes participating included Weynmi Efejuku '09, Ryan Maduro '08, Max Smith '08, and more. Students and student athletes showed off their Friar sports and general sports knowledge; winners received Friar prizes. Other prizes were raffled off throughout the night and given away, including signed posters of former Friar athletes. Pizza was also served.

Friday afternoon, Oct. 12, FANatic 101 will be held on Slavin Lawn. The fun and games will last from 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. PC TV will be unveiling the winners of the "Student Section Chants." Bob Driscoll, athletic director and associate vice president of athletics, will serve as the Master of Ceremonies for the afternoon. He will give students a "locker room pep-talk" to pump them up for Midnight Madness later that night. Students will also learn of the legends of the FANtom, Friarboy, throwing lobsters, and will have the opportunity to run the Friar Flag. Face painting and temporary tattoos will be available for students willing to show their Friar pride. The PC cheerleaders will also be at the event to invigorate fans. Big East t-shirts and Madness t-shirts will be given away to students along with other prizes, which will be distributed to those who are the most enthusiastic and intense.

Madness will officially begin later that

night in the Mullaney Gym at 9:30 p.m. Students who arrive early will be eligible to receive free Madness tee-shirts. The shooting contest and half court shots will provide entertainment for students, as well as the annual dance-off between BOP, Board of Multicultural Student Affairs (BMSA), and PC Dance Company. The two students who won the three point shooting contest held Tuesday, Oct. 9 through Thursday, Oct. 11 will play on two opposing teams. Each team will be comprised of a men's basketball team member and a women's basketball team member. The two teams will compete against each other for tickets to a Big East Championship game. A local hip-hop artist will also be performing from 9:45 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. DJ, will be providing further music throughout the night. The women's 2007-2008 basketball team will be introduced at 10:45p.m. Following the women's basketball team, the 2007-2008 men's basketball team will be introduced. They will be entertaining the crowd with some signature shots and other basketball skills.

"We could not host Late Night Madness without the help of all the students," said Katie Moore, coordinator of marketing and promotions. "Athletics is very grateful to have them."

Madness will not stop on Friday night. Saturday morning, Oct. 13 there will be a basketball brunch at Raymond Cafeteria from 11:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. Later that night, BOP will be hosting the Black and White Dance in Peterson Center. The tickets are \$5 and will be sold in Raymond Cafeteria. The dress code will be semi-formal (black and white preferred) and a DJ will be providing music.

Fan Fest will continue the enthusiasm of Madness Week, and kick of this year's basketball season, on Saturday, Oct. 27. The event will take place in and around Alumni Hall beginning at 1:30 p.m. Entertainment will be provided for students by a variety of organizations. A clown will be on hand creating balloons for students. Wally the Green Monster, mascot of the Boston Red Sox, will be present pending the Red Sox advancement into the World Series. The Pawtucket YMCA will be providing inflatable games for students to play. The Coca-Cola Company will also be promoting its newest acquisition, Vitamin Water. Students will be able to try samples of Vitamin Water and other energy drinks.

The men's basketball team will also be playing the Intra Squad Scrimmage to pump up Friar fans. Both the men's and women's teams will be available during the afternoon for autographs.

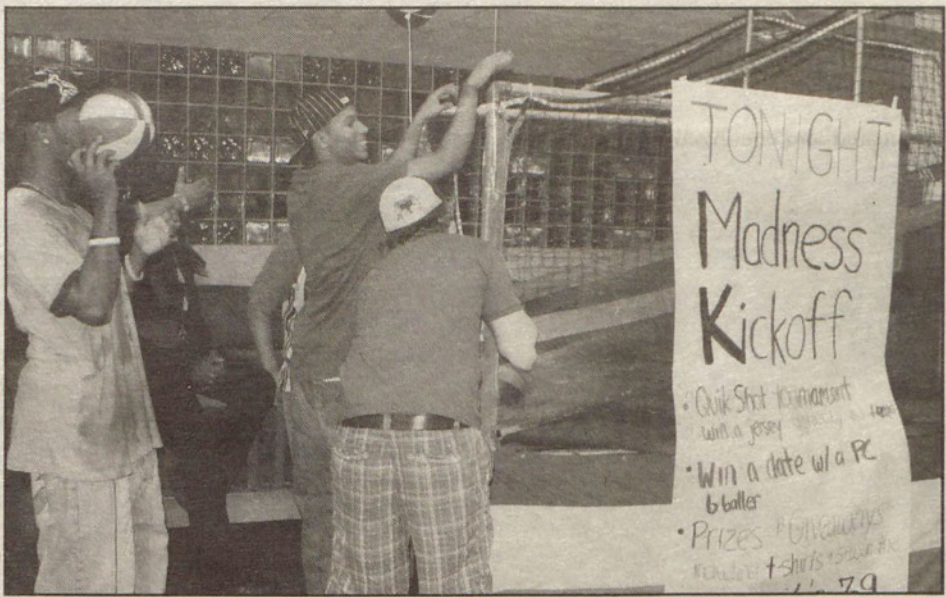
"[It's a] chance for fans to come meet the players, [and] check out the teams," said Moore.



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Throughout the week of Oct. 7, students have been able to participate in a variety of activities leading up Late Night Madness. Events have included basketball contests, trivia contests pitting students against student-athletes, and FANatic 101. According to Katie Moore, coordinator of marketing and promotions, the events offer students the chance to meet the players and get ready for the upcoming winter sports season.

Record Breaking Arctic Melt Worries Scientists

BY MOLLY VAUGHAN '08
WORLD STAFF

The Arctic

SCIENTISTS and world leaders alike are both perplexed and concerned about this past summer's Arctic ice cap melt.

In 2007 the ice reached its lowest levels since satellite testing began in 1979.

Scientists are now attempting to study the myriad of forces that exposed over one million square miles of open water.

Warmer Arctic water had led experts to believe that diminishing ice area was certain to happen sometime in the future but the melt is happening decades earlier than their initial predictions.

National Geographic reported that Leif Toudal Pedersen of the Danish National Space Center stated that the ice has declined by about 38,600 square miles per year for the last decade. Compared to that average, this year's decline of 386,000 square miles is extreme.

"The strong reduction in just one year certainly raises flags that the ice [in summer] may disappear much sooner than expected, and that we urgently need to understand better the processes involved," Pedersen added.

The question on everyone's mind is this: are natural or man-made causes to blame? It is a complex issue that has scientists scratching their heads.

Complicating the matter is the theory that the striking change was due to the ice moving as well as melting.

A study led by Son Nghiem at NASA's Jet

Propulsion Laboratory used satellites and buoys to show that since the year 2000, winds have pushed huge amounts of thick old ice out of the Arctic basin past Greenland.

There are no records from Russia, Alaska, or any other country bordering the Arctic that point to such a massive ice retreat in recent years. This supports the

"But changes in the last few years make you have to question that. I'm much more open to the idea that we might have passed a point where it's becoming essentially irreversible."

The leaders of Canada, Russia, and Denmark are paying close attention to these climate changes, but not because they are particularly concerned about global warming.

Trade is on their minds. One of the most astounding results of this summer's ice melt was that the famed Northwest Passage, a direct route from Europe to Asia across the Arctic Ocean, was completely ice-free.

The rapid melting is creating international competition for control of these newly-accessible shipping lanes and exposed natural resources.

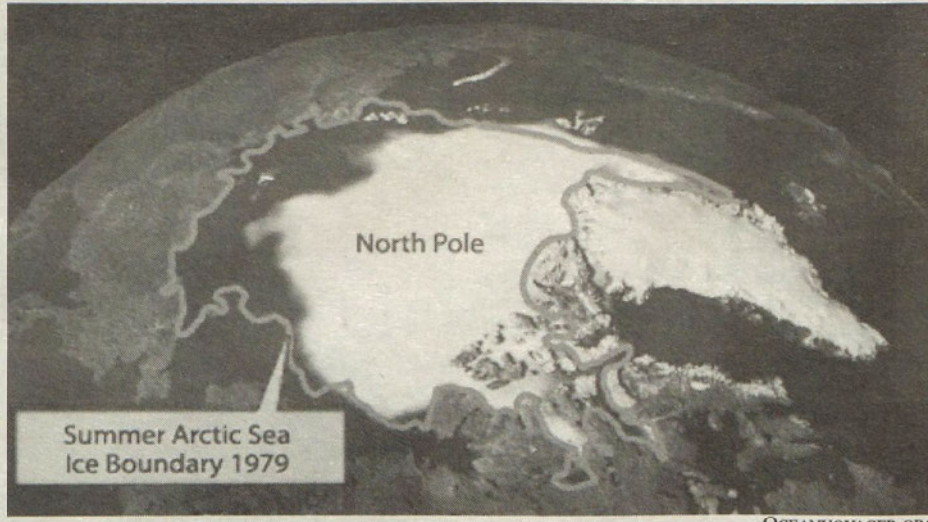
Canada claims full rights over parts of the passage that pass its territory, but the United States and European Union countered that the passage is in international waters. Russia has laid claim to the sea floor at the North Pole and planted a flag on it, hoping to secure the oil and minerals there.

Experts say that the reality of the Northwest Passage becoming a viable shipping route is a long way off.

Right now the passage is seasonal, too unstable for commercial vessels, and lacks any supporting ports on its route.

Still, considering how eager the international community was to snatch up claim to routes and resources, the political ramifications of a sizeable ice melt could be messy.

One thing is for sure: Many powerful people in the world will be carefully watching what the ice does next summer.



Animated image from NASA showing the current Arctic Sea ice coverage, in white, and outlining the Arctic Sea ice boundary recorded in the Summer of 1979.

The thin floes that formed as a result both melted faster and could easily be pushed out by strong winds.

Meanwhile, global warming activists are citing the meltdown as proof that human activities are creating chaos in the Arctic. Scientists respond that the melting cannot be explained away so simply.

However, these experts cannot deny that the Arctic Circle is plagued by significant melting - and that global warming is playing some part in it.

theory that human beings may have tipped the balance.

Some scientists who once scoffed at the idea that a human influence could be altering the Arctic climate now agree that it is hard to pin the melt solely on natural causes.

"We used to argue that a lot of the variability... was induced by changes in the winds, natural changes not obviously related to global warming," John Michael Wallace, a scientist at the University of Washington, told *The New York Times*.



Would you give up your iPod for a new Zune?



"No, and I think that's a stupid name for it."

Kayleigh Pratt '08



"I like my iPod... even though it is broken."

Liz Guigio '08

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Microsoft Zune: A Threat to iPod?

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TECHNOLOGY

BILL GATES, Chairman of Microsoft Corp. and Corporate Vice President J. Allard announced an updated version of Zune, a portable digital media player, on Oct. 2.

Similar to Apple's iPod, Zune plays music, pictures, videos, displays images and is able to receive FM radio.

The new Zune includes the ability to sync wirelessly over the owner's home wireless system and includes a new touch pad device.

Microsoft has come up with three new models for this digital media player. The updates include a sleek, black Zune 80 GB hard-drive model which has a bright 3.2 inch screen, the ultraportable Zune 4 GB, and the Zune 8 GB flash model available in new shades of pink, green, black, and red. They all have the Zune Pad navigation button with a touch-sensitive surface.

In addition, all existing Zune owners will be automatically updated with the new features as well as the new device software coming out this fall.

Along with the new Zune is the Zune Marketplace which will be available in mid-November.

This online music store will offer more than three million songs and video podcasts.

The layout of this online store has been visually updated, making it more interesting and much easier to browse. Also, by purchasing a Zune Pass, subscribers will be able to download as much music as desired for a monthly rate.

Another new feature of Zune is Zune Social, a beta online community website which allows people to share their musical taste, knowledge and experience with others.

Similar to websites such as Myspace, users can create a friends list, post comments on one another's profile page, message other users, and even send song links.

Anyone can create a free Zune Card which will automatically let them know about updates and most recently played tracks and highlights.

Although Zune has been updated and has better features than before, it is still no match against Apple's iPod.

The iPod consists of more than 70 percent of digital media players sold nationwide, according to analysts and consumers.

Microsoft says it sold more than 1.2 million Zunes last year in contrast to the 41.4 million iPods sold just from October 2006 to this past June. Overall, Apple has sold over 110 million iPods since the product first went on sale in 2001.

Despite these figures, Chairman Bill Gates hasn't given up, stating, "We think the same kind of things in terms of persistence and innovation can apply in this connected entertainment area," according to *The Wall Street Journal*.



The Sunny Side
Positive News Stories in a Negative World

Mandella Announces AIDS Concert

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AFRICA: South Africa

DECEMBER 1ST marks the observance of World AIDS day. And it is on this day that former South African president Nelson Mandela and his respective foundation are planning to hold a top tier concert event in Johannesburg, South Africa.

Much like the Live 8 series, Mandela's concert events have attracted numerous high profile musicians including U2, Madonna, Angelique Kidjo and many more.

The line-up for this particular upcoming concert, the fifth of the concert series, is yet to be determined and will be released by the end of the month.

Having the positive track record of drawing huge crowds of music fans, the upcoming concert in Johannesburg is expecting a turnout in the tens of thousands.

South Africa, a nation currently harboring an estimated 5.4 million individuals with either HIV or AIDS appears to be the perfect setting for such a massive and globally acknowledged event.

"We are grateful that the City of Johannesburg has made it possible for 46664 to stage our first World Aids Day concert. Johannesburg has long asked for a concert to be held here and I am happy that we can now deliver to the people of Johannesburg. We look forward to being joined by thousands of citizens on that day," stated Mandela on his campaign website.

The 46664 Campaign, a title inspired by the prisoner number donned by Mandela while being imprisoned during South Africa's era of apartheid, has managed to raise roughly \$3 million dollars from past concerts which included venues such as Cape Town, South Africa, Barcelona, Spain and Norway. Some of the campaign's celebrity ambassadors include the likes of Will Smith, Robert DeNiro and Annie Lenox.

Tim Massey, the international director of the 46664 campaign voiced high hopes for success of the upcoming event, "we are trying to make this concert something very different. It's going to be the greatest concert yet," he told CNN.com.

In the mean time, those interested can donate to the 46664 campaign or find out more information by visiting web site at <http://46664.com>.

North Korea Agrees to Disable Nuclear Facility

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ASIA: North Korea

ON WEDNESDAY, Oct. 3, a landmark deal was made in Beijing as North Korea pledged to disable its nuclear facilities, namely its main reactor, "Yongbyon," by the end of the year.

In addition, North Korea agreed to completely disclose all information regarding its nuclear program.

In return North Korea will receive 950,000 metric tons of oil, or the economic equivalent, as North Korea does not have enough room to store all of the oil it has been promised.

Controversially, the agreement holds that the United States will remove North Korea from its terrorism list and/or enemy nations list.

Former ambassador to the United Nations, John Bolton, believes that by making this side deal with North Korea, the Bush administration essentially violated the original purpose of the six party talks.

"If they come off either or both lists, without any final verification of their performance on the nuclear issue, I think the president will have embarrassed his administration in history," Bolton told *The New York Times*.

President Bush is applauding the agreement, arguing that it could possibly serve as a model for diplomatic talks with Iran.

Japan, a party to the six nation talks, is hesitant to applaud the agreement, since several Japanese nationals were kidnapped in North Korea earlier this year.

The final phase of the denuclearization

effort to foster a closer relationship.

The leaders announced their desire to finally end the Korean War and bring peace to the divided peninsula.

The Korean War ended in an armistice in 1953; however, South Korea never signed the armistice, so it is technically still at war with North Korea.

Finally, the leaders expressed their desire to end their dispute over the Yellow Sea.

Since the first summit in 2000, South Korea has been providing aid to the impoverished North Korea despite the erratic political actions of North Korean President Kim Jong-il. According to the most recent announcement, South Korea substantially assist North Korea with the development of infrastructure, namely highways and rail systems.

Many South Koreans criticize their president, Roh Moo-hyun, for providing too much aid to North Korea.

Further, since he only has four months left in office, many believe that he was eager to reach this agreement because he wanted to establish his historical legacy.

Regardless, it is generally believed on the peninsula that there will eventually be a reunification of the Koreans and Thursday's announcement is seen as just another step in the long, planned process.



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Representatives from the nations involved in the six party talks reached an agreement on Oct. 3.

of North Korea will be the surrender of its existing nuclear stockpile.

While it is believed that the surrender will occur sometime next year, no timetable or formal agreement has been reached.

In other news, on Thursday, Oct. 4, North and South Korean leaders agreed to jointly pursue economic projects in an

Oddly Enough

Custody Battle Over Amputated Leg Rages in South Carolina

In South Carolina, an amputated leg that was stored in a barbecue smoker has caused a custody debate between two men. John Wood lost his leg in a plane crash in 2004 and wished to save the leg for his burial upon his future death. He wrapped the leg, foot, and calf in wire and stored it in a smoker in a storage facility. When Wood failed to make payments on the storage unit, his belongings were auctioned and sold to Mr. Shannon Whisnant.

Whisnant discovered the contents of the smoker after his purchase and has since used the leg to his advantage. Whisnant has been charging curious adults \$3 and children \$1 to view the smoker and amputated leg.

According to BBC, Whisnant said that he would be willing "to share custody" of the leg. "It's a strange incident and Halloween's just around the corner. The price will go up if I get the leg" said Whisnant.

Wood wants sole possession of the leg and has rejected this joint custody offer. Additionally, he has expressed disgust for the profit Whisnant has made.

The police removed the leg from Whisnant's possession and returned it the funeral home where Wood can pick it up. However, Whisnant is claiming legal rights to the leg citing the terms of the receipt of his purchase. He has threatened to take the case to court, stating to *The Charlotte Observer*, "Everybody know it's mine, period. And if anyone tries to take it, I want everything they got."

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The Election 2008 Updater



By BRETT CORRIGAN '09, WORLD STAFF

REPUBLICANS

Giuliani Leads Fundraising

According to his official campaign web site, former New York Mayor Rudy Giuliani led the Republican candidates in funds raised for the third quarter.

This is the second quarter in a row that Giuliani has been the leading Republican fundraiser, after he gained over \$10.5 million dollars.

However, according to *The Washington Post*, this total was only half of the amount leading Democrats had raised in the third quarter, with Hillary Clinton and Barack Obama each raising \$20 million.

It seems that the lack of success for the Republicans is largely attributed to President Bush's lowering approval rating throughout the country.

Due to his association with the Republican Party, many voters have come to disregard the Republican Party as a whole.

Giuliani attributes his third quarter success within the Republican Party to support from over 1000 grassroots house parties for his cause, which took place throughout September, according to his campaign web site.

According to Giuliani's Campaign Manager, Michael DuHaime, their campaign is "receiving real support from across the country," arguing that Giuliani has "proven leadership [and] executive experience and can beat the Democrats in November."

Giuliani's campaign also announced that it has received contributions from all 50 states, Puerto Rico, The Virgin Islands, and the District of Columbia.



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Former New York Mayor Rudy Giuliani raised the most money in the third quarter.



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Sen. Barack Obama (IL) criticizes interrogation techniques, lays out his plan.

DEMOCRATS

Obama Criticizes Bush

In a statement released Thursday, Oct. 4 on his campaign website, Sen. Barack Obama (IL) commented on the Bush Administration's secret authorization of brutal interrogation techniques, and also laid out his plans for the issue were he to be elected president.

Obama argued that these actions were an "outrageous betrayal of our core values, and a grave danger to our security."

While he acknowledged that we must do whatever we can to capture or kill terrorists, he argued that torture should not be one of the resources used to find said terrorists. He then proceeded to chastise the Bush administration, arguing that torture only creates more enemies, remarking, "torture is how you set back America's standing in the world, not how you strengthen it."

After defending his stance on the issue, Obama went on to argue that if he were to be elected, the country would once again be against the use of these "deplorable tactics." He also promised, "when I am president, we won't work in secret to avoid honoring our laws and constitution, we will be straight with the American people and true to our values."

On the senate floor, two years prior to officially announcing his candidacy for president, Obama made a similar argument regarding Alberto Gonzales' nomination for Attorney General in 2005.

In the Official Senate Transcript from February 3, 2005, Obama could be found arguing that this use of torture could mean great danger for our troops abroad "if the entire world accepted the definition contained in Department of Justice memos."

Week in Review

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Local

Velázquez Gets Day In Court

Illegal worker Edgar Velázquez was finally able to seek legal action against his former employer for the permanent disfigurement he sustained on the job.

This began last year during Velázquez's employment with Billy G's Tree Care, a Warwick, Rhode Island landscaping company, in which the chainsaw Velázquez was using "kicked back" onto him, resulting in severe but non life-threatening facial injury. Edgar proceeded to seek compensation from William Gorman Jr., the company's owner, but was arrested by Immigration on the day of his scheduled hearing. His claim was subsequently withdrawn following his deportation a month later.

According to Rhode Island state law, undocumented workers are entitled to workers' compensation benefits, and Velázquez had claimed that Gorman knew of his undocumented status during his date of hire.

Having returned on a humanitarian parole from Mexico, Velázquez has won his right to pursue his claims from a recent pretrial hearing.

National

McDonald's Loses Suit

The McDonald's Corporation was forced to pay \$1.8 million in damages last week after plaintiff Louise Ogborn, a former employee in 2004, had successfully argued that company negligence was responsible for her unlawful, three and a half hour strip search.

The search was made when someone called the restaurant masquerading as a police officer, falsely claiming that a young female employee was suspected of stealing from a customer. The caller had even directly demanded that a strip search be conducted.

Louise's case was built partly on the fact that several of these false accusations had been made on other Florida McDonalds locations before, and that the company had failed to notify local managers of the danger. The McDonald's attorney claimed that warning the numerous McDonald's employees would simply have been impossible, but Louise's attorney, Glenn Cohen, remained skeptical. "They get the word out when there is a McRib special," he tells MSNBC, "... They certainly can get the word out on that."

International

Typhoon Krosa Strikes China

Typhoon Krosa in China has left miles and miles of damaged roads and displaced power lines in its wake, but apparently there have been no deaths. This is due in part to China's enormous evacuation efforts, as 1.4 million people in the Zhejiang and Fujian provinces were evacuated prior to the storm's arrival.

China proved to be the exception, however, as Krosa had been reduced to a tropical storm before it could reach the mainland. Taiwan, meanwhile, had incurred at least five deaths and more than fifty injuries when it was stricken with much greater force the day before, on Saturday. The storm's radius ensured that it would be felt across the entire island.

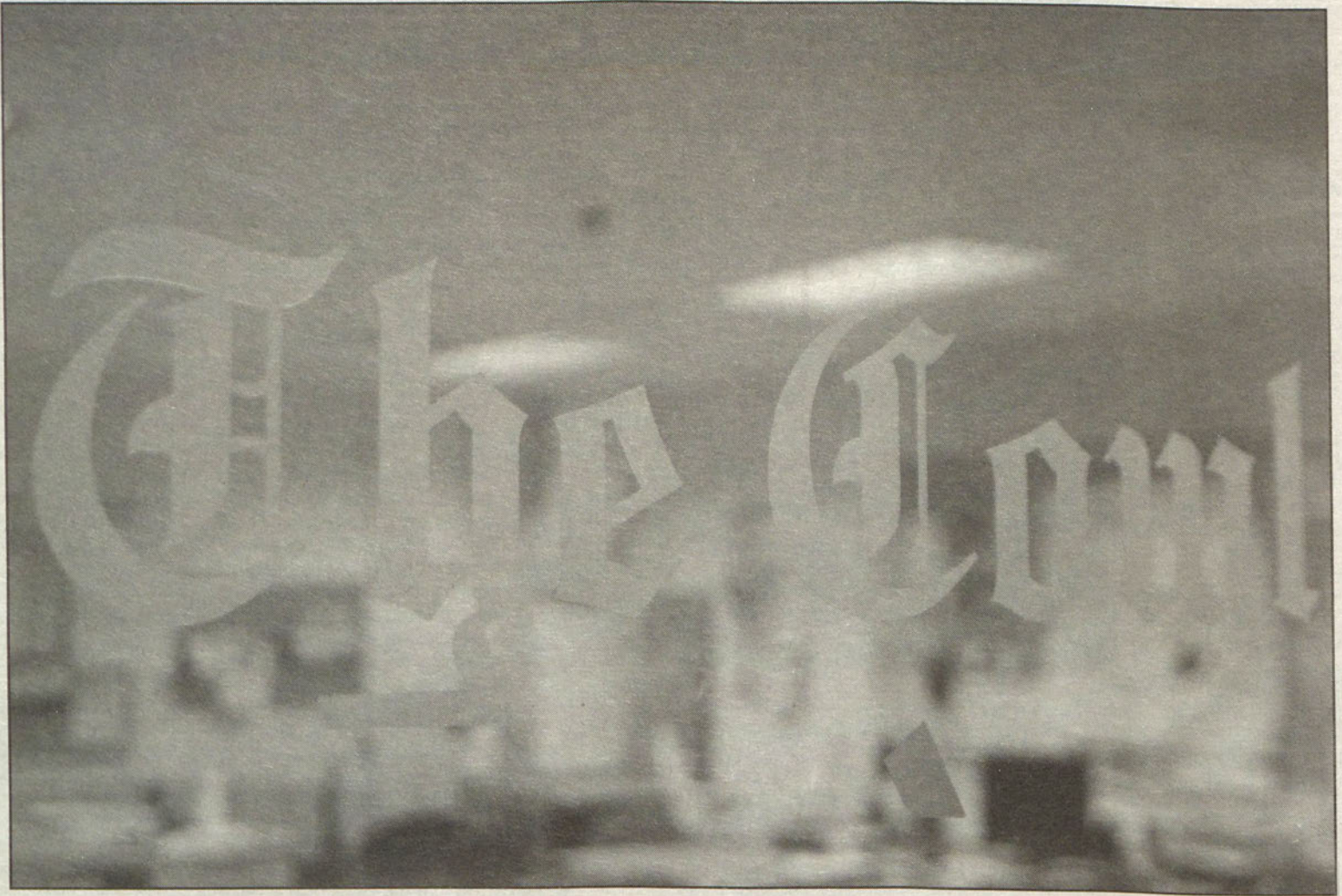
Health

Technology Improves Healthcare

Thousands of residents of southern India have just gotten Wi-Fi.

Developed in a collaboration between Aravind Eye Hospital and the University of California, Berkeley, as well as with the Dell Corporation, the modified communications system allows for "remote conferences" to be made with doctors and patients at different locations through the use of high quality video conferences.

Tests with the system have thus far exceeded expectations, and optimism about its expanded use in the more remote regions of the world is spreading. Professor Eric Brewer of Berkeley does not stop short of saying that the new system could "revolutionize" the healthcare delivery systems of the third world.



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One-Sided “Freedom of Speech”



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NATIONAL

In October 2006, Jim Gilchrist was invited by Columbia University's College Republicans to give a speech to the student body.

Gilchrist is the founder of a group known as the “Minutemen,” which voluntarily patrols the border between Mexico and America in an attempt to stem the flow of illegal immigration. Gilchrist and fellow Minuteman Marvin Stewart accepted the invitation to speak at Columbia in hopes to expound upon the principles on which they founded their organization.

During their speech, Columbia students stormed the podium, knocked over furniture, attacked Gilchrist, and started chanting viciously on the stage. Gilchrist and Stewart had to be escorted from the theatre by security. The attack came after Stewart was interrupted by students who were shouting racial slurs at him and chanting “wrap it up, wrap it up.” Columbia junior Ryan Fukumori, who participated in the attack on the Minutemen, said “They have no right to be able to speak here.” University president Lee Bollinger refused to punish the Columbia students who took part in the protest.

At an academic conference at Harvard University in Jan. 2005, then President Larry Summers made comments that eventually resulted in his being fired. As *The Boston Globe* reported, Summers, in quoting a recent study, “said that innate differences between men and women might be one reason fewer women succeed in science and math careers.” In the weeks and months following the speech, fellow educators and administrators were “shocked” and “outraged” that Summers, who is a Democrat, could say such a thing. Instead of engaging President Summers in a debate, they simply branded him a sexist. Based on his presentation of the issue, Summers was forced out of Harvard.

Summers, Gilchrist, and Stewart all fell victim to left-wing academic elites and their perverted definition of “free-speech.” Liberal college campuses such as Harvard and Columbia claim to practice such ideas as toleration and the freedom of expression while in reality they physically attack and demean those who happen to hold different positions. These colleges had no interest in anything that either the Minutemen or Summers had to say nor were they willing to provide a platform from which they could say it.

Remarkably, it seems that the only time liberals and academic elites will come to the defense of someone's right to free speech is when that person has something bad to say about America. Take for instance Professor Ward Churchill of the University of Colorado, who said in January 2005 that the 9/11 terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center were justified. In speaking of the victims of the attacks, Churchill despicably wrote, “True enough, they were civilians of a sort. But innocent? Gimme a break.” The professor then went on to describe those killed in the twin towers as Nazis.

While conservatives and the 9/11 victim's families called for Churchill to be fired, the University of Colorado and liberals defended Churchill's right to speak freely, even if we might disagree with

Handicap Parking Spaces Abused

‘Handi-Kidnappers’ Steal Parking Spots from Those In Need



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CULTURE

Over the summer, my video camera was stolen from a private hall where my brother and I were hosting a local band show. I went to the police office to report it stolen, though I recognized the futility of the gesture. While I was there I witnessed an event that made me ask some questions. A woman entered the station and spoke to the officer at the desk about the process she had to go through to have a handicapped parking space designated in front of her apartment. Apparently, there were only two spots in front of the building and her husband had difficulty walking. He was registered in the state of Connecticut and had a disabled parking placard, but there were no spaces reserved in their complex. She said that even though the neighbors knew about her husband's condition, there was often no place for them to park within easy walking distance and she thought the handicapped spot would secure her husband's comfort as best as possible.

I don't know if she succeeded in having the space designated, but I'm not sure it would be completely effective even if she did. So many drivers disregard handicapped parking laws for their own conven-

ience or simply out of laziness. According to an article by James Hannah in a recent issue of *USA Today*, certain states and citizens are pushing to diminish the number of people who usurp the rights of the disabled citizens in our community to their parking spots. In Xenia, Ohio, and also in Illinois, the fine for parking illegally in a handicapped parking spot has increased from \$40 to \$250. Also, Waltham, Mass. has paid its officers about \$6,000 overtime to hunt down parking violators and have received nearly \$32,000 in fines for their efforts. The sheer number of people who blatantly disregard their fellow citizens with physical disabilities is almost sickening, but there are an equal number of active people ready to make sure they stop.

Even worse than those without the permits are those who misuse permits or intentionally fabricate a false one. It is illegal to use the permit when the disabled individual is not in the car, regardless of whether or not the permit is legitimate. Because it is difficult to determine whether the empty car carried its handicapped passenger to this parking spot, many people can get away with this sort of abuse of the privilege. It isn't always easy to tell by appearances, however, whether or not someone is actually handicapped.

My mother slipped a disc in her back many years ago; it crushed one of the main nerves to her left leg, eliminating communication between the brain and that nerve and effectively rendering the leg unresponsive. Through intense physical therapy and a lot of heart, she has regained

much of the motor skills in her leg, but she walks with the help of a leg brace and, on days where her damaged nerve sends shooting pains through her body, a cane.

My mother has been issued a handicapped parking permit on account of her disability, but with pants covering her leg brace it is often difficult to distinguish her from any perfectly healthy woman. She has often received accusatory glances from passers-by who suspect her of borrowing someone else's privileges. Not intimidated by these unfounded suspicions, she takes pride in the fact that she only uses her permit on days she feels it's absolutely necessary. “I would hate to take the spot away from someone who is worse off than me,” she says. If only the non-handicapped drivers in the country had the same consideration for others.

In the state of Rhode Island, drivers caught illegally utilizing those spaces set aside for the disabled can be fined anywhere between \$75 and \$500. With numbers like that on the line, I don't understand how it's worth it to park closer by a few feet. Even just to run in and grab something small, the moderate convenience isn't worth the exorbitant fine if you're caught. Do yourself a favor—give proper respect to those who have enough troubles as it is. The rest of the parking lot is there for a reason; a little walking won't hurt you, and who knows? Maybe you'll finally lose that last stubborn pound you've been trying to shed. At least if we all respect each other the world can't get any worse.

Barack is O-Bombing Primary Race

What Obama Needs to Do to Get the Democratic Party's Nomination



BY ANDY KOWAL '10
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POLITICAL

I read two books this summer that I couldn't put down. One was obviously *Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows* by J.K. Rowling and the other was *Dreams from My Father* by Sen. Barack Obama (D-Ill.). Now it doesn't seem likely that Rowling will be the next President of the United States of America, mostly because she's a British citizen, but Obama, on the other hand, has a great shot. If he really wants to be the next president, however, he needs to step up his game.

My fellow Democrats and I, all 10 of us that go to Providence College, have a difficult choice to make in a few months; we need to vote for our nominee of the Democratic Party for president. With so many people running—Hillary Clinton (D-NY), John Edwards (D-NC), former Alaskan Senator Mike Gravel, Joe Biden (D-Del.), Chris Dodd (D-Conn.), Dennis Kucinich (D-Ohio), Bill Richardson (D-NM), and, of course, Obama—it's important to realize the differences between them.

Knowing that the primaries are quickly approaching, I recently watched the MSNBC Democratic presidential debate broadcasted from Dartmouth College in New Hampshire. Although I have refused to choose a candidate yet, I do have a slight predilection for Obama. *Dreams from My Father* was probably the best memoir I have ever read. Besides being an excellent author, Obama put across a sense of hope, fairness, and patriotism that has not been seen since the JFK years. That, along with his youth, has shot Obama to a sort of rock star fame.

With all of that working for him, I was sorely disappointed that he virtually bombed in the debate. He gave no real inspiring words of wisdom, made no particularly important assertions, took no issue with the other candidates, and failed to really say anything. He sounded over-rehearsed and underwhelmed. It was easy to see his advisors had told him exactly what issues he had to hit on and to make sure he hit on those points even if they had little to do with the question (granted all of the candidates seemed like that as well, with the exception of course of Mike Gravel whose rants make each debate worth watching). The reason that most people like Obama is that he seems like he would bring about change, not just with the government but with politics in general. If he wants to be the “change” candidate, he needs to commit to it. When he goes to debates he shouldn't sound like Hillary Clinton or Chris Dodd. My advice to Obama is to stop being so rehearsed and flat at the debates. That's not to say he shouldn't be prepared for the questions but he should answer the questions that are asked and not be so concerned with hitting all of the points his advisors want him to. Also, it seems like he lacks any sort of emotion in the debates. This is far different from the Obama who writes books and the Obama who gives speeches. I've seen a few of his speeches online and, when he really goes for it, he captures the audience and his words seem so powerful. That is severely lacking in the debates. So Barack, when you're up there, get angry, get upset; if there is a policy you don't like, show it. The American people want someone who's honest and has good character. You have that so start showing it.

As of now, Obama and Clinton are the two top candidates, according to the polls, but as Hillary's numbers continue to climb, Barack's have stayed steady. With this infor-

mation it would be smart for Obama to make clear his differences with the senator from New York. But Obama has not said anything that's a substantial distance from anything Clinton has said. By not speaking up and putting up some walls, so to speak, he's doing everything wrong if he wants to be president. He's doing everything right, however, if he wants to be vice president. So far Clinton has the biggest lead over Democrats, and assuming that she wins the Democratic nomination she has to pick a running-mate. This running-mate can't be someone that has criticized her too harshly or split with her on the big issues. With Barack Obama's popularity, Clinton would be a fool not to put him on the ticket. Assuming Hillary gets the nomination and then the presidency, this would allow for Obama to gain the amount of experience the public has been criticizing him for and almost guarantee him the Democratic nomination in either four or eight years. If this is Obama's end then he is playing the game very well. If he truly does want to be the nominee, however, he needs to start fighting.

Obama has been criticized for not having much experience. Barack has barely fired back about this. He should mention the amount of experience our current president has and look where that has led the country. He should mention his years working as a civil rights lawyer and working in the south-side of Chicago. He needs to say that his experience has been with the working-class people of America. He needs to say he's more in touch with the issues of everyday Americans; more so than any of the other candidates. He needs to start firing back.

America needs a president that can inspire hope. It needs one that can bring people together and enact a change to make the lives of all Americans better. I sincerely believe that Sen. Barack Obama can do this. He needs to start showing it, though, so that everyone else can believe it.

Tangents and Tirades

This week on Tangents and Tirades: Jackie dreams of being Jane Jetson, Betsy goes blind from watching too much T.V., and Marie-Claire wishes someone would spell her name right!

Intergalactic space travel needs to speed up. As much as I love traveling, I really hate traveling. Allow me to clarify: I love seeing different places. I love going home to New York or going back to Providence, visiting Boston or Philadelphia, and going on vacations and tours. But the actual act of traveling—being in transit—stinks. Even if I'm going to a place I know I don't want to be, I find myself wishing that I'd just get there already because I hate traveling so much. I loathe traffic, cancelled flights, and delayed trains. Going home for Columbus Day Weekend was a brutal seven hours of journeying that I never want to experience again. It really makes me wish scientists would hurry up and develop teleportation devices already, or at the very least those tubes they had in *The Jetsons*.—**Jackie Kramer '10**

A very "productive" Columbus Day. Once again, I'm using *The Cowl* as a confessional. This time, I'm confessing a brief foray into fairly uncharted waters. Columbus Day weekend, spent quietly at home, afforded me the chance to catch up on television shows I have neglected for . . . years? ABC's Sunday night lineup, which includes *Extreme Makeover: Home Edition*, *Desperate Housewives*, and *Brothers & Sisters*, kept me captivated. *EM: Home Edition* kept me crying for an hour as the staff gave a new house to a little girl suffering from cancer, and I liked the fresh political chatter on *Brothers & Sisters*. *Desperate Housewives*, with Bree breaking into a neighbor's house for a pie recipe, is a bit extreme, but overall, I'd like to congratulate ABC on their superb lineup. With real life starting up again in earnest this week, I will look forward to the next time I get to see these shows . . . maybe next Columbus Day.—**Betsy Rouleau '08**

That's my name, wear it out! I figured I would utilize this small space afforded me to formally introduce myself—and to do so correctly. My name is Maryclaire, not Mary Claire or MaryClaire, and most certainly not Mary-Claire (How jarring does that hyphen look!). Bearing the burden of the compound name is a difficult task. New acquaintances are often left unsure of why I gave my middle name along with my first. Or, if the notion that I am "one of those Mary names" is effectively communicated, the suffix "Claire" is inevitably forgotten and I am donned Mary Beth, Mary Kate, and in one memorable experience, Mary Celeste, interchangeably. But as I established before, the spelling of my name usually causes the most confusion. Alas, as I write this, four squiggly red lines—complements of spell check—boldly underscore each version of my name above. Is it really that hard? My birthday cards, my PC card, and even my birth certificate have it wrong. I am fed up. At times I envy the simplicity of the Kates, the Janes, and the Megs; but then, what would I complain about?—**Maryclaire Dugre '10**

Letters to the Editor:

Class of 2008 senior giving project is well underway.

In response to the article "Road To Nowhere," published in last week's front page issue of *The Cowl*, we felt it was necessary to address any fears that may have been created for the Class of 2008. As many of you know, the 2008 class officers and subsequent gift core have been working diligently with Institutional Advancement since the end of our junior year. One of the issues raised in last week's article was that there was "substantial personnel turnover within the department as well as poor communication as reason for the project's lack of progress." We can assure the class with the utmost sincerity that these are not major problems with which the 2008 gift core will have to face. It is our goal to decide upon a gift in the near future solely for the class of 2008. Furthermore, it is our idea that this gift's dedication to the col-

lege will come during commencement week. As to this gift competing for priority with other projects, it is the gift core's charge to see to it that its priority is maintained. With this said, senior giving is not only that which makes a senior gift possible, but the beginning of a tradition of giving back to one's institution that has provided for us for the past four years. It is the donations of alumni that help to fuel our college, and by beginning to financially give back now, we are making a promise to continue in this tradition in the future. Thus let us assure you that your 2008 class officers and senior gift core have the class gift under control, so get excited!

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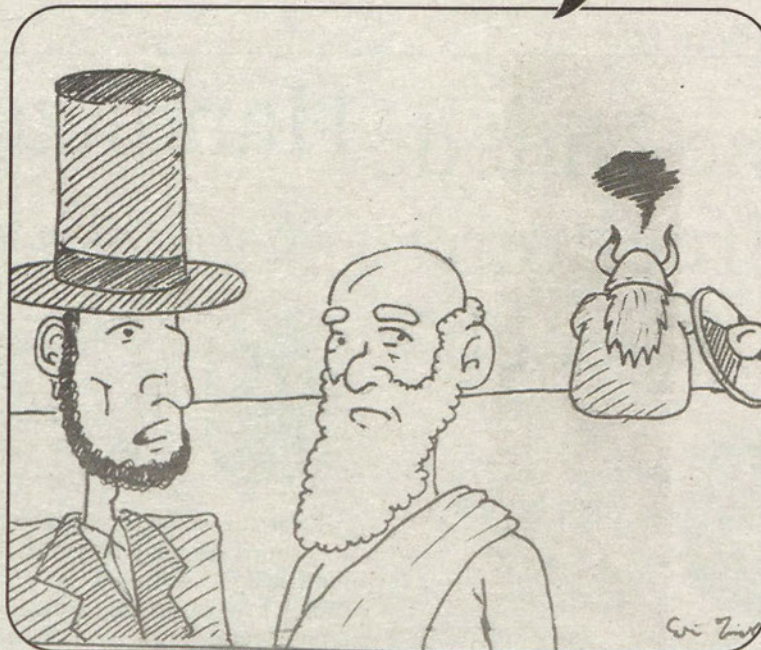
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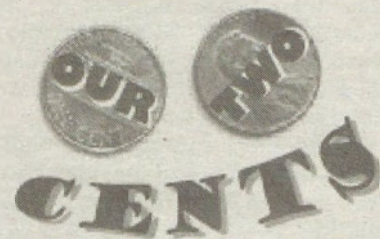
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"Oh, it's nothing. Lief always gets like this around Columbus Day."

Advice For The Yankees

BY MICHAEL PETTINARI '09
COMMENTARY STAFF



The New York Yankees are arguably the best team in Major League Baseball history. With 26 rings under their belts, the Yankees have continually proven this fact. There seems to be a change in the wind, however, in the MLB. The Yankees are not what they used to be. They have fallen in October, and now, at the current moment, are struggling to win back two games in the American League Division Series against the Indians of Cleveland. Who's to blame? Some say it's players, some say it's management, but does it really matter?

The Yankees have been without a World Championship now for seven years. This apparently is the fault of Joe Torre, who, in my opinion, is one of the greatest baseball managers the game has ever seen. George Steinbrenner, owner of the Yanks, was recently quoted as saying, "We're paying him a lot of money, he's the highest paid manager in baseball, so I don't think we'd take him back if we don't win this series." Mr. Steinbrenner, I really have nothing but respect for you and your organization, but your entire team is the highest paid anything in baseball. The left side of the infield alone has a combined yearly earning which exceeds many major league team's budgets.

Listen, you're free to spend your money wherever you want. But one thing that seems to be completely overlooked in all of this is the fact that your three best pitchers are all old. Mussina,

Pettite, and Clemens are your boys; they're who you go to when you want to win. You brought Pettite and Clemens back from Houston in order to win. But that hasn't been happening. Torre took what he had after the All-Star break, and managed the team to have the best record in the MLB. But it's not the regular season anymore. The bar has now been raised. There's more competition now in October than there was in July and August. It's possible that the veterans just can't compete at that level anymore.

Instead of firing Joe Torre, why don't you look into getting some promising young talent? In Game 3, after the tired old work horse we've come to know as Roger Clemens left the game with a strained hamstring, the 21-year-old Phil Hughes came into the game making his second post-season appearance ever. He handled things pretty well, pitching 3 2/3 scoreless innings. And what about your newfound phenom Joba Chamberlin? He's going to be great in years to come; he's great now. He can only get better.

So George, take these years to rebuild. Gather your prospects, get straightened out. There is nothing shameful in not winning. What is shameful, is blaming someone else for your mistakes. If you lose, you lose. Take it, work with it, learn from it. Don't fret Yankees fans, you'll get back. You might even win. Go to the ALCS against the Red Sox. But that's a whole different story altogether.

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Laundry 101: A Rookie's Guide to No Pink Socks

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Laundry. Other than sleeping in and missing your calculus exam because you were too busy cramming the night before, laundry is supposed to be a college kid's biggest nightmare.

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Take my brother, for example, who is currently a sophomore at Johnson & Wales University (Yes, he lacks skills in the laundry department, and no, he is not a culinary major). I'll never forget the week before my brother left for college, and I was snickering as I watched my mother exasperatedly give him his first lesson in Laundry 101. The entire summer my brother had the luxury of having his girlfriend come over and wash his heaps of clothes, and thus, never gained a true appreciation for the art of clean attire. I, for one, have been doing my own laundry since I was a freshman in high school when my mother claimed that I had ungodly amounts each week and that wearing a pair of jeans once to school did not qualify them as being "dirty." Four years later, laundry has become second nature to me. I'm not saying that I deserve the Nobel Peace Prize or anything, but I do place pity on those who struggle with actually turning on the washing machine.

Then again, maybe I am being a little harsh. If you get into the technicalities of washing one's clothes, it can be a challenge. You may think that separating your darks and whites is a basic concept, but what happens when you come across your blue and white striped socks? When in doubt, turn a blind eye, and just toss them in anyway and pray for the best.

Though you may occasionally be able to get away with socks, when you're dealing with shirts you're just opening up a whole other can of worms. For example, if you take a trip down Memory Lane, in kindergarten you may or may not vaguely remember your art teacher explaining that red plus white equals pink. Simple, I know, but sometimes you just have to figure these things out for yourself (it was definitely a tragic day for that one girl on my floor who now probably has a closet the color of Pepto Bismal).

Once you've mastered the task of actually

determining which articles of clothing will be washed, you need to put in the detergent. On the second floor of Raymond Hall, you will find six washing machines and eight dryers. Attached to the washing machines, there are neon yellow signs (you can't miss it, I swear) that indicate how much detergent should be put into the machine, which is roughly two tablespoons. No, not a full cup of detergent. Not half a cup of liquid detergent either. Heck, you don't even have to put in four tablespoons! Just TWO! *Dos! Deux!* That's it! This may very likely be the explanation to why when you opened up the machine at the end of the cycle, your clothes are completely SOAKED in a water-filled box and then you have to waste another hour of your life re-doing the whole cycle.

Speaking of reading directions, it clearly indicates that you need at least half a load of laundry in the machine, or it may become unbalanced and not work. Again, this could also serve as a justification as to why your clothes never went through the spin cycle. Two pairs of jeans do not constitute half a load, nor does a bra and two pairs of underwear. Yes, ladies, it was witnessed one afternoon as I saw a girl remove just three undergarments from the washing machine and then ever-so-subtly toss them into the dryer and make a mad dash. Oh, yes. Not to be the laundry Nazi here, but do you have any idea how many gallons of water were used to wash just three articles of clothing? Not to mention that there are more than 100 girls living in one building who could have very well taken advantage of a practically empty washing machine. Come on, people.

One last thing, I promise (and I think I say this on behalf of every girl): Please, oh please, remember to come get your clothes out of the dryer. No one expects you to sit there staring at the moth balls for two hours, but there can't be anything more invasive than coming to retrieve your clothes and finding them in a damp, tangled mound on the table (or floor) where someone has dumped them. I'm sure your underwear is cute, but having to touch someone else's stuff is, well, not cute at all. So in the name of Tide, Mr. Clean, Bounty, whatever, let's just keep in mind our laundry etiquette and we'll tackle world peace another day.

Fools Gold for Jones



BY SHANNON OBEY '08
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SOCIAL

Reflecting on the 2000 Olympic Games in Sydney, Australia, one athlete stands out in my mind. Marion Jones, for whom I cheered relentlessly, ran her way to victory with three gold medals and two bronze medals in sprinting events. At the time, I vaguely remember there being rumors and claims that steroids were the reason Jones won all those medals, but I did not want to believe the talk, and was relieved when she denied these charges.

Seven years later, however, Jones is admitting, according to *The Press Association*, that she was indeed on "performance-enhancing drugs supplied by [the Bay Area Laboratory Co-Operative]" throughout the games and has to hand back her medals which will go to the athletes who truly deserve them.

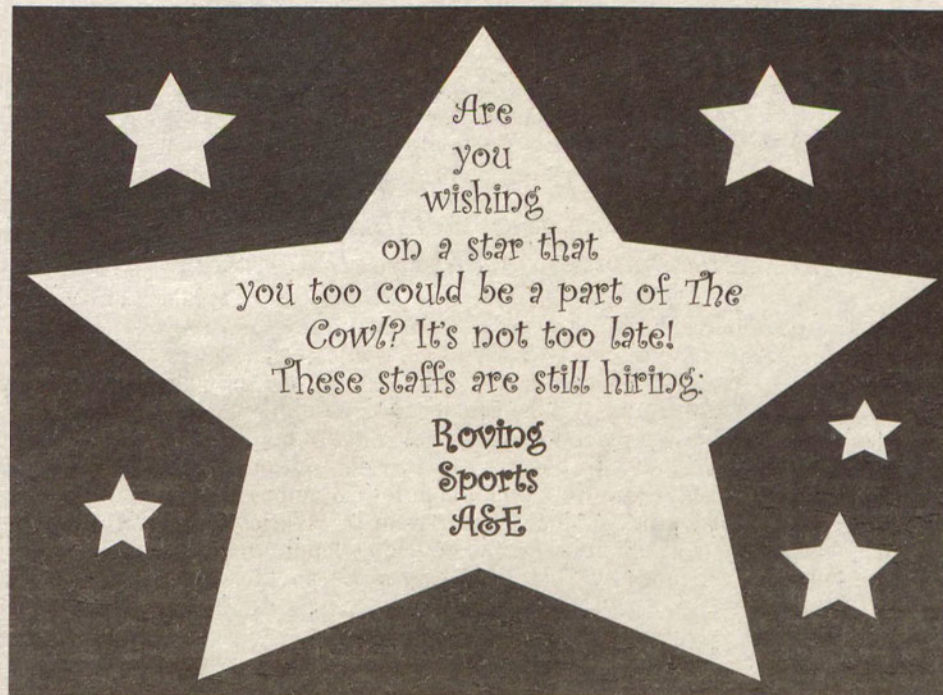
What was Jones thinking?

Playing Devil's Advocate for a minute, let's assume steroid use in professional sports and the Olympic Games is legal. According to Wikipedia, side effects of steroid use in females causes "increased body hair, deepening of the voice, enlarged clitoris, and temporary decreases in menstrual cycles." Now why, in heaven's name would any woman want these side effects? Increased body hair means you would now have facial hair! And with that deep voice that comes with it you would be a total catch for all those men . . . looking for other men! You more or less become a man by taking steroids. It makes sense then to take this drug for a sport in which having more muscles would help with your per-

formance, but is it worth trading sexes for this outcome? Now, let us dwell on the fact that taking steroids to improve your athleticism is illegal not only because it gives athletes an unfair advantage but because it is dangerous for those taking this substance, especially for the heart and liver.

Jones claims to not know at the time that the steroids she was taking were in fact steroids and that when she found out she was too shaken to tell the truth. Well, in the words of Michelle Tanner "Oh Puh-lease!" If someone was giving her a mystery drug which was giving her super strength and side effects, and causing her to win all these medals, why didn't she stop and think "Oh hey, this could be wrong." Especially when everyone was accusing her of being on steroids; Marion, this would be the time in which you realize that maybe there is something sketchy with the drugs BALCO is making you take. Perhaps you should even investigate a little instead of trusting them to provide you with this miracle drug.

No, Jones knew what she was doing when she took the steroids and she knew what she was doing when she lied, under oath, about taking them. She might have been scared when she found out she was taking steroids at first, if in fact she did not know beforehand, but it has been seven years since the Olympic Games in Sydney. She should have come forward much earlier, preferably while still on the Australian continent. She should feel ashamed that so many people idolized her all those years ago, including me, and she should feel horrible for those athletes she competed with whose medals she *stole* and who didn't choose to cheat their way through the Olympic Games. Way to go Marion Jones.



If It Ain't Broke . . .

Why Raymond Cafeteria was Better Off Before "The Change"



BY AIDEN REDMOND '08
COMMENTARY STAFF

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Providence College has changed a lot in the years that I have been here. First it was the Smith Center for the Arts, then Suites Hall, and now we have access to the "gym to end all gyms," the almighty Concannon Fitness Center. While all the new buildings are great, one thing has been changing for better and worse since freshman year—the infamous Raymond Cafeteria.

Good college food has always been something to be desired and the food quality at Ray Café has always been a point of contention amongst my friends and I. Thanksgiving dinner and "Apple Fest" at Ray were the kind of nights that made me happy to walk all the way from Fennell so I could stuff my face with second helpings. The staff that works there are as much of the Ray experience as the food itself. Even if you only ate half of what you ordered, seeing the bright shiny smile on Janina's face when you walked out the door made you forget about the Ramen you were going to have to cook up back in your room later that night. There is always ice cream to be had, a full salad bar right as you walk in, and, my new personal favorite, the addition of hot dogs at the grill each day.

So, yeah, Ray has a lot going for it in certain regards. But then again, there is definitely room for improvement. One of the first changes I noticed about Ray Café during one of my early visits this year is the disappearance of condiment packets in place of a dozen or so new-fangled Heinz ketchup and mustard dispensers. Maybe it's me, but I do not see what the big problem was with the packet system. Maybe it was not the most high-tech system available, but it worked a lot better than the new one. A breakdown of the packet system went something like this: 1. Grab packet. 2. Open packet. 3. Apply condiment. 4. Eat food.

Pretty complicated, I know. But now if you want ketchup on that sweet, sweet hot dog of

yours, Ray is going to make you work for it. First, you need to make sure that the dispensers are actually filled with the condiment of your choice and that you are not just being deceived by the unusable remains left in the clear tubes. Then with total concentration and impeccable balancing, you nudge your food to the edge of the tray and squeeze out some ketchup with one hand while struggling to position your tray with the other. You may not actually get the ketchup on your food, but that's life, buddy. This new system has skyrocketed the number of dropped trays in Ray this year, which may or may not be a good thing depending on which end you stand on.

What is easily the most devastating change to Ray Café is the complete removal of the signature blue plastic cups for clear cups that are half the size. Sodexo tried to make this change at the end of last semester by gradually switching out the blue cups for the glass ones, but I was not one to be suckered in by their sinister plan. Freshmen probably will not get this complaint because they are forced to accept mediocrity as the norm, but not for the rest of us. One of my favorite parts about going to Ray used to be a makeshift root beer float in a blue plastic cup for dessert, but now I just look like a sad fool living in the past when I try to pull it off with the new, smaller glasses.

I do not appreciate being made to look like a fool, and I do not appreciate being stricken of my privilege as a Friar to make my own root beer floats. Adding insult to injury, this year's "Apple Fest" was a complete disappointment. With the exception of the apple pizza, the apple chicken tasted nothing like what it was advertised as and the apple crisp ran out by 6:30 p.m.! That is way too early to run out of the signature dish of "Apple Fest." The problem with Ray Cafeteria is not the people who work there, the problem lies with Sodexo, the overall food quality, and trying to fix systems that aren't broken. With the cost of tuition being what it is, I think the least we could ask for as students is some bigger cups, ketchup packets, and some better food instead of a mechanical bull.

Freedom of Speech: Under Attack by Left

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him. Churchill served as a member of the Colorado faculty for two and a half years after he made these treacherous comments, until he was fired for plagiarism.

Finally, only a few weeks ago, Columbia University and president Lee Bollinger invited Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad to speak at the University. Bollinger said that the invite was in keeping with "Columbia's long-standing tradition of serving as a major forum for robust debate." Fortunately for Ahmadinejad, he's not a member of the Minutemen.

During his speech, Ahmadinejad, among other things, questioned the existence of the Holocaust, openly sought the destruction of the state of Israel, condemned Western Civilization as evil,

accused America of supporting terrorism, and criticized the United States in its attempt to stop Iran from attaining nuclear weapons. Columbia students cheered wildly during most of Ahmadinejad's speech. Such behavior begs the question of what "enlightened" universities are teaching their students in school these days.

In deference to many alumni and normal citizens who found this "invitation" to border on treason, Columbia's Bollinger gave a 10-minute tirade against Ahmadinejad before the dictator took stage. In the end, however, Bollinger showed more courtesy to a man who makes murdering homosexuals a part of his country's domestic policy than to American patriots like Minutemen Gilchrist and Stewart.



BY JAMES MCGEHEE '08
A&E EDITOR

This is the first in a series of columns dealing with intellectual property law and its effects on college students.

"My History of Jazz Blues"

This semester I'm taking Jazz History Seminar (MSC 481), a class I enjoy very much—we listen to great music and it's taught by one of my favorite professors. However, I find one aspect of the class frustrating. The Music Department has always taken a fairly strong stance against any copyright infringement for educational purposes, i.e. burning or importing CDs on iTunes in order to complete class assignments. Next week, my class has its first test. Our success on this test will depend largely on how well we can recognize and analyze 21 songs by various artists (not collected on a specific set of CDs) from an early period of jazz.

The tracks have been made available for listening in the Music Library. As meetings and the like never let up during the week, I thought a Saturday afternoon would be a swell time to become acquainted with Fletcher Henderson, Louis Armstrong, and other jazz greats. Unfortunately, the Music Library's idea of weekend hours is 7:00 to 10:00 p.m. on Sunday. The weekday hours are not much better, making the Music Library open for a grand total of 22 hours a week. I can't think of an educational facility on this campus with more restricted hours.

Besides, who wants to listen to swinging jazz music in a stuffy room on the second floor of the Smith Center sitting in uncomfortable chairs with equally uncomfortable headphones on the ears? Sorry, I don't like to listen to music like I'm having my hearing checked in elementary school.

If I wanted to, I could rip the CDs from the Music Library onto my laptop's iTunes. However easy this would be, it goes against the law, the department's policy, and my teacher's ethics. I could also take download the songs from iTunes, but now, more than a month into school, with my debit card balance down to \$30, I don't have the assets to buy a \$100 of music over the semester.

The Music Department's greatest listening asset may be its Classical Music Library database, available on any computer on campus. Alas, if only there was a jazz music database, too. Ruckus has a significant collection of jazz, but who else is getting tired of finding loopholes and alternative solutions? If the music is the main text for class, it should be more readily available for music students and if it's not, then can you blame them for breaking the law?

To help assuage some of the difficulty, our professor is passing around a CD with 10 of the tracks on it, but this allows the six people in the class only one night with the music. Anyone who has tried to analyze music knows it takes at least several days to let it soak in.

According to my professor, the College's lawyers are currently reexamining the policies, and soon teachers may be allowed to upload the songs to Angel. In the meantime, I want to pop a CD into the good speakers in my dorm room, soak in the rhythm and harmonies in their fullness, and dance along if I want to. Think Louis Armstrong would argue with that?

Heartbreak is Painful



DREAMWORKS

Providence College alum Peter Farrelly and his brother direct Ben Stiller in his latest abysmal comedy

BY ANNMARIE GRANSTRAND '09
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The Heartbreak Kid opened this weekend. It ranked second at the box office. Pretty good, right? Right. Until you look at who beat them out for number one: The Rock's football movie about his character's sudden fatherhood, *The Game Plan*. But how could the man whose sole talent is his peculiar eyebrow raising beat out our pals, Ben Stiller and the Farrelly brothers?

Stiller's reputation as a versatile actor seems to have been buried somewhere in a post-*Dodgeball* mire. Where is the Stiller who could infuriate a fat kid with the devilish delivery of lines like: "Lunch has been cancelled today due to lack of hustle." Where is the Stiller who could mature from a timid, love-struck, orthodontically decorated high school boy to a sincere romantic all because there was something about Mary? This utility player seems to have degenerated into a sub-par romantic comedy actor, typecast as the "annoyingly average Joe who can't get love right" guy. But I held on. I wanted Stiller to work it out.

There were a few signs that *The Heartbreak Kid* would not be Oscar-worthy, but I was determined to seek out the silver lining. That silver lining would not be found in the previews. The first was a trailer for a horror flick about getting trapped in a parking garage on Christmas. The second preview was for *Beowulf*. I think it was digital and I think I saw a digital Angelina Jolie. An involuntary shudder came over me when I realized what it was and I pretty much couldn't stand to look at the screen. Warner Brothers, I will

not forget this sin. The third horseman would be *Sweeney Todd*. There really must be only so many stories and combinations of art forms under the sun if Stephen Sondheim is associated with the same project as Sasha Baron Cohen.

I shook it off. The previews were over. Who is to say that the lame previews would bode for a lame movie? *The Heartbreak Kid* opened with some picturesque shots of San Francisco and its notable landmarks like Coit Tower and Pier 39 with the Rolling Stones playing in the background. I had my head up, so far, so good.

We meet 40-year-old Eddie (Ben Stiller) who had dated the same girl for six years but was too picky and nervous to pop the question. He then of course realizes he couldn't possibly live a fulfilling life without a significant other and marries the next pretty girl he eats pie with, Lila (Malin Akerman). The marriage goes bust when Eddie reaches the conclusion that their six week long engagement probably wasn't long enough for them to get properly acquainted. Eddie and Lila's entire honeymoon is spent discovering disgusting and uncomfortable things about each other. Lila turns out to be a recovered coke addict with a deviated septum and a pressing debt of about "oh, 26K."

I felt very little sympathy for Eddie. Lila may snort steak tips out her nose from time to time but at least she was honest. While Lila hides in the bathroom for two days straight thanks to a horrible sunburn, Eddie runs around Cabo with a beautiful single woman, Miranda (Michelle Monaghan), who is ignorant of his new wife. Eddie thinks he can ditch the wife in time to completely win over

Miranda. I couldn't even enjoy the usual cute romantic comedy dialogue between Miranda and Eddie as they blazed on the beach because of the obvious looming doom Eddie had brought over all those involved.

Eddie's constant dishonesty and selfishness makes the movie entirely mean-spirited. Rob Coddry who I recognized from *The Daily Show* played Eddie's best friend, Mac, and only offered pathetic tag lines like "Bitches be crazy, you know that." Carlos Mencia remained true to form by relying on his stereotypical Mexican jokes. Although most of his lines were smothered in gross, sexual imagery, there was a fleeting moment where Mencia's character provided a slight wake-up call for Stiller's. This moment was so brief that it made no difference in the outcome. Eddie's self-centered lifestyle doesn't show any signs of stopping, even after he claws his way out of his first marriage.

If I had to scrape for any quality in the film, it would be the not terrible performances of actresses Malin Akerman and Michelle Monaghan. I occasionally found a brief respite in the background music which featured Queen and Cat Stevens. If the movie had been predictable, it would have been better. Sadly, the last two minutes swallowed any chance of adequate closure.

The Heartbreak Kid only acted as another missed opportunity for Stiller to pull himself out of his slump. Lesson learned: Pessimism reigns, men always let you down and it's much better to put your \$9.50 towards a night out than film-induced depression care of Ben Stiller.

GRADE: D-

Begin the Beguine

Band of Horses' sophomore effort, *Cease to Begin*, sees the band expanding its sound

BY JAMES MCGEHEE '08
A&E EDITOR

Band of Horses
Cease to Begin
Sub Pop

Bands seem to travel constantly. A shame Jack Kerouac stole the title *On the Road*, for that name would be suitable for any band's memoirs. Groups not only tour

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their way from sea to shining sea, but over oceans and distant lands. Still, most bands have a

hub to call home. For instance, although The Shins originally hail from Albuquerque N.M., they relocated to Portland Ore. in 2002. Yesterday, The Shins actually played in Albuquerque, but after they finish touring the United States at the end of this month, they will tour England and Japan. Perhaps they'll get to spend Christmas in Oregon.

Band of Horses formed in Seattle, Wash., but in the last year the band relocated to Mt. Pleasant, S.C. I cannot imagine the band's members have had much time to enjoy the pleasantness of their new surrounding because they're touring to promote Band of Horses' new album, *Cease to Begin*. (The band will be playing at Lupo's on Nov. 3.) The group's 2006 debut album, *Everything All the Time*, is at times languorous and sad, with its most poignant line, "At every occasion, I'm ready for a funeral." Lead singer and guitarist Ben Bridwell holds the key to the band's sound. His resonant vocals add a level of transcendence to otherwise ordinary (but still very good) guitar songs. Yet, Band of Horses sounded best on its debut when it kicked up the tempo on songs such as "Wicked Gil" and "Weed Party."



SUB POP

Cease to Begin bridges this former gap between the languorous and the more upbeat. The first song, "Is There a Ghost," opens with a simple guitar arpeggio and vocal line until the arrangement swells with a beating snare and bass drum to bloom into a full, majestic sound. (The majesty of the sound, I think, may have given the band its name. There is something majestic and regal about horses.) Despite such a simple and formulaic arrangement—the song is composed of three lines of lyrics and two of melody—my iTunes play count feature shows I've listened to this song 11 times in the last 48 hours.

The next track, "Ode to LRC," shifts tempos and moods, but its wings become the antiphonal chorus that ends by repeating, "The world is such a wonderful place." Out of anyone else's mouth but Bridwell's this line would sound saccharin as artificial syrup.

The album reflects the band's relocation, as it incorporates a more alternative country and blues feel. The natural cohe-

sion of these new elements form the album's best song, "The General Specific," (iTunes play count currently 18). A clapping and tambourine-heavy percussion section layered with simple piano chords and Bridwell's terrific vocals create the majesty that makes Band of Horses. (Before I heard *Cease to Begin*, I didn't think the term majesty could be applied to the country).

The tune's lyrics speak of "going back to the South," 80-degree weather in the winter, general stores, and forks in the road. Obviously, Bridwell draws on the band's own experiences. Mat Brooke, the band's co-founder and other guitarist who left the band before recording *Cease to Begin* so he could work on another project, saw a fork in the road and he chose the wrong road to travel.

GRADE: A-

Download: "The General Specific," "Ode to LRC," "No One's Gonna Love You"

Bottle Rocket

Director Jeffrey Blitz's sophomore effort, *Rocket Science*, has laughs, quirks

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Ah, high school. The football games, the dances, the agonizing moments of self-doubt. Anyone who says they haven't experienced the latter is a liar (or a former

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REVIEW

homecoming queen). In *Rocket Science*, Hal Hefner (Reece Daniel Thompson) exemplifies everything painful about being fifteen

as a skin-and-bones kid with split-up parents, a kleptomaniac brother, and an impeding stutter that leaves him helpless even in attempting to order a slice of pizza in the cafeteria. When the pretty, confident, and well-spoken Ginny recruits him for the debate team, he thinks that his chance has come to discover love, purpose, and victory.

Like other films in its vein (*Garden State*, *Napoleon Dynamite*), *Rocket Science* is plenty quirky, but still holds

mass appeal. The film is full of subtle humor that merits a second viewing to catch it all, but also has big comic gestures that anyone can appreciate; not the least of which is a cello being thrown through a glass window and into a family living room. I wish I had thought of that on one of my high school toilet-papering adventures. Academy-Award nominated director Jeffrey Blitz (*Spellbound*) has also directed two episodes of *The Office*. It's a given that he knows funny.

The film examines relationships, in and out of high school. It's clear that Hal's family ties need some attention. His mother (Lisbeth Bartlett) is heavily caught up in her newfound romance and doesn't try to hide it, and the only fraternal advice his older brother (Vincent Piazza) offers him is that he should be afraid of failure. Add to this Pete, a loud and inappropriately affectionate small-claims judge as his mom's boyfriend (Steve Park) and Pete's son Heston (Aaron Yoo), a more-than-

slightly creepy classmate of Hal's whose ubiquity and mysterious smile always have you second-guessing, and you have all you need for constant embarrassment and misunderstanding.

Romance is also addressed in the film, as Hal finds himself more and more attracted to Ginny's self-assuredness and beauty. He doesn't have the greatest examples of love in his life: His parents' abrupt split catches him off-guard, his mother and Pete's PDA-filled but insubstantial relationship is anything but admirable, and his brother isn't interested in anything more than brief, lust-driven encounters. In light of this, Hal is left to figure out the world of love and romance on his own. The film leaves a "Wait, what was that all about?" reaction.

Thompson nails the angst-ridden pubescent with his believable stutter and slumped-shouldered appearance. Without missing a beat, he embodies teenage confusion and struggle, while managing to avoid becoming pathetic. There are plenty of cringe-worthy moments of embarrassment or frustration, but the audience's sympathy stems more from an "Oh-my-gosh-I-remember-those-times" attitude than any sort of charitable pity. We feel Hal's pain, but also rejoice with him in his small victories, all while cracking up in the process.

Rocket Science is a film that will make you thank the merciful Lord that you are no longer in high school, but at the same time realize the great truth about adolescence: It could have been worse.

GRADE: A

Now playing at the Cable Car Cinema



HBO

Picks of the Week

By Annmarie Granstrand '09
Asst. A&E Editor



Movie

Love Actually
Directed by Richard Curtis

What is there not to love? The British accents, relentless optimism and ridiculously intertwining plots are all there. Make a cup of tea, pull the quilt around your shoulders and let Hugh Grant make you forget you ever met that two-timing jerk in McPhail's. He has a New England accent anyway.



Music

The Big Chill Soundtrack
Various Artists
Motown

Although I didn't see the movie until last year, this collection of Motown classics has had me grooving on Sunday afternoons for as long as I can remember. I don't care how many tough break-ups John Mayer has had; nobody knows heartbreak like Smokey Robinson. Nobody.



Book

Special Topics in Calamity Physics
by Marisha Pessl

She drives a '92 Volvo wagon, drops literary and pop culture references in every other breath and when it comes to the opposite sex, she meekly concedes: "I actually felt awed by the remote possibilities of the person you liked ever liking you back a corresponding amount." Blue Van Meer is the most fascinating high school student I've ever encountered and it's too bad she's a fictional character because I'd really like to hang out with her.

Taste of the Town

with Sarah Bidinger '09
A&E Staff

O-Cha Thai Restaurant and Sushi
221 Wickendon St.
(401) 421-4699

Braving the traffic is not usually my favorite way to start a Saturday evening, especially when the bus is moving slower than Great-Auntie Margie and her walker. On this particular day, having overheard some very odd bus conversations and almost mowed over a Ford Taurus on the way to Kennedy Plaza, I was wondering why I hadn't just popped a frozen pizza into the microwave and watched re-runs of *Seinfeld* on TV. Probably because this article would've said something like "I laughed so hard that pizza came out my nose. And then I stopped laughing. The end." *Lame.*

Fortunately, three friends and I arrived at 221 Wickenden St. in one piece, and despite the crowded streets of Providence, were seated at O-Cha Restaurant in less than 30 seconds. Though fending off the waiter, who was very eager to take our order, was a bit of a difficult task, we found enough time to peruse the dinner menu by ordering drinks and sushi. I tried the California Maki Roll: Crab, cucumber, and avocado wrapped in a very thin layer of dried seaweed, and rolled in sticky rice (six pieces for \$4.25), and a friend ordered the New York Roll (salmon and avocado, \$5.25).

Almost immediately, the waiter returned with twelve pieces of sushi, laid out so beautifully, along with pickled ginger and wasabi, that we simply admired it for a minute before hunger overtook our more artistic inclinations. Both varieties of



SARAH BIDINGER '09/The Cowl

sushi were very fresh and extremely delicious, though I have to admit I refrained from asking whether the seafood inside was raw. (What you don't know doesn't hurt you, right?) For those who want to eliminate all possibility of raw fish and the "health concerns that apply," there are plenty of purely vegetarian options, including Kappa (cucumber), and Oshinko (Japanese pickle). In addition to the 25 varieties of Maki Rolls (sushi wrapped in seaweed and sticky rice), O-Cha also offers 14 different kinds of a la carte sushi, including "Flying Fish Roe" (two pieces for \$4.25) and Eel (two pieces for \$4.40). I did not taste any of these, so you have to try them at your own risk.

Dinner came a while after we had fin-

ished our sushi, (each meal is individually prepared), but there were no lack of ways to occupy our time in the interim. We could not help but admire the tall slender glasses (who knew that Diet Coke could be so classy?) and the gorgeous serving dishes. A fish tank bubbled gently by the door, Asian art tastefully adorned the walls, and the room was lit by the warm glow of paper lanterns and Christmas lights. A case six inches behind my head displayed large quantities of raw fish (which hopefully were neither former inhabitants of the fish tank nor of the Providence River). The whole atmosphere was very quaint and intimate, with no more than 12 small tables in the whole restaurant.

When we were done admiring the ambiance, we did well to destroy it by dipping our chopsticks in the wasabi paste—there is an odd kind of thrill in feeling your sinuses explode. Actually, watching someone else as their eyes start to water and their nose starts to run is a lot more fun.

Luckily for our neighbors, dinner arrived before we could up the ante on the wasabi-eating. Everyone ate different varieties of Pad-Thai, which I must say is something better experienced than explained. My own dish, the standard Pad-Thai (\$8.95), was chicken and shrimp mixed with noodles, bean sprouts, peanuts, and sauce. To say it was marvelous is an understatement—I should have worn Great Auntie Margie pants (think elastic waistband), because I could not stop eating though there was probably enough food on my plate for two people. I tasted my friends' Pad See Uiw (also \$8.95), large flat rice noodles with beef and broccoli, and it was just as delicious. The consensus at the table was the same—there was not a noodle left when we had finished.

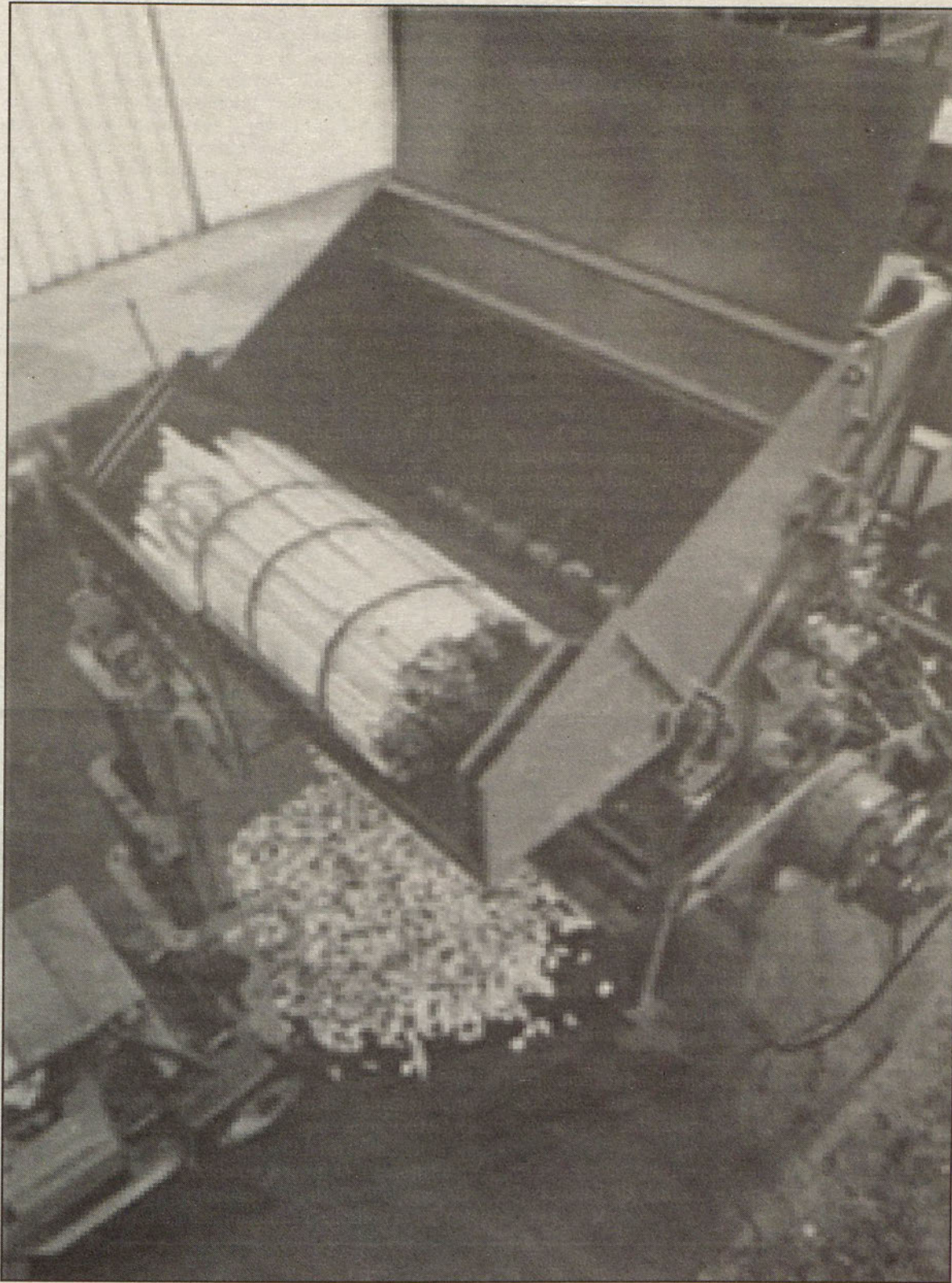
Kindly, the staff let us sit, talk, and laugh long enough that I did not worry about my stomach altering my center of gravity. When we finally left, our biggest concern was whether we should waddle to Café Zog on the right, or Coffee Exchange on the left, to continue our evening. A meal spent at O-Cha is definitely worth the trip. Just be sure to wear stretchy pants, and make sure you aren't the one eating the wasabi.

GRADE: A-

WDOM: The Fall Semester Schedule

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
8:00-10:00	James Parker	Andrea Urrutia	Mikey Halloran, Greg Garabidan	Silence	Kevin Randazzo	Patrick Fallon, Nora Faziolo	G. Pat O'Brien, Bennet O'Brien
	<i>Christian</i>	<i>Spanish</i>	<i>International</i>	<i>N/A</i>	<i>Alt/Indie/Acoustic</i>	<i>Rock</i>	<i>Trad. Irish/Canadian/Local</i>
10:00-12:00	Elizabeth Troxell	Carolyn Rodgers	Alex Bridges	Tim Power	Billy Winters	Keara Owyev, Jessica Butler	Sara Dion
	<i>Everything</i>	<i>Folk</i>	<i>Hip-Hop</i>	<i>Alt/Jam/Reggae</i>	<i>Country</i>	<i>Alt/Indie</i>	<i>Rock</i>
12:00-2:00	Chris Hjorth, Joe Covais	Andy Maglione	Jimmy Durickas, Andrew Buccarelli	Mike Schneid	Dan Darbandi	Siobhan O'Neill	Scott Schere
	<i>Classic/Alt</i>	<i>Rock/Metal</i>	<i>Reggae, Funk</i>	<i>Alt/Indie</i>	<i>Alt/Jazz/Folk</i>	<i>Alt/Exp</i>	<i>Christian/Alt</i>
2:00-4:00	Shauna Lacoste	Brian Buongiovanni	Josh Goncalves	Jenny Mackintosh	Mike Garvey, Chris Tompkins	David Marcotte	Abet Sthabit, Nirvan Tamrakar
	<i>Rock/Jazz/Folk/Blues</i>	<i>Rock/Metal</i>	<i>Hip-Hop</i>	<i>Alt/Folk/Blues</i>	<i>Alt/Indie</i>	<i>Post Hc/Metalcore</i>	<i>World</i>
4:00-4:45	John Pandolfi, Jared Ozga	Ryan Holt, Nick Hemond	Greg Coonley, Jon Zafonte	Chris Carter, Chris Torello	Dan Travers, Paul Matyasovsky	Brett Beaulieu, Billy D'allesandro	Steph Knott, Mary Kate Ragno
	<i>Alternative</i>	<i>Sports Talk</i>	<i>Sports Talk</i>	<i>Sports Talk</i>	<i>Talk</i>	<i>Sports Talk</i>	<i>French/Classic French</i>
4:45-5:30	John Pandolfi, Jared Ozga	Ryan Holt, Nick Hemond	Nick Cuomo, Andrew Ward	Thomas Morngevity	Bradley Chen, Frank O'brien	Scott Tashjian, Michael Mazzonna	Steph Knott, Mary Kate Ragno
	<i>Alternative</i>	<i>Sports Talk</i>	<i>Sports Talk</i>	<i>Sports Talk</i>	<i>Sports Talk</i>	<i>Sports Talk</i>	<i>French/Classic French</i>
5:30-7:30	Alex Donnelly, Andrew MacMannis	Nick Picollino	Ryan Burns	Tom Allen, Emily Asbott	Sandman	Victoria Nicastro	John Vaghi, Anthony Sampino
	<i>Rock/Alt</i>	<i>Rock</i>	<i>Hip-Hop</i>	<i>Rock/Folk</i>	<i>Hip-Hop</i>	<i>Jam/Reggae/Rock</i>	<i>Rock/Jazz/Blues</i>
7:30-9:30	Dan Moriarty	Brandon Lahoud	Tim Willis, Mary Pelletier	Adebola Adeleke, Armond Hudge	Andrew Schmink	Tom Callery, Adrien Borivina	Bobby Fredrickson
	<i>Hardcore/Punk/Local</i>	<i>Indie/Alt</i>	<i>Indie/Alt</i>	<i>Hip-Hop</i>	<i>Emo/Punk</i>	<i>Indie/Jam</i>	<i>Indie/Emo/Hardcore</i>
9:30-11:30	Jimmy Carlin	Pat Reilly, Andrew Fitch	Owen Bligh, Maryclaire Dugre	Jessica Crawford	Asha Chana	John Rossi, Dan Horne	Liz Mosier, Tom O'brien, Brian Gay
	<i>Awesomeness</i>	<i>Electronic</i>	<i>Rock</i>	<i>N/A</i>	<i>Hardcore/Punk</i>	<i>Hip-Hop</i>	<i>Indie/Electric</i>
11:30-1:30	Jim Cooney, John Manley	Allie Sullivan	Andrew Isidoro, Nicholas Caramadre	Darren Helstowski, Kevin Johnson	Morgan Cross, Brendan Kelly	Corey Plante, David Laprade	Alison Denisco
	<i>Classic/Jam/Funk/Folk</i>	<i>Folk/Rock/Indie/Alt</i>	<i>Garage Rock</i>	<i>Indie/80s</i>	<i>Rock/Alt</i>	<i>Alt/Indie</i>	<i>Rock/Alt</i>

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My Grandmother's Hands

BY SAMANTHA MCVAY '09
 PORTFOLIO STAFF

The highway stretched endlessly before them, bound on either side by trees and illuminated by a few scattered stars above, and the glow of their headlights. They had been to see a musical in Boston, and Hillary was exhilarated, high from the triumph she had witnessed on stage as though it were her own. She had fallen in love with beauty and life as it could be; the performance had convinced her it was possible to change the world (and she was determined to do so).

The tickets to the show had been Hillary's birthday gift to her mom. She had picked Hillary up after school that afternoon and they had eaten dinner in Boston before the show.

Hillary had loved the show. She felt bad that her mother hadn't seemed to enjoy it as much. She was tempted to call her boyfriend to tell him all about it, but she didn't want to spoil the intimacy of the moment. At twenty, her life was rapidly changing and she began to understand how precious the time they spent together was to her mother.

Earlier they had talked about dating. Hillary had planned her future with no strings attached and now that she was in a relationship, she wondered what all of her plans would mean for her future with David. Her mother had another date with the guy from Boston. She seemed excited but hesitant to be too invested.

Hillary knew her mother was afraid of spending her life alone. She wished that

her mother loved herself better and didn't feel like she needed to be with someone in order to be happy. But more than anything, she wanted her mother to be happy.

Now, on the ride home, they were talking about money. Hillary's mom was always worried about money. Hillary's grandmother, who had lived with Hillary's aunt as long as she could remember, had moved in with them that year. Now her mother told Hillary that moving her grandmother in had cost her all of her savings.

Hillary knew that her mother didn't like her grandmother. She had often told Hillary stories of how awful a mother she had been.

"Then why do you take care of her?"
 "Because I feel bad . . . she has no one else. Even my uncle Ben doesn't like to visit her because of how mean she always was to him."

Hillary knew her mother tended to exaggerate and had never taken her too seriously when she talked about her childhood. But now Hillary thought that even if the stories were exaggerated, there was still some truth in them. For the first time, Hillary kept an open mind and asked her mother about her life growing up.

"She would wake us up in the middle of the night to beat us." Hillary's mother had gotten it the worst because she wouldn't take it. One night she had woken up her father to tell him what was going on.

She told Hillary about a night she had run away to Crescent Park, where she worked, to wait until her father came home. Her mother went walking around the park to look for her and the guys she worked with hid her.

"Everyone knew," she said. The cops, even her boyfriend's parents would hide her sometimes.

She had had a party once when she was young and it was in the basement. She and her friends used face paints to paint themselves and then one girl went too far and smeared orange paint on one of her stone columns in the basement.

"When she saw it, she grabbed the mallet." Hillary thought of the croquet set in their living room with the missing mallet. "I know why it's missing," her mother told her. She took Hillary's hand and said, "When I had you, I didn't know how to be a mother. I didn't have an example. I was so afraid I would screw up."

"I don't think I messed up too bad." Hillary shook her head.

"I always yelled at you because I was afraid that if I started hitting you, I would never stop," her mother said.

Hillary and her mother were both crying. Hillary felt ashamed. She was twenty years old and she didn't know her mother. How could she not have known? She didn't know what to say.

They drove the rest of the way in silence, feeling their closeness and offering each other comfort in the physical connection of their hands. Hillary knew her grandmother would be there in the house the next time she went home, and that she would see her dark almost black eyes sunk in her face and her small, hunched frame swallowed up by the couch.

She thought of her grandmother's hands and she couldn't imagine . . . She wondered how she would look at her grandmother when she saw her.

"Newer" Isn't Always Better

BY NICOLE AMARAL '10
 PORTFOLIO STAFF

The walls were a funny blue color. Corny paintings of animals and old movie posters were hung up on them. The upholstered seats surrounding each table were cracked in some places, and pasted over with duct tape. A small swinging sign above the door proclaimed the diner's existence, as if it were a secret which only loyal customers could share. The place wasn't perfect, but it sure had character. There was something about this little diner, besides excellent food, which made me as excited to go there as if I were going to a five-star restaurant. It had a warm and wonderful familiarity to it. It was the kind of place where you always felt relaxed, where you could really sit down and talk to someone while enjoying the best meals around. There were no complicated menus or excessive amounts of silverware. It was simple and homey.

After being closed for several months for "renovations," the place emerged from its cocoon of scaffolding and was an entirely different creature. The walls were now a perfect creamy white. The paintings on the wall were abstract and they all matched with each other. The upholstered seats were gone, and stained wooden ones replaced them. A big sign hung above the establishment that could be clearly seen from the street. The new laminated menus matched the eclectic décor. It was new. It was hip. It looked exactly like every other restaurant in town.

Claudia and Children

BY LINDSAY WENGLOSKI '10
 PORTFOLIO STAFF

The rain pattered against the taut airplane skin, plinking daintily against the metal sheets and softly onto the tarmac. Claudia reclined casually against the plush seat-back, comfortably snooty in her first-class realm. Her hand flopped carelessly from its perch on the arm-rest and lay drooping in the aisle. A child toddled past, his drool-dripped hand bumping against hers. She sneered and retracted her hand into her lap, where she nursed it as if all the bones were broken. Disgusting. Absolutely disgusting. She hated children.

It felt good to be on a plane again; she couldn't remember the last time her feet left the ground—with anything. She was a frigid hag, as the coffee-room crowd and water-cooler jockeys said. She was conservative, too old, out-of-touch, frumpy, unconcerned with policy changes and public relations. And she hadn't been on a date in five years. "Five years is an awful long time," the girls would whisper, doe-eyed and reeking naive with their cheap perfumes and twenty-five dollar concealers. "An awful long time," they'd repeat, praying the same fate never crept up behind them in the lingerie section of their local department store. Their eyes would follow her chunky heels and note the brittle sway of her hips. If she were a road-show, she'd have been worth a grand total of nothing. Children. They were children! Claudia hated children.

The terminal skittered away into the gloom; she ignored the safety protocol mantras and looked at the two empty seats next to her, looked out the window. The world was reeling backwards and she was perfectly accepting of that fact. "I'll have a gin and tonic, please," she said confidently to a stewardess who could have been her daughter. She looked back out the window. Somewhere behind her in the hud-



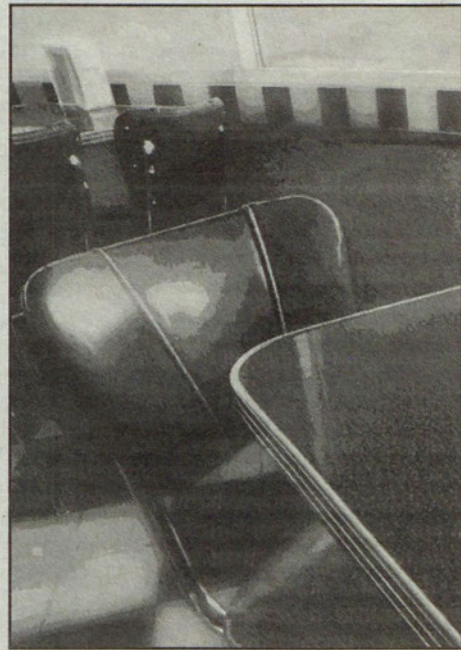
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dled masses of third-class, a child screamed in pre-emptory fear.

She winced. The world rocketed by underneath her, slapping her wrinkles back against her face, pressing her features into a time-capsule corpse rendition of what she was. If only she could go back . . . time travel wasn't so terribly far-fetched, now was it? Oh, but it was. The clouds sped past her, avoiding eye contact, youthful and unconcerned with the middle-aged woman watching them intently. She remembered her first flight—the clouds had been pink then. They were gray now. Just gray.

The child was crying again, ears popping like an epidemic. She sighed, flipping

open her wallet to pay for her cocktail. A photo drifted out onto the plastic meal-tray. Jamina, the stewardess with the equine smile, bent down to inspect it. Three calm women looked back up at her polyester glamour, their hair slicked back into ballerina-buns, their limbs graceful. Their limbs, their legs, their postures. They walked just like their mother. "They yours?" Jamina looked at Claudia, knowing the answer. "Yes, yes they are." "Beauties! Triplets?" "Twins and then a younger sister." "Wonderful." She wheeled her cart away and down the aisle. Claudia hid the picture into her cloister-wallet as soon as Jamina had vanished. God, she hated children.



Clip Art

It makes me wonder why everything these days must be "new." Just because something is old or imperfect doesn't mean it's defective and hideous. In a society where a new piece of technology comes out every two seconds, have we entirely lost our appreciation for the simple things?

The diner was imperfect, but nobody seemed to notice or care about the cracked seats and bizarre wall decorations. The place always did excellent business and had done so for nearly 20 years.

The place reopened and the food is just as delicious, but the ambience is gone.

I like my new T.G.I. Friday's as much as the next person, but sometimes you just need a break. You need to be able to go somewhere and get away from all those over-commercialized restaurant chains. Whether you go to a T.G.I. Friday's in Boston or Miami, it's going to look exactly the same; but those little home-town diners . . . they're entirely unique.

I'll still eat there, of course. You can't get potatoes that good anywhere else. But it makes me think we should pause for a second before deciding something needs to be changed. Sometimes things, like life, are perfect for their imperfections.

Poetry Corner

“All bad poetry springs from genuine feeling.”
—Oscar Wilde

Thank Goodness Columbus Got Lost

BY KATIE CALIVA '10
PORTFOLIO STAFF

Thick apple slices dipped into cinnamon batter, deep fried, dusted with sugar. Four girls home from college, a fall day spent together. Fingers wet from cold rain trapped by apple tree leaves are warmed by fritters fresh from the fryer. Pictures snapped show pumpkins, smiles, hardy mums. Two hours together heal wounds from months apart. They leave the orchard, laughing despite the knowledge that weekends always end too soon. In the parking lot three young men in college hoodies split a plate of fritters, drink cider straight from the carton. They all smile and pause. By Tuesday they will be far flung and buried in books. But today is Saturday and they are apple picking in Syracuse, N.Y., together.

Peach Poem

BY LIA ARMATAS '08
PORTFOLIO EDITOR

His date was like a peach
Ripe only after whipping
On cold steel corners of
grout and smooth tile.
Then bruised, then stinging,
Then loosened from itself
A rich chaos only realized,
After he'd bitten the peach.



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Tiffany & Earl

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Dear Philip,
This is a little hard for me to relate to since I never had to live in a boys' dorm. However, I pride myself on having the unbelievable ability to answer any question flawlessly, and with good reason.

The question I would have to ask you is what you did to let this homeless alky think it was okay to come into your dorm room? What kind of vibes are you putting forth that made him think, "Hey, these guys like me and want me around raiding their mini-fridge when they're at their 10:30 A.M. Civ lecture." Maybe he is waiting for the opportunity to make nice and be friends with all of you.

I don't think you should have been surprised when he didn't leave the room even after bringing a girl home. Haven't you seen *The Pick-up Artist* on T.V.? Maybe he was looking for someone to give him some sweet moves and pointers about how to make nice with ladies. There is a very good chance that he looks up to all of you and is just not socially capable enough that you guys don't want him around.

My advice to you is getting him out of there before you get some type of hepatitis. It doesn't make you a bad person to be made uncomfortable by open wounds and cirrhosis of the liver, but let him down gently, because he sounds crazy, and crazy people do irrational things . . . and he knows where you live.

Tiffany

This Week . . .
is your dorm safe from crazy people?

Listen you little schmuck,

If you wanted me out of your room then all you had to do was have a little tact and approach me like a man. Speaking of being a man, you yourself may want to review

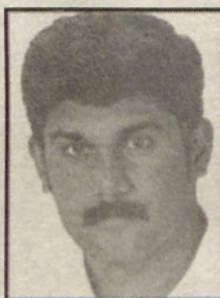
your drinking habits because the so-called "lady friend" that you brought home the other night had an Adam's apple. Oops. No wonder Tom the R.A. didn't ask why you were violating parietals.

As for the blood that I was coughing up in the corner, it was a direct result of watching you and your new "lady friend," Hmm, I think her name was Troy, start making out.

I do not need medical attention at all. In fact I have a physical every month to make sure that I am strong and staying clean. Despite your proposterous claims I am healthy as a horse and will prove this to you by drop-kicking you in your face with my newly shod feet.

When you come to, I think that you may be a little sad to find that your other roommates, Steve, Mike, and Pete have in fact decided to keep me on as the fourth roommate. All I can say is that I hope that you enjoy the razor-burn you got from Troy, the beating from me, and the search for some new roommates.

Next time be a man about this and tell it to my face.



Dear Tiffany and Earl,

I recently moved into McDermott Hall and it is an OK building and all, but my roommates and I are concerned about the homeless wino living in our room. We were not originally concerned about the problem. We just assumed he would get scared off when we all got settled in, but he seems to be very comfortable tucked away in the corner. It really had not bothered me that much until I had a lady friend over for the evening (don't tell Thomas, my R.A.) and the wino just started coughing up blood. He is just a scary, w3 sickly man that may need medical attention, but I don't want to touch him. What should I do?!

—Uncomfortably Yours, Philip

There's no such thing as a dumb question . . .

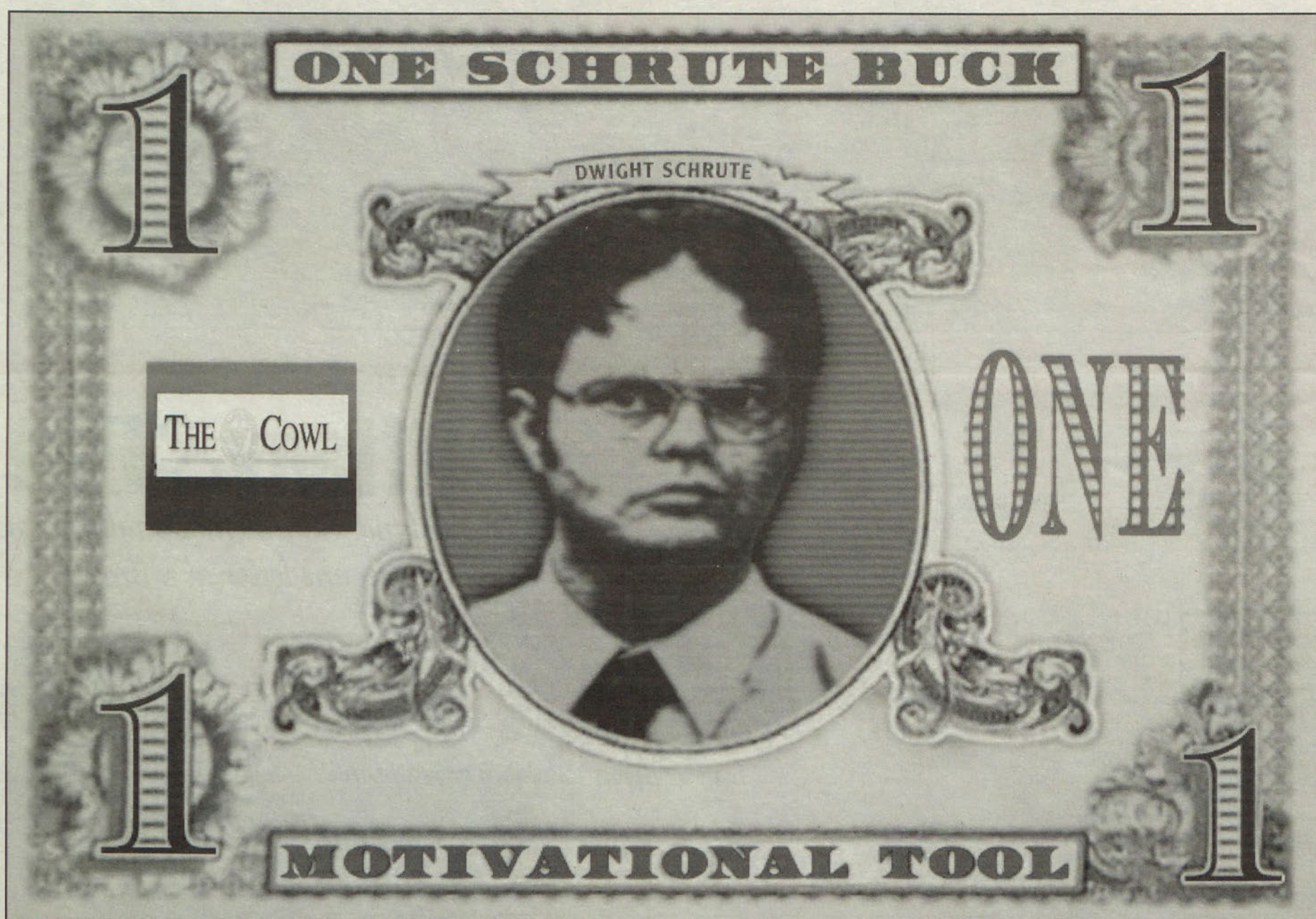
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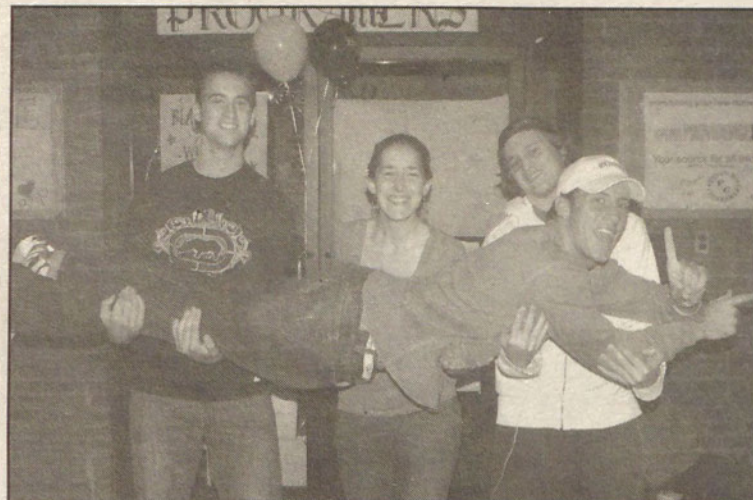
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What are you most excited about for Late Night Madness?



“Watching BMSA kick BOP’s tush in the dance off!”
Kathryn Dykas '08



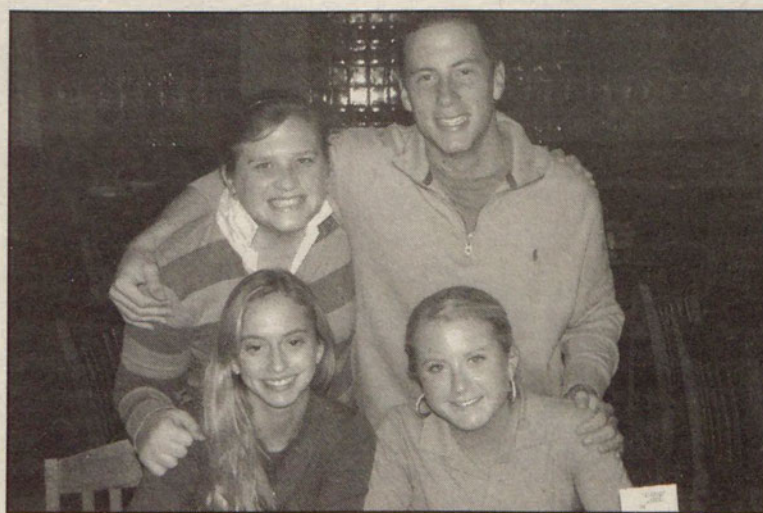
“Watching BOP kick BMSA’s tush in the dance off. . . while looking sexy”
Back: Ryan McKeon '09, Michelle Palermino '09, Ben Robbins '09,
Front: Brendan Ward '09



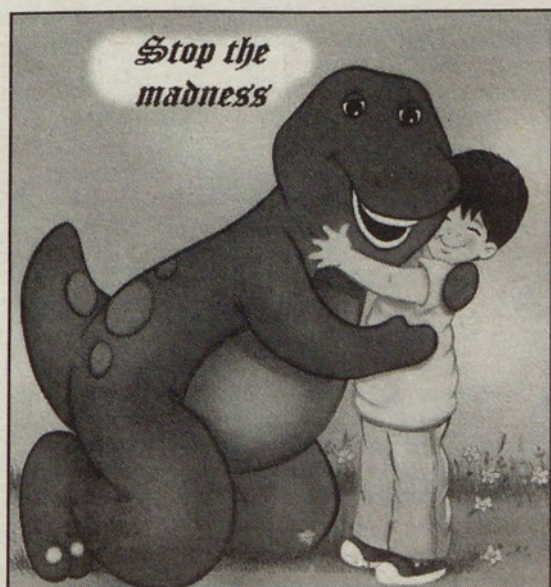
“The after party at McPhail’s!”
McPhail’s



“Watching Luke Burchett warm up.”
Dave Wood '10, Kevin Colman '10, Zach Enos '10, Brennan Gibbons '10, Mike O'Connor '10



“A huge priest running around Mullaney Gym!”
Front: Hadley Pennington '09, Erin Murphy '09
Back: Lizzie Reilly '09, Ryan Ward '09



“Please.”
— Barney

Friars Scoreboard

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Standouts



Laura Elfers
Women's Soccer
Senior—Fresh Meadows, N.Y.

Elfers recorded her second shutout of the season in a 1-0 win over Rutgers on Sunday, Oct. 7. She made nine saves in the win. Overall, Elfers and the team finished the week with a 1-1 record.



Jeanette Toney
Women's Volleyball
Junior—Brooklyn, N.Y.

Toney helped the team to a 2-0 record with wins over Quinnipiac and Chicago State. She totaled 13 kills in each match and had a team-leading eight blocks on the weekend.

Scores

<i>Friday 10/5</i>	
Women's Volleyball at Chicago State	W, 3-0
Women's Soccer vs. Seton Hall	L, 2-0
<i>Saturday 10/6</i>	
Women's Tennis vs. Monmouth	W, 5-2
Women's Field Hockey at Iowa	L, 3-1
Men's Soccer at Georgetown	L, 2-0
<i>Sunday 10/7</i>	
Women's Soccer vs. Rutgers	W, 1-0
Women's Field Hockey at Northeastern	W, 4-3 (OT)
<i>Wednesday 10/3</i>	
Men's Soccer at Connecticut	7:00 p.m.

Schedules

<i>Friday 10/12</i>	
Women's Soccer vs. West Virginia	3:00 p.m.
Men's Hockey at St. Lawrence	7:00 p.m.
Field Hockey vs. Syracuse	7:00 p.m.
<i>Saturday 10/13</i>	
Women's Tennis at Fairfield	9:00 a.m.
Cross Country at Pre-Nationals	11:00 a.m.
Men's Soccer vs. Marquette	1:00 p.m.
Women's Volleyball at Rhode Island	4:00 p.m.
Men's Hockey at Clarkson	7:00 p.m.
<i>Sunday 10/14</i>	
Women's Tennis at Fairfield	9:00 a.m.
Women's Soccer vs. Pittsburgh	1:00 p.m.
Women's Field Hockey vs. Princeton	1:00 p.m.
Women's Hockey at Maine	2:00 p.m.
<i>Tuesday 10/16</i>	
Men's Soccer at Boston College	7:00 p.m.

Standings

Men's Big East Blue Soccer Standings (10/2)

Teams	BIG EAST	Overall
Notre Dame	5-0-1	8-1-2
Connecticut	5-1-0	11-1-0
Providence	2-2-1	5-4-1
West Virginia	2-3-0	6-4-0
Seton Hall	2-3-0	5-6-0
Marquette	2-4-0	3-8-1
Georgetown	1-5-0	2-8-1
Pittsburgh	0-4-1	1-8-2

USTFCCCA Women's Cross Country Rankings

Rank	Team	Points	Rank	Team	Points
1.	Stanford	387	14.	Colorado St.	225
2.	Colorado	373	15.	BC	185
3.	Oregon	361	16.	BYU	177
4.	Minnesota	349	17.	Duke	162
5.	Arkansas	330	18.	Providence	145
6.	Arizona St.	328	19.	Virginia Tech	141
7.	Rice	302	20.	Florida	132
8.	Princeton	296	21.	West Virginia	130
9.	Michigan St.	289	22.	Georgetown	111
10.	Illinois	272	22.	Iowa	109
11.	Florida State	256	24.	Texas Tech	90
12.	Washington	250	25.	Wisconsin	78
13.	Michigan	228	26.	NC State	72

The Sports Boss Takes on 'The Boss' vs. Joe Torre

Bradley Chen '08 discusses why George Steinbrenner should keep Joe Torre around as the Yankee skipper.

BY BRADLEY CHEN '08
SPORTS STAFF

While it is easy to poke fun at George Steinbrenner in the episodes of *Seinfeld*, he is not the funny man voiced by Larry David in real life. George Michael

OPINION

Steinbrenner III is no easy man to get along with, just ask Joe Torre. Or if you could, ask Billy Martin.

Martin was brought in by "The Boss" in 1975. He got the Yankees to the World Series in '76 and winning the title in 1977.

If anyone watched the somewhat entertaining *Bronx is Burning* on ESPN this summer, it was evident from the beginning of his reign as Yankee owner that Steinbrenner had to be in the middle of everyone's business. While trying to crush distractions, he became the distraction. Yes, they won the title, but I am sure Martin feels like he lost it, or at least part of his life.

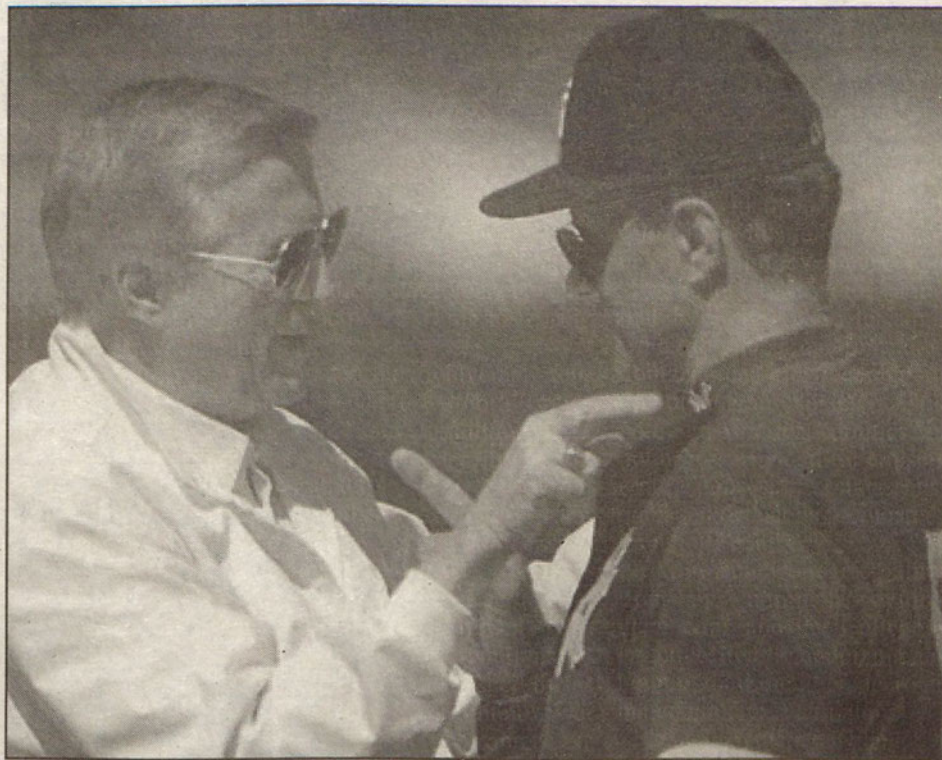
So Billy Martin is just like Joe Torre? Absolutely not. Martin was just as fiery as his owner. Martin might have had a Napoleonic complex because he would fight and argue with anyone and everyone. When you get two sides that clash constantly, you don't get consistency. Martin would leave and be brought back many times as manager of the Yankees, but rarely stuck around long enough to produce the results of 1977.

In fact, Torre and Martin are complete opposites. Here is a quick summary of the current—as of press time—Yankee manager's 12 years of service: four World Series Titles, six World Series appearances, and making the playoff-berths every year. So how did he do it? By remaining calm and collected. And to think with his hiring, the press called him "Clueless Joe?" Win or lose, he could keep a poker face that would make any gambler jealous. Usually it was a win.

The Boss expects wins and he gets them. However, not winning a title since 2001 is causing Steinbrenner to become more senile than ever. Maybe the insanity reached its highest point after the 2004 ALCS debacle that put the Red Sox back into glory, glory that may top the four Yankee titles led by Torre.

After not getting to the World Series in four years, the Boss all of sudden puts an ultimatum on Torre's position:

"His job is on the line," the owner said. "I think we're paying him a lot of money. He's the highest-paid manager in baseball, so I don't think we'd take him back if we



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Yankee owner George Steinbrenner, left, and manager Joe Torre have had an often volatile relationship throughout Torre's tenure. Many people feel that Steinbrenner took it a little too far when he threatened to fire Torre if the Yankees lost to Cleveland in the ALDS last week.

don't win this series."

Oh yeah, this was in the middle of a playoff series that the Yankees were losing by two games! How could any manager do this to a man who brought winning back to the franchise with the most titles in American Sports History? It simply shows no class by Steinbrenner.

“Where do the Yankees go from here? They have a payroll over 200 million dollars once again which makes losing harder. In general, they are an older team but if kept around (especially under Torre) will make the playoffs.
Bradley Chen '08”

Sure, he might want to light a flame under his team to win, but he is putting Torre on the edge of a cliff. The Yankees won game three, but even the threat of losing their skipper was not enough to help them overcome their weaknesses.

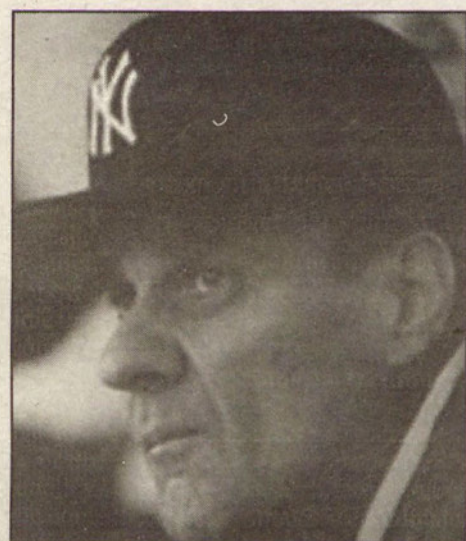
In fact, Johnny Damon said in an interview after the game, "We did not want this to be Joe's last game." It may be his last victory as the Bronx Bombers (who did not

live up to that name in the series) could not pull out the series.

So is Torre gone? Even if he is kept on, will he want to return? Steinbrenner has interfered many times with Torre's staff. He drove away Don Zimmer and made many threats to the ball club. Why play for an owner that tried to alienate him? "I don't think we'd take him back if we don't win this series." Are you serious, George? This should have been discussed behind closed doors and kept quiet until after the season.

Of course, Torre would like to go out on his own terms, with another championship under his belt, but when dealing with George Steinbrenner you never know what could happen. Many will say this was Torre's finest year as a manager for the second half turn-around he was able to produce. If I were Joe Torre, I'd walk away. Maybe if he has the competitive fire still in him, he should go manage another baseball team. There will be offers.

Where do the Yankees go from here? They have a payroll more than 200 million dollars once again, which makes losing harder. In general, they are an older team but if kept around (especially under Torre) they will make the playoffs. If they make the right decisions like not hunting after Roger Clemens again, they can open payroll to bring in another star pitcher (Johan Santana, anyone?). They could use it to bring in a top tier manager like Tony



Joe Torre's Record as the New York Yankees Manager

Year	Wins	Losses	Finish
1996	92	70	WS win
1997	96	66	ALDS loss
1998	114	48	WS win
1999	98	64	WS win
2000	87	74	WS win
2001	95	65	WS win
2002	103	58	ALDS loss
2003	101	61	WS loss
2004	101	61	ALCS loss
2005	95	67	ALDS loss
2006	97	65	ALDS loss
2007	94	68	ALDS loss

LaRussa, who appears to be ticketed out of St. Louis, but would LaRussa be willing to come to the pressure cooker that is baseball in New York?

It is not like the money really matters all that much to Steinbrenner, as he has shown that he has no problem using it. However, the way it has been spent over the past few years has been questionable, so Brian Cashman needs to keep his head on a swivel because he could be gone soon too. Lots of the other star players like A-Rod (who did not produce like I expected him to this time around), Posada, and Rivera will wait to see what happens to Torre before they make their moves.

One thing I do know is that Yankees fans had better be thankful for the job e has done over his tenure. There should be nothing but the utmost respect for this Yankee. Steinbrenner may not realize Torre's competence now, but he will surely regret the decision to let him go should his replacement prove unable to manage the egos that comprise the Yankees' roster.

FH: Ready for the 'Cuse

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Friday, Oct. 12, at the Providence College Field Hockey and Lacrosse Complex. "Syracuse is a tremendous team," said Madl. "They enter the game at 11-3 and on top of the Big East standings. We need to play full games and focus on the fundamentals and as long as we do that, we will be successful."

The next two weeks will be pivotal if the Friars are to make any sort of run at the Big East regular season title. Of their next five games, three of them are against teams that are ahead of the Friars in the Big East standings. Currently Providence is tied with the league leaders in the loss column but have a lot of ground to make up in the win column. They are in a position where they control their own destiny. If they are able to go out and defeat the league opponents left on their schedule the Friars will win the regular season title for a second consecutive season. "We're in position to make a run at the Big East," said coach Madl. "If we play within ourselves, we can accomplish great things."

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No Place Like Home for Road-Wearied Friars

BY ERIN REDIHAN '08
SPORTS EDITOR

The road can be a hostile place for any team. The athletes must play on an unfamiliar field whose dimensions might differ slightly from what they expect. They are without their usual fans and at times must deal with an antagonistic crowd. Also travel might be difficult, with staying in hotels and occasionally adjusting to time differences.

MEN'S SOCCER

All that being said, the best teams are the ones that are able to overcome this adversity and win games on the road. Early in the season, the Providence College Men's Soccer Team showed flashes of having what it takes to succeed when it went on the road and beat DePaul in the team's first-ever meeting in the Big East season opener.

However, the Friars followed up that win with a 3-1 loss at the feet of No. 16 South Florida two days later.

After suffering a 2-0 loss to Georgetown on Saturday, Oct. 6, the Friars went to Storrs to face No. 1 Connecticut in search of its second road win in 2007. A victory would also be the Friars first against a ranked team this year.

Even more importantly, a win would keep the team's conference record above .500 (2-2-1 at game time and 5-4-1 overall) and ensure the Friars would continue to hold out hope for a berth in the NCAA Tournament, still more than a month away but always a source of motivation.

The team knew that a win against the top team in the country would be hard to come by, but it did not realize how difficult it would be to penetrate the strong Husky defense. The team played hard, but walked off the field on the short end of a 3-0 loss.

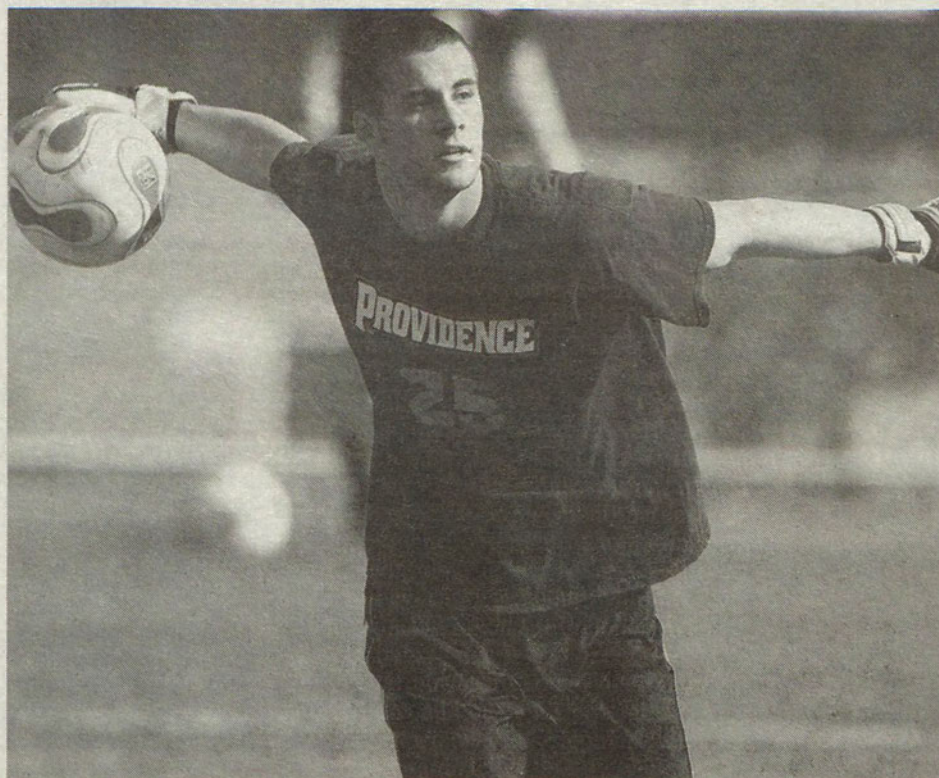
"We feel good," said freshman Matt Marcin before the game. "We're just going to show up and perform. We want to go out and get a result that is good for the team and the conference."

"We need the Man, Ryan Maduro, to step up," said Providence Head Coach Chaka Daley. "He usually plays well in very big games. That's why he's an All-American. Our goalkeeper has been stellar and we need him to continue to be. We need some guys to chip in on offense and for our defense to play as a unit."

"Regardless of what happens, we can't let this game impact the rest of our season. We can win tonight and still not make the playoffs."

How does a team prepare to play the top team in the country on their home turf?

"We don't change too much," Daley said. "If you have to make a drastic change, you're probably not prepared to play. They're a competitive group, naturally and Connecticut is incredibly talented, so we're going to need a true team performance. We're very organized, but we need to be committed and show team spirit and belief. We're not at a panic station."



COURTESY OF SPORTS INFO

Junior goalkeeper Timothy Murray has recorded four shutouts already this season and has been a key factor in many of the Friars' victories. For more on Murray, read PCI on page 23.

The Huskies got on the board early. O'Brian White had the game of his life, completing a hat trick by netting all three UConn goals. He put the ball past PC goalie Timothy Murray at 9:34. Less than two minutes later, White again got past the Friars' defense for his second point of the game. Ryan Cordeiro assisted on the play. White finished his feat with less than five minutes to play.

The team went into its match at Georgetown on Saturday, Oct. 6, feeling confident after earning a scoreless tie with a very strong St. John's team. Currently, the Red Storm are tied for second in the Big East Red Division, trailing only No. 23 Villanova. The Friars are alone in third place in the Blue Division, eight points back of Connecticut.

"We didn't play our best," said freshman Matt Marcin. "It showed us that we need to work hard for every game."

Georgetown came into the game needing a win to stay within contention for making the Big East Tournament, where only the top six teams in each division participate.

"We didn't play as well as we have, especially the week before," said Daley. "We didn't hold up to our standard. The game was relatively even. They scored late. This was not a collective team performance. We've been a little inconsistent and on the road in the Big East, that's a tough mountain to climb."

The game was a defensive battle early, with no goals scored in the first half. Murray made three saves in the first 45 minutes while the offense fired four shots

at Hoya goalkeeper Matthew Brutto.

Halfway through the second period, it was beginning to look like the Friars might be headed toward their second straight overtime contest. Unfortunately for PC, Georgetown's Corey Zeller, a junior midfielder, had other ideas. In the 75th minute, Zeller took a shot from the left side of the box, about 15 feet out. The ball skipped past Murray and put the Hoyas on the board.

Less than two minutes later, Zeller scored his second goal of the game off a penalty kick.

Though they took nine shots in the second half, none were able to find the net and Brutto walked away with his second

shutout of 2007.

Murray earned a season-high seven saves in the defeat.

"We need to look past this game," said Marcin. "We have to start focusing on our upcoming games."

Life on the road is not going to get any easier for the team. Following a home game on Saturday, Oct. 13, the Friars will venture to Chestnut Hill, Mass. to face No. 12 Boston College on Tuesday, Oct. 16.

This week, the Friars will play host to the Marquette Golden Eagles on Saturday, Oct. 13.

As the regular season winds down, the players know that each contest can move them one step closer to—or away from—qualifying for the postseason and a chance at the national title.

"Our goal right now is to make the Big East," said Daley. "It would be to our advantage to host a game since we seem to play better at home. We know this is our goal and we think we need 12 more points with six games left. We think we're a little too far back to be in the top two, but we feel we're playing for spots three through six and we've recentered our vision around this."

According to Daley, seven Big East teams have made the NCAA Tournament the last two seasons, including Providence.

"That's not even entering our minds right now," he said. "We just need to do our job and get valuable wins and knock off some big teams."

Of their final six contests, Providence will face three ranked teams in BC, No. 3 Notre Dame, and No. 19 West Virginia. They will face West Virginia on the road in their final regular season game on Saturday, Nov. 3.

"We believe that we have three goals for our program each year," said Daley.

"We want to be above .500 and make the Big East Tournament. As a result of those two, we want to win some Big East games and maybe get a national berth. Right now, we're on target with a lot of games left to play."

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NHL: The Last Clean Sport?

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wiped out the 2004-05 season, has rendered the NHL an afterthought. But if you're looking for some "pure competition," why not give the only league that has escaped major scandal in the last couple years a shot?

Of course, people will pick on the NHL because it is the only league that allows fighting. But doesn't America love violence to begin with? Aren't we the same culture that sits around watching wrestling, boxing, K1, episodes of COPS, and those Jerry Springer fights? Statistically, fights in hockey are less dangerous to the competitors than the hitting in football. Furthermore, the fights give players an outlet. If more players were encouraged to fight, you would see less stick swinging.


Is it possible there are performance enhancing drugs in hockey? Sure, but the league has adopted a policy this year. And concerns about PEDs seems to come with the territory in today's athletic environment.

Do players from the NHL get in legal trouble? Yes, as happens everywhere, but it's less serious. You don't frequently hear about NHL players shooting limo drivers, or running dogfighting rings. In fact, the only recent incident involving NHL players that comes to mind is that some of the Staal brothers engaged in underage drinking while throwing a party.

But you'll also find world class talent in the NHL. Sidney Crosby, who is roughly our age, led the NHL in points last season. And if you've ever been to so much as a PC hockey game, you know how fired up the crowd can get from a goal, a big save, a huge check in the corner. The talent is there, the excitement is there. But the media coverage isn't.

So if you're like me, and you're tired of hearing about Kobe Bryant in the summer, and Barry Bonds in the winter (interestingly enough, during their offseasons), maybe it's time to tune into the NHL. The athletes there are unassuming, down to earth, and hard working. Maybe it's the only pure league left. So tune in, turn on, and watch.

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FRIARS Update

A recap of the week in Providence sports

Tennis Goes 1-1 for the Weekend

The Providence College Women's Tennis Team captured a solid victory on Saturday, Oct. 6, defeating Monmouth 5-2. This was an uplifting win for the Friars after recently falling to in-state rival, University of Rhode Island on October 3.

Number One singles player, senior Kate Lyons, led the way for the Friars. Lyons was able to overpower Monmouth's Kaitlin Gallagher, defeating her 6-3 and 6-2. Lyons then combined with sophomore Jen Cusack, defeating Monmouth's Hoffman and Friedna, 8-1. The Lyons-Cusack duo has proven to be unstoppable this season, remaining undefeated at 4-0.

Freshman Ayushi Sinha, in the number five singles position, had a first-rate performance over the weekend. Sinha crushed her opponent Diane Washer, 6-4, 6-2. She then teamed up with junior Amy McDevitt to defeat Monmouth's Tienery and Washer, 8-1.

The Friars are back in action again on Oct. 13 and 14 in one of their most important competitions of the season, the New England Championships in Fairfield, Conn.

Volleyball Earns Pair of Shutouts

The Providence College Women's Volleyball team hosted the Chicago State Cougars on Friday Oct. 5, shutting them out 3-0 by scores of 30-18, 30-22, and 30-23. This victory earns the Friars their fourth consecutive win of the season, improving their record to 14-7.

Junior Elizabeth Flynn recorded the match-high with 16 kills on 25 attempts locking in a .600 hitting percentage. Junior Jeanette Toney also rose to the occasion logging 13 kills for the second consecutive match. On the defensive side, junior Kelly Krahenbuhl had a stand-out performance, finishing the night with a season-high 22 digs. Senior Sarah Fleming continued to pull through for the Friars, recording seven kills, putting her only seven addition kills away from surpassing last season's total.

The Friars take the courts again on Saturday Oct. 13 when they travel to University of Rhode Island to compete against the Rams. The game, which begins at 4:00 p.m. will be covered by COX Sports Television.

—Mollie Quinn '09

Soccer: First Big East Win

confidence."

Pettersen once again was a big part of the Friars' offense as she led the team with four shots in the game in the Friars' 2-0 loss to the Pirates on Friday at Glay's Field. Pettersen's scoring opportunities came from the Friars' game plan to pressure the ball and attack on the diagonal.

"We were looking for the diagonal ball," said Pettersen. "I was cutting to the ball on the diagonal, which allowed me to get those scoring opportunities."

“ Kelly is reading the game well right now and she is becoming more aggressive and more of an attacking player for us.
 Jim McGirr
 Head Coach, Women's Soccer ”

In the 24th minute of the first stanza, Pettersen had her best scoring chance when sophomore forward Tara Riccardi sent a cross pass into the box that was picked up by Pettersen. Pettersen's shot was then deflected by the Pirates goalkeeper Amanda Becker, but Pettersen grabbed the rebound off of the deflection and shot again, but Becker was able to make another critical save for the Scarlet Knights.

"Kelly is reading the game well right now and she is becoming more aggressive and more of an attacking player for us," said McGirr. "She keeps listening to what we tell her about keep attacking the goal and not think too much about the ones she misses because it's not about the ones you miss, but the ones you make and those will come as you get more opportunities."

The Pirates scored their game winning goal with nine minutes left in the first half as Maeve O'Donnell took a shot from the top of the box, which beat Elfers and found its way to the back of the net.

After the Rutgers' goal, the Friar defense stepped it up and held the Scarlet Knights without another score until the 89th minute of the game when Cassie Gioia sent a pass towards Madeleine Kill, which she put in the back of the net, giving the Pirates the 2-0 win.

"We knew that Seton Hall was going to be one of the more difficult opponents that we faced this season because they play a man-marking system, which is a hard system to play against because it has no structure of space so you don't know where your man will be," said McGirr. "But with the man-marking system you can create more space for each other and when we did that we were able to find a lot of opportunities. It was just unfortunate that we couldn't capitalize on them."

The Friars are now 2-9-1 overall and 1-4-0 in Big East play as they finish up their final home games of the season against the University of Pittsburgh on Sunday, Oct.



Which goalie gives his or her team a better chance to win each time it takes the field—sophomore field hockey standout Rachel Chamberlain or the soccer team's talented junior Timothy Murray?

All I can say is, 11 goals in 10 games; That's all that men's soccer goalie Timothy Murray has allowed this season. That makes for a goals against average of just 1.05 goals per game. With offensive forces like senior Ryan Maduro and sophomore Jonathan Medcalf playing in front of Murray, the men's soccer team enters each game with a great chance to walk off the field with a W, if the offense can get on the board.

Murray picked up right where Chris Konopka—who is now playing in MLS—left off last season. He has yet to miss a minute in goal this season, proving his durability, and has recorded four shutouts in his first 10 games. He has 34 saves so far and has not allowed more than three goals in any contest. The teams that he has lost to include two that were among the top 25 in the nation when the games were played—Rhode Island and Harvard.

While Murray has lost four games, he also helped PC secure a scoreless tie with St. John's on Sept. 30, proving that even when the offense cannot get anything started, Murray does all he can to keep the team in the game and out of the loss column. The fact that the Friars are sitting comfortably in third place in the Big East Blue Division is due in no small part to Murray's tireless efforts in the net.

Last season, Murray showed he could perform under pressure, as he replaced the injured Konopka in the Big East Tournament and recorded a shutout in the process. This season, he is doing all he can to get the Friars back into the conference championships and headed for a third straight trip to the NCAA Tournament.

—Erin Redihan '08

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Thanks,
 The Cowl Sports Staff

If a 0.91 goals against average doesn't make you the most important goalie at your own school, I don't know what will. So far this season, field hockey goalkeeper Rachel Chamberlain, has been more than outstanding and has been considered by many as the top goalkeeper in the Big East Conference.

Defense has been the key to Friar Field Hockey and at the crux of the D is Chamberlain. Through 12 games, Chamberlain has allowed a total of just 10 goals and has recorded six shutouts.

In my opinion Rachel Chamberlain has been the most valuable goalie at Providence College, because of both her performance and the nature of her sport. In field hockey, where goals are hard to come by, having a strong goaltender is vital. PC battles with the nation's top teams in the Big East Conference and in order to be as successful as they have been, they have needed near flawless play by their goalkeeper.

Field hockey goalies often remain underappreciated. In soccer, a goalie has the ability to make a fantastic diving stop, but in field hockey, plays like that don't come along too often. The reason why Chamberlain is so important to her team is that she gives the team the confidence that if they can put home a few goals, they will win the game. Chamberlain has been one of the best goalies in the entire nation. She is ranked in the top 10 in the country in both goals against average and save percentage and has already been named the Big East Defensive Player of the Week.

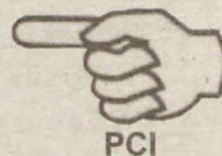
—Dan Ollquist '10

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Friars Blank Rutgers to Earn First Big East Win

BY MIKE SPRINGER '08
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Like most of Rhode Island, the Providence College Women's Soccer Team had been in a drought. Though the opportunities had been there, the Friars had been unable to capitalize on any during their last six games, causing frustration to amount. But as the rain clouds rolled over Glay's Field on Sunday, Oct. 7, the Friars found their own relief when sophomore forward Greta Houlihan's shot deflected off of the crossbar and into the back of the net in the fourth minute of the game in the Friar's 1-0 victory over the Scarlet Knights.

"Coming into this game, we have had a tough time scoring," said junior forward Kelley Pettersen. "We've been playing hard and have been getting plenty of scoring opportunities, but we haven't been able to capitalize on them. Now that we finally have, it's like a huge weight has been lifted from our shoulders."

Only five minutes later, the Scarlet Knights found themselves with their own chance to score when sophomore Becky Wise shot the ball in front of an open Friars' net that went wide left and out of bounds.

Rutgers continued to press the Friars in PC's zone in search of another scoring opportunity, which came in the 34th minute of the game. Scarlet Knight Gina



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Senior defender Danielle Wieneke has played a key role this season, helping the Friars to earn their first Big East win on Sunday, Oct. 7, against Rutgers. Sophomore Greta Houlihan scored the winning goal in her first career start.

DeMaio had the ball in front of the Friars' goal in a one-on-one situation with the Friars' senior keeper Laura Elfers. DeMaio tried to sneak a shot around Elfers, but

Elfers was able to deflect it into the dirt and dive on the ball, ending the scoring opportunity for the Knights and holding PC's 1-0 lead as the game headed into

halftime.

After the half, the Friars' high-pressure offense continued to net them more scoring opportunities. At the 12:02 mark in the game, Pettersen found herself in front of the Scarlet Knight's net, where she bicycled kicked the ball in mid-air, but her shot was saved by Rutgers' goalkeeper Erin Guthrie.

With just a minute left in the game, Houlihan had another scoring opportunity when she stole the ball from a Rutgers player inside the PC zone. Houlihan then raced down to the other end of the field with the ball, but was stripped just before the keeper's box by two Rutgers' defenders, ending her possession.

"This was Greta's first start for us and she has been someone that keeps playing well and training hard," said Head Coach Jim McGirr. "This was her first start for us and we knew that she already had the talent and ability to score, but she just needed the mentality. And the goal that she scored against Rutgers was one of the best goals that I have ever seen in my three years coaching here."

The Friars finished the game with six shots on goal and Elfers netted her second shutout of the season along with nine saves as the Friars held on for their first Big East win of the season.

"We feel amazing right now," said Houlihan after the game. "This was a big win for us and it's really going to boost our

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HOCKEY REMAINS CLEANEST GAME

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The National Hockey League: total irrelevance?

Well, that seems to be the smallest problem of the major professional sports. The bottom line is that if you are looking for a game that tests all of the major athletic attributes — speed, strength, skill, decision making, endurance — then hockey is it. Pro hockey is the fastest team sport on the planet. There is no "out of bounds" to run for in search of safety. There is only one timeout per team. And the play is largely continuous, as players change shifts seamlessly.

So why do we never hear about it? In a world where a major sports network like ESPN has as many WNBA analysts as NHL analysts (one — but at least for the NHL it's the awesome Barry Melrose), it is easy to overlook the NHL. Media coverage, partly stemming from the lockout that

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Providence Earns Split on Midwest Tour

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After being left out of the NCAA championship tournament field a year ago, the Providence College Field Hockey team made sure to solidify their non-conference schedule in 2007. PC has endured a number of tough road games this season, but this past weekend certainly marked their biggest road obstacle.

On Sunday, Oct. 7, Providence took on the Northwestern Wildcats in Evanston, Ill. Northwestern entered the game struggling, but gave Providence trouble throughout the contest. The Friars struck quickly, when freshman Jaime Lipski scored just 4:28 into the game to give PC a 1-0 lead. The women in black and white continued to put on the heat in the first half and added another goal before the half-time break. At the 20:35 mark, junior Meghan Holden scored off a beautiful feed from junior Ali Kornfield to make it 2-0 in favor of PC.

At the outset of the second half, the Friars added a third goal when senior Michalagh Stoddard scored off a penalty corner at the 41:10 mark. With less than 30 minutes remaining in the contest and holding onto a three goal lead, Providence seemed bound for an easy win. The PC defense had been phenomenal all season and a three goal lead seemed nearly insurmountable against Rachel Chamberlain and the rest of the Friar defense. Unfortunately for the Friars, Northwestern would not give in so easily.



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Junior Meghan was named the Big East Offensive Player of the Week after totaling eight points in two games against Northwestern and Boston College.

The Wildcats got on the board at the 48:47 mark to make it a 3-1 game. Just 7:06 later, Northwestern would strike again and cut the deficit down to 3-2. With the game hanging in the balance, Northwestern continued to play as the aggressors and scored an unassisted goal just 1:01 later to tie the game at three.

"One thing we didn't do on this road trip was play entire games," said head coach Diane Madl in regards to her team's second half collapse. "We need to learn how to finish off teams."

The game remained tied at three as the final buzzer sounded, and the two squads headed into over-

time. The overtime session was extremely competitive throughout. Both teams played with a lot of passion, and with just 2:11 remaining in the first overtime frame sophomore Ali Shover found the back of the net for PC, giving the Friars an important 4-3 victory.

"This game was a great learning experience for us," noted coach Madl. "Holding on for a win in a game like that can give your team a huge mental boost."

On Saturday, Oct. 6, the Friars challenged the No. 5 ranked Iowa Hawkeyes in Evanston, Ill. Iowa has been one of the best programs in the country in recent years and

in their match-up with PC, they proved why.

The beginning of the match was dominated by both defenses. Both Providence and Iowa remained scoreless for the first 29:23 of the game, when Iowa tallied their first goal, which gave the Hawkeyes a 1-0 lead. Iowa would take the 1-0 lead into the half and at the outset of the second half would add a second goal to make the score 2-0. At the 39:01 mark, the Friars finally got on the score board when junior and Big East offensive player of the week, Meghan Holden, scored a goal off an assist from senior Michalagh Stoddard. Holden's goal got the Friars right back into the game and put the pressure on the favored Hawkeyes.

"We proved we can play with the best," said coach Madl. "Iowa is one of the top teams in the nation and regardless of wins and losses this trip was a success because it gave us a chance to play against the nation's best."

All the momentum that Providence gained after the Holden goal was dashed when Iowa added an insurance goal at the 46:24 mark. The goal gave Iowa a 3-1 lead, which they would secure and hold onto for the final score.

The Friars' Midwest road trip ended with a 1-1 record, but many valuable lessons were learned. Coach Diane Madl felt that her team learned a number of valuable lessons on the trip which should prove instrumental for the team as they start to play some of the Big East's top teams. Up next for the Friars is Syracuse on

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