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Sion '56 Named '81-'82 Fund Chairman

Anthony Sion, Jr., a 1956 graduate of Providence College, has been named General Chairman for the 1981-82 Loyalty Fund. With a goal of \$700,000, this year's campaign is the college's most ambitious annual appeal to-date.

Sion is President and Chief Executive Officer of Federal Industries, Inc., the parent corporation of Federal Chain, Inc., founded in 1929, Baroness, Inc., and Direction One, all located in Providence and Hunter International in Coventry, RI. Federal, an international company, is one of Rhode Island's leading quality jewelry manufacturing firms, with more than 700 employees and annual sales exceeding \$50,000,000. The company has sales offices in Chicago, Dallas, Los Angeles and New York City.

Highly respected as a leading RI corporate executive, Sion was recently appointed by RI Governor J. Joseph Garrahy Hon. '79 to serve on the Governor's Jewelry Advisory Committee. He is also a member of the Board of Directors and past president of the Machine Chain Manufacturing Association.

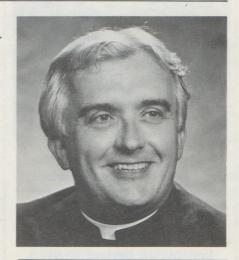
Active in past Loyalty Fund campaigns, Sion served as Associate General Chairman for last year's record-breaking Fund which was under the general chairmanship of Eugene T. Voll '55. In learning of Sion's appointment as his successor, Voll expressed great enthusiasm and confidence: "Anthony is a fantastic choice. As Associate Chairman this past year, he was simply great in leading the Associate Chairman's Club level of giving to a new record. He's very capable and devoted to Providence College, and I'm sure that the entire PC family will join me in providing him with the type of support required to make the 81-82 Loyalty Fund the most successful yet."

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Anthony Sion, Jr., '81-'82 Loyalty Fund Chairman





Rev. John B. Davis Named Assistant to President

Rev. John B. Davis, O.P., has been named Assistant to Providence College President, the Very Rev. Thomas R. Peterson, O.P.

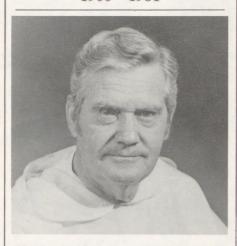
A 1961 alumnus of Providence College, Father Davis joined the PC faculty in September, 1980 as an assistant professor of Philosophy. Prior to this assignment, the New York City native served as Catholic Chaplain at Wayne State University in Detroit.

Other teaching assignments include Princeton University, the Independent Theological Schools of Washington, D.C., Catholic University and the Episcopal Seminary in Alexandria, VA.

Father Davis has also served as Associate Chaplain at Princeton University, Administrator for St. Martin House Legal Aid Service in Washington, D.C., and Spiritual Director at St. Francis Seminary, Loretto, Pennsylvania.

Ordained a Dominican priest in 1966, Father Davis holds a Master of Arts in Religion from the University of Iowa, a S.T.Lic from Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C., and a Ph.D. in contemporary European Philosophy from Penn State University. 2

Rev. Edward A. McDermott 1900 - 1981



The Rev. Edward A. McDermott, O.P., 81, who taught modern languages at PC for 33 years and served as moderator of the Veridames since 1942, died August 28 after being stricken at the college.

Born in New Bedford, Mass., a son of the late Charles W. McDermott and Catherine (Sexton) McDermott, he was educated in New Bedford, Massachusetts and received both his A.B. and M.A. in Modern Languages and Philosophy from Catholic University, Washington, D.C.

Fr. McDermott studied for the priesthood at St. Joseph's, Somerset, Ohio; St. Thomas College, River Forest, Illinois; St. Rose Priory, Springfield, Kentucky; and the Dominican House of Studies in Washington, D.C. He was ordained a Dominican priest at the Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, Washington, D.C. on June 17, 1929.

In addition to teaching languages at PC since 1940, Fr. McDermott served as Director of the college's Apostolic School for students studying for the priesthood in the Dominican Order, and as a member of the college corporation.

In 1968 the Providence College Alumni Association honored him with the Faculty Award in recognition of his outstanding service to the college, and in 1979 the professor emeritus was awarded an honorary doctorate of Sacred Theology from the Dominican House of Studies/-Pontifical College in Washington, D.C.

Diane E. Childs '79 Joins Alumni Staff

Diane E. Childs, of East Providence, RI, has been appointed Coordinator of Alumni Activities at Providence College. A 1979 alumna of PC, Miss Childs will be responsible for planning and promoting on-campus alumni events, activities and services, as well as supervising the Alumni Travel Program.

Before joining the PC staff, Miss Childs served as an Exploring Executive for the Narragansett Council of Boy Scouts of America, where she managed the statewide career education program.

She is a member of both the Rhode Island Career Education Association, and Working Women of Rhode Island.

Policy for Alumni Use of Recreation Center

Use of the new Peterson recreation Center is temporarily limited to the student body. Since the new facility is designed as an integral complex with Alumni Hall, the facilities there are also restricted to students. When patterns of peak use and staffing needs are determined, Alumni Fund donors will be granted access to the facility. A policy for Alumni use is currently being formulated based on the procedures followed successfully at other schools, and in some cases, fees might be involved. Details will be announced to Alumni before the end of the first semester.

Sion Named Chairman (continued from page 1)

College and alumni were equally pleased with Sion's acceptance of the 81-82 General Chairmanship. Very Rev. Thomas R. Peterson, O.P., President, termed the appointment "outstanding in every respect. Anthony is a proven leader and I'm confident he will continue the tradition of excellent leadership so ably exemplified by Gene Voll and previous Loyalty Fund chairmen." Associate Vice President for Development William T. Nero '55, and Alumni President Wally Tasca '40, added: "PC is extremely fortunate to have Tony as 81-82 Chairman. He possesses all the leadership qualities required for a Fund chairman and his personal attributes, plus the best corps of volunteers ever assembled for Providence College, leads to the belief that the \$700,000 goal will be greatly surpassed."

A native of Providence and 1952 graduate of LaSalle Academy, Sion resides in Warwick, RI, with his wife, the former Lillian Jaeger, and their five children, A. Anthony, Brenda,Donna (PC '81), Cheryle and Jeffrey.

Also named to key leadership positions for the 81-82 Loyalty Fund, which officially opens October 31st but is now in its advance phase are: Maurice Paradis '58, Associate General Chairman, and the following Divisional chairmen: Augustine C. Ramos, D.D.S. '50 - ALUMNI; Mr. and Mrs. Gaetano Greco - NON-ALUMNI PARENTS; Professors Saul and Natalie Seigle - NON-ALUMNI FACULTY/STAFF; and Joseph W. Ress 'Hon. -CORPORATIONS and FRIENDS.

Serving as Special Gift Chairmen are: Anthony Sion, Jr. '56 -CHAIRMAN'S CLUB, Maurice C. Paradis '58 - ASSOCIATE CHAIRMAN'S CLUB, William D. Slattery, Jr. '53 and Joseph C. Flynn, M.D. '61 - PRESIDENT'S CLUB, Hon. Anthony B. Sciarreta '52 and Richard A. DeBlasio '56 -CHANCELLOR'S CLUB, Andrew J. Corsini '57 and Robert J. Paci '64 - DEAN'S CLUB, Charles M. Borkoski '71 and Paul M. Lenahan '72 - CENTURY CLUB, Bernard J. Buonanno '32 and Edward F. Donnelly, Jr. '32 - GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY CLASS (1932) and Daniel T. Burns '57 and Thomas F. Malloy '57 - SILVER ANNIVERSARY CLASS (1951). Regional, Decade and Class chairpersons will be announced in future issues of Providence Update.

Area Club Notes

Many of the PC Alumni Area Clubs launch their annual programs with sports-related events planned for the fall and winter months. Here is a brief outline of what's on tap. Advance reservations must be made for any of the functions by calling the Alumni Office at (401) 865-2414 if an area contact person is not listed.

• October 7 - Washington Area Luncheon - 11:30 a.m. at Pier 7, Channel Inn, Washington, D.C. . . . guest speaker will be Coach Mullaney . . . luncheon tab is \$7.75 . . . call Dave Leiter (202) 224-1148 or Jim Carty (202) 626-3706 for reservations.

• October 9 - New York Area Sports Night - 6 to 8 p.m. at the City Midday Club in Manhattan ... hors d'oeuvres, open bar ... \$15. per person . . . call Tom Farley at (212) 673-9188 for reservations. • October 13 - Connecticut Friars Sports Dinner - 6:30 p.m. at the Laurel View Country Club in Hamden, CT. . . . hors d'oeuvres, buffet, open bar . . . \$7.50 per person . . . sponsored by New Haven Area Club . . . call Joe Canavan (203) 481-5361 for reservations . . . Coach Mullaney and other members of the PC men and women varsity coaching staffs will be guests.

• October 15 - Greater Prov. Area Club "President's Night" . . . 7 p.m. in Slavin Center, room 203 . . . cocktails, snacks . . . special guest Very Rev. T.R. Peterson, O.P., president of the college . . . evening to include tour of new recreation center . . . no charge for Providence area alumni. October 16 - Alumni Fall Golf Tournament - Crestwood Country Club in Seekonk, MA. . . . tee-off between 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. . . . Dinner 6:30 p.m. Complete event including green fee, \$25. per person.
October 17 - San Diego Area Post-Hockey Game Reception . . . PC vs U.S.I.U. in hockey at Mira Mesa House of Ice . . . post-game reception at same location. Call Gordon Holmes (714) 528-4803 for more information.

• October 21 - Hartford Area Hoop Night - 7 p.m. at Marco Polo Restaurant in East Hartford, CT. . . . cash bar, pizza, etc. . . . Coach Mullaney will be featured guest . . . \$1.00 token charge . . . for reservations call Tom Heavren at (203) 277-2270.

• November 5 - Newport Area Sports Reception - 7:30 p.m. at Christie's Restaurant in Newport ... Coach Mullaney and his assistants will be special guests ... hors d'oeuvres, cash bar ...

\$2. token admission fee.

• November 8 - Cape Cod Area Alumni Reception - 4 to 6 p.m. at Daniel Webster Inn, Sandwich, MA. . . . buffet of hors d'oeuvres, cash bar . . . informal program featuring Fr. Peterson . . . cost will be \$5. per person.

• November 15 - Mal Brown Basketball Preview - 6:30 p.m. supper in Raymond Hall with the Friar Coaching staff . . . 8 p.m. intra-squad game in Alumni Hall. Tickets for supper/game only \$5. per person.

We hope you can participate in some of these events . . . other activities are being planned for the winter months. Details will be distributed by mail to Alumni in each area.

IN MEMORIAM

Rev. Michael L. McCaffrey, O.P. '26 Joseph E. McGough '30 Albert J. Gaudet, M.D. '31 Joseph F. Harraghy '31 Richard W. O'Connor '31 Francis X. Sutton '31 Martin L. Kerrigan '32 Anthony D. LaFrazia '32 William H. Matthews '32 Dr. Ira Blum, D.D.S. '33

Joseph H. Condon, Sr. '33 Gerald M. Roarke '33 Thomas J. Reddington '36 Rev. Paul F. Cronin '49 Ernest R. Plasse '52 Roland R. Hicks '56 Roger O. Laferriere '59 Fr. John B. Fitzgerald, O.P. '77G Roy Wilkins, Hon. '77

Athletic Department Names Amato, Burrows to Posts

Robert S. Amato has been named Assistant Athletic Director and Richard H. Burrows has been appointed to fill the newly-created position of Aquatics Director for the Peterson Recreation Center.

A native of Providence, Amato graduated from PC in 1963, where he was an outstanding runner and is still in the PC record book as a member of the record-setting sprint medley relay team. Now in his 13th season as track coach, Amato has taken a highly successful program and molded it into a national power. His runners have consistently ranked with the best in the country.

Included among his coaching accomplishments are six "New England Coach of the Year" titles (1972, 1974, 1975, 1977, 1979, 1980); seven consecutive New England cross country championships; one of the longest winning streaks in collegiate history (78) and an overall cross country record of 122 victories, 14 losses and one tie.

Prior to returning to his alma mater in 1969, Bob coached at Bryant College for two years and St. Raphael's Academy in Pawtucket, RI, for four years where his cross country teams never lost a meet. He also taught in the Providence School System until 1966 and most currently was a teacher in the East Providence School System.

Bob lives in Johnston, RI, with his wife, Janice, and their three children, Lynn, Robert and Eric.

Richard Burrows, a resident of Cranston, RI, has a bachelors degree from Brown University and an M.S. from Indiana University. A member of the 1976 All-Ivy swimming team, Richard is also a member of Brown's Hall of Fame.

Before coming to Providence College, Burrows was the head swimming coach at the Little Rhody Aquatic Club, which has one of the best competitive swimming programs in the northeast and has produced several nationally recognized swimmers.

Burrows was also a three-time (continued on page 4)

A MARCH RECOMMEND	"10" - A Providence College
Class	Anniversary Celebration
	The dates October 28 through October 31 will be a time of great celebration and festivity on the Providence College campus. On these days, PC will be marking a number of important anniversaries and special events at the college:
October 31 :e, RI 02918	* The Tenth Anniversary of Co-Education at the College * The Tenth Anniversary of Fr. Thomas Peterson's presidency
Saturday, Providenc	* The Tenth Anniversary of The Development of Western Civilization Program * In addition, the new PETERSON RECREATION CENTER will be formally dedicated with the laying of the cornerstone, followed by an open-house for all friends and alumni.
	Below is an outline of the scheduled events. Because of space limitations, we request that people attending certain events inform us of this by completing the coupon here. Those wishing to attend the PC Theatre performance of Shakespeare's "RICHARD III," are asked to contact the Theatre Program (401) 865-2327 for reservation information. Make your plans now to attend this grand celebration!
7:30 pm Center - College,	THURSDAY, OCTOBER 29
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 wanne Will be attending: (please indicate number) "Women's Panel" - Friday, October 30, 1981 - "Academic Convocation - Opening of Recreation Please return to: Office of Special Events, Providence Deadline: October 20th 	8:00 pm "RICHARD III" by William Shakespeare Presented by Providence College Theatre (Opens the PC participation in "A Triology of Kings," a Shakespearean Festival in conjunction with Brown University and Rhode Island College.)
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Name	2:00 pm Laying of Cornerstone Open House
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member of the Rhode Island Interscholastic League All-State swim team while at Cranston West High School and, in 1972, received the Rhode Island and New England AAU Outstanding Swimmer Awards.

A 1979 All-American and Masters

National Swimming Champion, Burrows was Masters National Champion this past year. He is also a recipient of the *Thomas Temple* Award for Outstanding Achievement and the *Joseph Watmough MVP Award*, both from Brown University.



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