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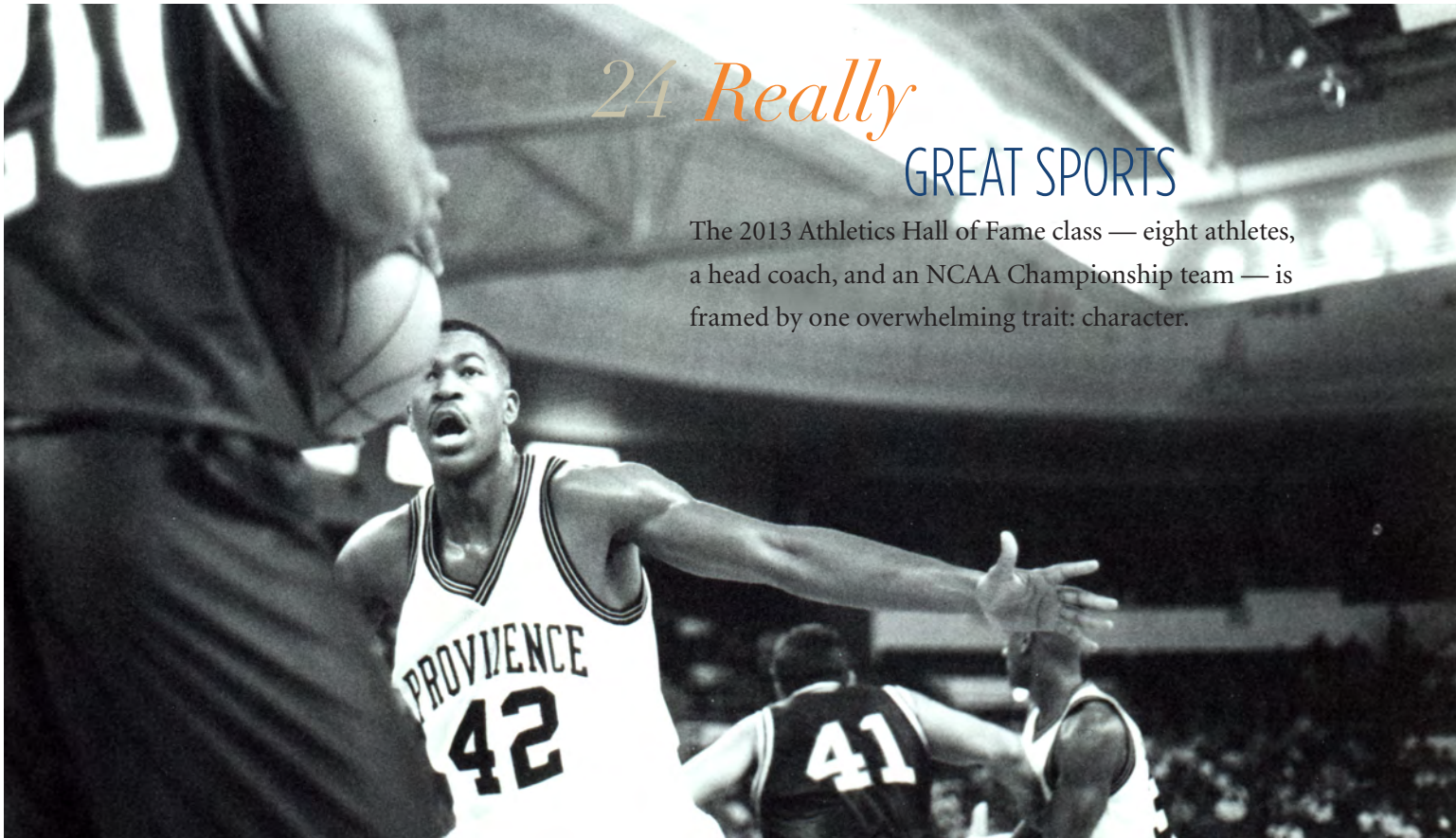
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SAVE THE DATE

Regional Alumni & Student Events

June

JUNE 1

Providence Tennis Reunion, *Providence College*

JUNE 8

Long Island Alumni Club FUSION Day, *Camp Paquatuck, Long Island, Center Moriches, N.Y.*

JUNE 13

New York City Alumni Club Student-Alumni Networking Night, *New York Athletic Club*

JUNE 18

Capital Area Alumni Club Student-Alumni Networking Night, *Holland & Knight, 800 17th St. NW, Washington, D.C.*

JUNE 20

South Coast Massachusetts Alumni Gathering Event, *Tipsy Seagull, Fall River, Mass.*

JUNE 27

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August

AUGUST 1

New Haven Alumni Club Freshman Reception, *Anthony's Ocean View, New Haven, Conn.*

AUGUST 8

South Coast Massachusetts Alumni Club Freshman Reception, *Battleship Cove, Fall River, Mass.*

AUGUST 8

Chicago Area Alumni Club Boat Cruise, *Chicago, Ill.*

AUGUST 24

Boston Harbor Boat Cruise, *200 Seaport Blvd., Boston, Mass.*

AUGUST 28

New York City Club U.S. Tennis Open Social, *Flushing, N.Y.*

September

SEPTEMBER 8

Atlanta Area Alumni Club Annual Mass and Brunch, *Catholic Church of St. Ann, Marietta, Ga.*

SEPTEMBER 19

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SEPTEMBER 28

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October

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Late Night Madness, *Providence College*

OCTOBER 26

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Golf Tournaments

JUNE 3

Cox Sports Friar Golf Classic, *Warwick (R.I.) Country Club*

AUGUST 16

Shawmut Design & Construction Men's Ice Hockey Golf Tournament, *Pawtucket (R.I.) Country Club*

SEPTEMBER 6

Boston Alumni Golf Tournament, *Brookmeadow Country Club, Canton, Mass.*

OCTOBER 7

Newport Vision Cup Golf Tournament, *Newport (R.I.) Country Club*

COVER FEATURE

EMBRACED

BY HISTORY

By VICKI-ANN DOWNING



In an image captured around the world, 8-year-old Dominic Gondreau is hugged by Pope Francis in St. Peter's Square on Easter Sunday. (Dan Kitwood / Getty Images News / Getty Images)

ON EASTER SUNDAY MORNING

in St. Peter's Square, Pope Francis swept 8-year-old Dominic Gondreau into his arms in an embrace that warmed the world.



That remarkable moment capped seven weeks in which PC students, faculty, and alumni — both at home and abroad — were witnesses to history.

Dominic's father, Dr. Paul Gondreau, professor of theology, was in Rome as the faculty resident director of PC's Center for Theology and Religious Studies. During the spring semester, he led 30 PC students in retracing the steps of St. Peter and St. Paul in Rome. They visited ancient basilicas and churches while studying the *New Testament* — then watched as a modern-day story unfolded, with the unexpected resignation of one pope and the fascinating election of another.

Others with PC connections were caught up in the drama as well. A Dominican theology professor visit-

ing Rome on Spring Break was photographed leaving a shop that displayed papal cassocks. A seminarian who is an alumnus experienced Pope Benedict's departure and Pope Francis' selection. On campus, professors provided expert analysis for the media, and students celebrated the choice of the new pope in the Campus Ministry Center.

Most amazing of all was the pope's embrace of Dominic, who has cerebral palsy and is one of five children of Gondreau and his wife, Christiana. Reflecting on the experience, Gondreau wrote: "Why is the whole world so moved by images of this embrace? A woman in the square, moved to tears by the embrace, perhaps answered it best when she said, 'You know, your son is here to show people how to love.'" ■

Top: Dr. Paul Gondreau, professor of theology, visited St. Peter's Square frequently during the papal transformation.

POPE BENEDICT XVI

(Joseph Aloisius Ratzinger)

- Born: April 16, 1927, in Germany
- A former professor of theology, he was appointed cardinal in 1977; prefect for the Congregation of the Doctrine of the Faith in 1981; dean of the College of Cardinals in 2002
- Elected pope on April 19, 2005, on the fourth ballot
- Chose the name Benedict in honor of St. Benedict, who wrote a rule of life for monks, and Pope Benedict XV, pope during World War I



The Pope Resigns

WITNESS: PROFESSOR JAMES F. KEATING

Pope Benedict XVI stunned the world on February 11 when he announced he would step down at the end of the month.

Almost immediately, the telephone rang at the home of Dr. James F. Keating, associate professor of theology. The news media wanted perspective from Keating, who teaches a course called The History and Theology of the Papacy and who has lived and taught in Rome.

Keating put the resignation in context. No pope had left office voluntarily since Celestine V in 1294 — and he was jailed by his successor.

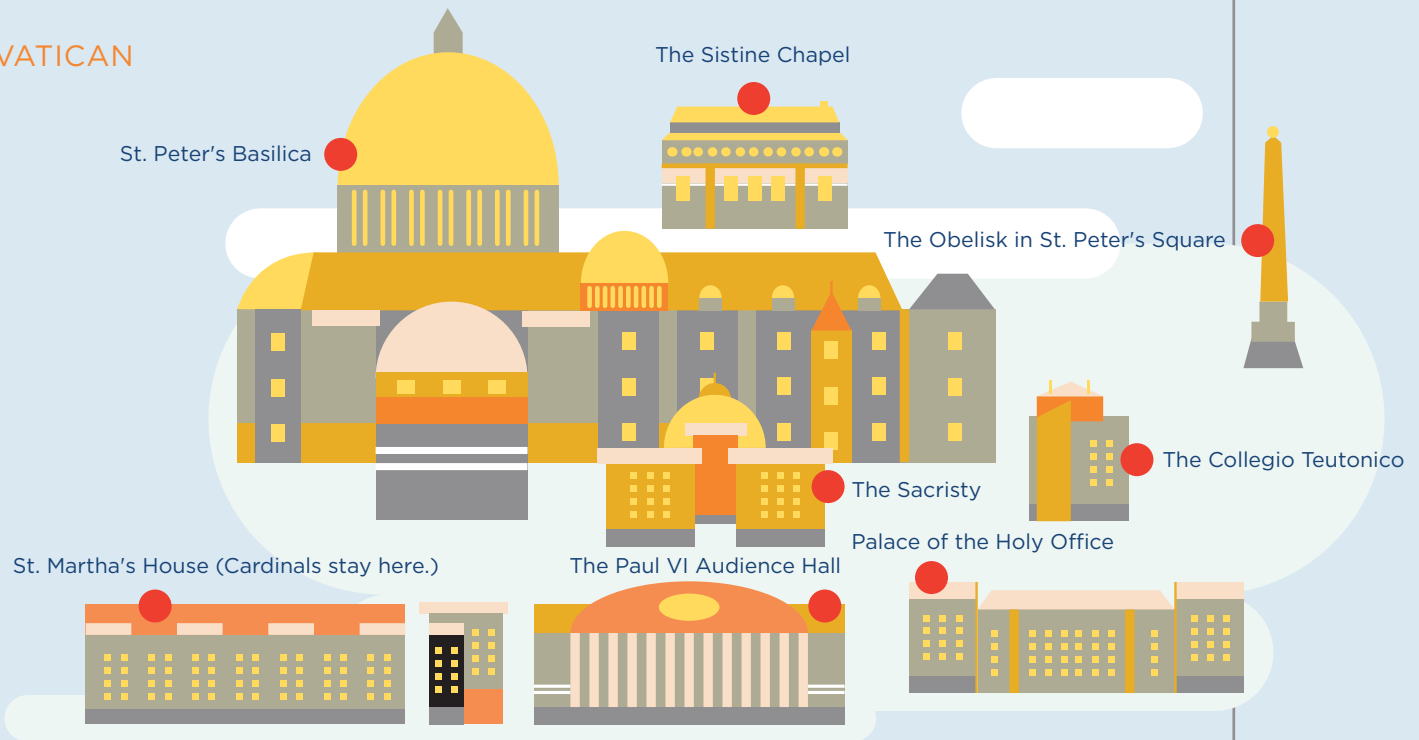
“It changes the nature of the papacy from lifetime appointment to elected office,” said Keating. “From now on, if a pope judges that he can no longer fulfill his ministry as effectively as a younger man could, he has a real option to retire.”

PRE-CONCLAVE GENERAL CONGREGATIONS

After Pope Benedict XVI ended his reign on February 28, the College of Cardinals gathered for a series of pre-conclave meetings known as the General Congregations during the week of March 4-8. At the end of the week, the cardinals set March 12 as the beginning of the papal conclave to elect a new leader of the Catholic Church.



THE VATICAN



March 4



Caught by the 'pope-arazzi'

WITNESS: REV. THOMAS PETRI, O.P.

Rev. Thomas Petri, O.P., assistant professor of theology, just wanted a new hat. In Rome for Spring Break, he stopped by the Gammarelli tailor shop to buy a biretta — the black square cap worn as academic dress by those with doctoral degrees.

For the first time, Gammarelli's window displayed white woolen cassocks handmade for the eventual pope in three sizes — tall, medium, and small.

As Father Petri paid the cashier, a line of reporters and cameramen, in Rome for the papal conclave, waited outside. "I could see them all out there, ready to get a shot," said Father Petri. "So I straightened out my habit, made sure I had a sense of purpose in my walk, and just walked

out to photographs and flashbulbs, like at some movie premiere." The photo of Father Petri leaving the tailor shop was transmitted around the world. Father Petri appreciated its significance. Tradition holds that it was the Dominican Pope Pius V who introduced white robes for popes in 1566. "A lot of people know that story," said Father Petri, so "a Dominican in his white habit next to three white papal cassocks" resonated with them.

The Cardinals Vote

VOTING BEGINS IN THE SISTINE CHAPEL

1 Ballot cards are distributed and each cardinal must clearly write in a candidate's name, changing his handwriting beyond recognition. Each ballot bears these words: "I elect as Supreme Pontiff," followed by a blank space for a name.

2 Every cardinal folds his ballot and proceeds to the altar, holding the paper high in the air for the rest to see, and then drops it into the ballot box.

3 A count is taken. The counted ballots are pierced and strung on a thread.

4 One round of voting is done on the first day of the conclave. During the subsequent days (unless a pope was elected on the first day), four rounds are held each day, two in the morning and two in the afternoon.

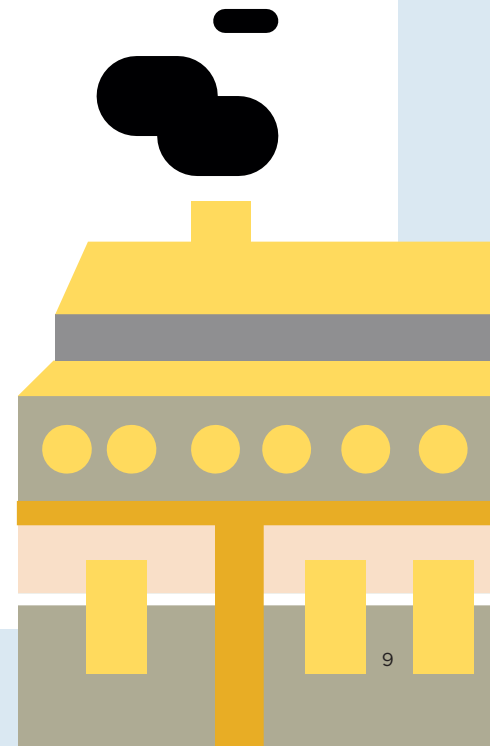
5 After each voting round, the ballots are burned in the special fireplace in the presence of the conclave.



A POPE needs two-thirds of the vote to be elected (or two-thirds plus one, if the number of voters is not divisible by three).

WHEN NONE of the candidates receives enough votes after a round of balloting, the ballots are burned, and black smoke issues from a copper flue above the Sistine Chapel. When a pope is elected, the smoke is white.

IN EARLIER DAYS, damp straw was used to turn the smoke black, but in the modern era, the Vatican uses a secret mixture of chemicals, contained in cartridges, to create the differences in color. Two stoves are connected to the single flue: one to burn the ballots, and one to burn the cartridge.



White Smoke in St. Peter's Square

WITNESS: ALEXANDRA M. STEADMAN '14

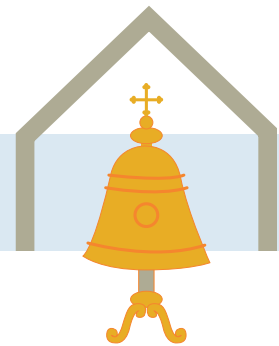
Alexandra M. Steadman '14 (Medina, Minn.) was one of 30 students who spent the semester studying at PC's Center for Theology and Religious Studies in Rome. Studying theology while visiting cathedrals and historic sites, the PC students also attended Pope Benedict XVI's final papal audience.

Steadman was in St. Peter's Square when Pope Francis was named. She remembers the crowd screaming when the black smoke turned white; the frantic sprint toward St. Peter's Basilica as reporters tried to get the students' reaction, and the students tried to call their parents and friends; and the bells all over Rome ringing out the news. "The most incredible experience for me was when the new pope asked us all to pray with him," said Steadman. "The once-rowdy crowd fell absolutely silent. You could hear a pin drop. The world has never felt so small to me. People all over the world were gathered in one square for one reason, all connected by the faith. It was a night I will never forget."

WITNESS: NATHAN J. RICCI '12

Nathan J. Ricci '12, a seminarian at the Pontifical North American College in Rome, waited two hours in the rain in St. Peter's Square to check the color of the smoke emerging from the Sistine Chapel. He joined the crowd singing hymns while awaiting the announcement that the new pope was Cardinal Jorge Mario Bergoglio of Argentina.

"After a brief moment, the window opened ... and in front of us stood Pope Francis, successor of St. Peter and Vicar of Christ," said Ricci. "It is nearly impossible to describe the emotion in the crowd. God had given us a simple, humble man, a man we will come to know and love. I looked up and thought, 'Thanks be to God — we have a pope!' What a gift for the Church and for the world."



Bells Ring on Campus

WITNESS: BEATRIZ FORSTER '13

In the morning, Beatriz Forster '13 (Bethesda, Md.) was notified she had been accepted to join the Dominican Sisters of St. Cecilia in Nashville, Tenn. Around 2 p.m., she headed to St. Dominic Chapel to pray. As she walked through the doors, the chapel bells began ringing.

"My first thought was, 'Just like a wedding,'" said Forster. "Then I thought, 'It can't be a new pope already!'" Forster went downstairs to the Campus Ministry Center to watch the announcement on a large-screen TV with about 65 students. When the new pope was named, they cheered.

"It's just an incredible day," said Forster. "I'm never going to forget this day!"



'The Right Temperament'

WITNESS: RAYMOND L. FLYNN '63 & '84HON.

Raymond L. Flynn '63 & '84Hon., U.S. ambassador to the Vatican from 1993-1997, knew Pope John Paul II (pictured above) and Pope Benedict XVI personally. During the papal conclave in 2005, he twice met Cardinal Jorge Mario Bergoglio.

“Pope Francis is a remarkable man,” said Flynn. “He’s completely a man of humility as well as intelligence and brilliance — a brilliant Jesuit priest. In these very difficult times for the Catholic Church worldwide, he’s the ideal person” to lead.

Pope Francis comes “from the outside,” said Flynn. He was not a member of the *Curia* — the central governing body of the Church.

“He’s not part of the *status quo*,” said Flynn. “He knows enough about what’s going on to be able to come in and make administrative reforms and changes in the radically changing environment in the world today.

“Some naysayers are saying, at 76 years old, does he have the stamina, does he have the strength? God will make that happen. I do know that he’s got the right temperament, the right personality. I feel as excited about him leading the Catholic Church as I do about anybody leading the Catholic Church at any time in my life.”

Justice and Jesus

WITNESS: REV. DAVID T. ORIQUE, O.P.

“I don’t think we’re going to see red designer slippers,” said Rev. David T. Orique, O.P., assistant professor of history (pictured below), the morning after Pope Francis’ election.

Father Orique, whose academic specialty is Latin America, was referring to the handmade red leather shoes traditionally worn by popes. Before Cardinal Jorge Mario Bergoglio left for Rome, his shoes were so shabby that friends bought him new ones, according to a Vatican Radio report.

“He’ll take a much more humble approach, less pomp,” said Father Orique. “I think we will see honesty, simplicity, and humility.”

Father Orique has traveled four times to Argentina, a country the size of India with the population of California.

“He’s theologically conservative but also strong on social and economic justice for people on the margins of society,” said Father Orique. “I think he sees Jesus in the materially poor and the people who are spiritually poor, too.”





BREAKING
THE MOLD

PROVIDENCE COLLEGE SUMMER 2013



THINK SPRING BREAK MEANS BEACHES, PARTIES, AND RELAXATION?
Hundreds of PC students redefine vacation through service, outreach

SARAH J. DWYER '13

By VICKI-ANN DOWNING



Providence College sent more students to work with Habitat for Humanity this spring than any other school in the United States. Through a Spring Break experience offered by Campus Ministry, 208 students traveled to 16 locations in Connecticut, Delaware, Indiana, Maryland, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, and Tennessee to help construct homes for needy families.

Sarah J. Dwyer '13 (Long Beach, N.Y.) drove a dozen students to Mount Airy, N.C., and then supervised them installing siding on a 1,700-square-foot ranch house being built for two grandparents and three grandchildren. In previous Habitat trips, she's painted, caulked, and installed drywall in Portland, Maine, and Wilmington, Del.

Dwyer, a history major, grew up in a family committed to helping others but said she discovered service in a new form when she attended a Connections retreat offered by Campus Ministry her freshman year.

"I had never been told before, 'You're a good leader, Sarah,'" she said. "For the first time in my life, people trusted me to talk to others about God."

Through Campus Ministry, Dwyer is in charge of Liturgical Ministries and runs retreats. She also has served as an orientation leader each fall.

"I don't think of service as something extra," said Dwyer. "It's something that's part of my life. It's not something that I choose. I like the quote: 'Doing for others is the rent we pay for living on earth.'"

In October, five feet of water from Superstorm Sandy flooded Dwyer's family home in New York, leaving it uninhabitable and forcing her parents to find housing elsewhere. She salvaged all the possessions she could from her bedroom and stored them in her room in Mal Brown Hall. It could take two years to rebuild her city, which had 35,000 year-round residents.

Dwyer said her family home wasn't on her mind as she worked for Habitat.

"I was thinking, though, that if there comes a time when we might need to put up drywall in our house, I could help with that," said Dwyer. "That's something I could do." ■

DURING 2013 SPRING BREAK:

208 STUDENTS — the most of any college group in the U.S. — participated in Habitat for Humanity projects at 16 locations

36 STUDENTS **&** **3** FACULTY MEMBERS traveled to either the *Dominican Republic, Mexico, or South Dakota* through the Feinstein Institute for Public Service

ESTEBAN QUIJADA LINK '13

By CHARLES C. JOYCE

When Esteban Quijada Link '13 (Wellington, Fla.) visited coffee-rich Nicaragua on Spring Break in 2012 to learn more about fair-trade coffee and the operational structure of the Central American nation, he realized, "You just can't walk away from it."

This past March, Quijada Link co-directed a second immersion trip to Nicaragua during Spring Break for eight students and a College staff member through Witness for Peace. The non-profit organization facilitates real-life experiences that examine the effects of United States economic policy in Nicaragua.

While known as the "fair-trade trip," it exposed the PC delegation to fair-trade coffee practices and a multitude of social, economic, and political experiences in Nicaragua. There were visits to coffee farms and cooperatives, discussions on free trade and the environment, meetings with a women's artisan cooperative and a women's rights organization, a presentation by a World Bank representative, and a U.S. Embassy visit. An especially poignant aspect was a two-night homestay with local families.

Quijada Link, who was inspired to visit Nicaragua by a Global Activism course at PC, said this year's trip allowed him to realize changes and progress and reaffirm impressions, particularly in fair-trade coffee practices. It gave all participants "a larger lens" to review coffee production there.

"It's not just production ... there are political, social, economic, and ecological concerns," he said. The effects of climate change and the use of chemicals on some coffee farms are two of a host of issues students confronted, he said. Another stark realization for him was seeing the effects of a late-2012 plague that marginalized coffee farmers who could afford better growing practices from farmers with lesser economic means.

"My views on fair trade haven't changed," said Quijada Link, who is a global studies major with a minor in philosophy. "It's a Band-Aid for a flawed way of executing trade. It's still, in a sense, a poverty cycle, especially in coffee production." ■

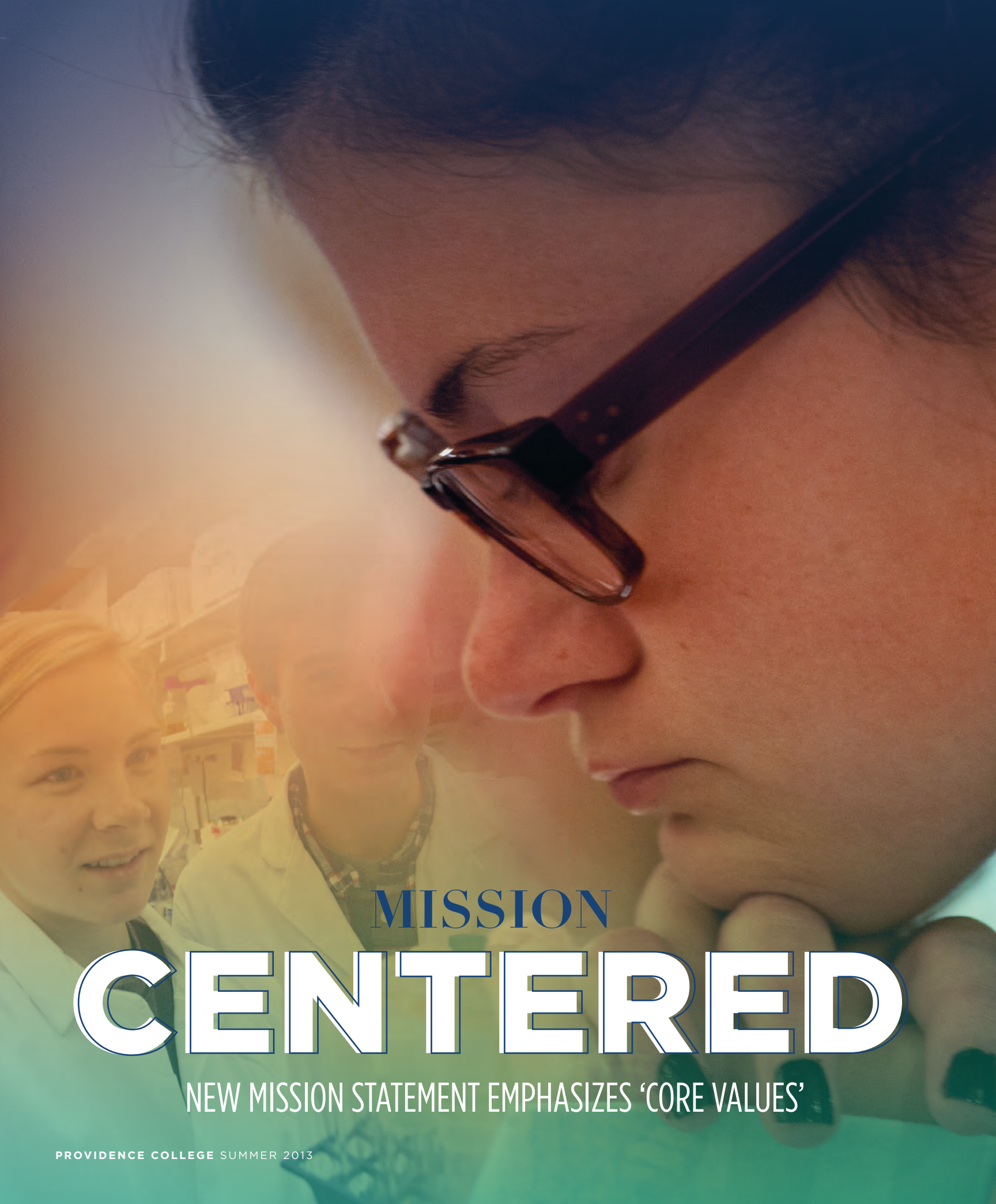
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PEOPLE TOOK INDEPENDENT, student-led trips to *Nicaragua* or *Peru* for immersion experiences that included examining fair-trade practices, assisting needy children in an after-school program, and learning about the formation and history of shanty-towns

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60 STUDENTS & 8 FACULTY MEMBERS toured PARIS and beyond in the Liberal Arts Honors Program's annual spring immersion trip to Europe





MISSION

CENTERED

NEW MISSION STATEMENT EMPHASIZES 'CORE VALUES'

Providence College's revised Mission Statement, adopted in February, articulates its role as a Catholic, Dominican, and liberal arts college. An 11-member Mission Statement Committee began work in fall 2011. Three drafts were proposed and revised based on comments from faculty, administrators, staff, students, and alumni at forums on campus and online. The final version was approved by the Board of Trustees and the Corporation of Providence College. "I believe that the new Mission Statement clearly, succinctly, and beautifully expresses the core values of the institution and underscores the centrality of the mission in the important work of educating our students," said College President Rev. Brian J. Shanley, O.P. '80.

THE MISSION OF PROVIDENCE COLLEGE

PROVIDENCE COLLEGE is a Catholic, Dominican, liberal arts institution of higher education and a community committed to academic excellence in pursuit of the truth, growth in virtue, and service of God and neighbor.

History

Providence College was founded in 1917 by the Dominican Friars at the invitation of Bishop Harkins to provide a Catholic education in the arts and sciences.

Faith and Reason

Providence College is confident in the appeal of reason, believes that human beings are disposed to know the truth, and trusts in the power of grace to enlighten minds, open hearts, and transform lives. Providence College maintains that the pursuit of truth has intrinsic value, that faith and reason are compatible and complementary means to its discovery, and that the search for truth is the basis for dialogue with others and critical engagement with the world.

Academic Excellence

Providence College is committed to academic excellence, and holds itself to the highest standards in teaching, learning, and scholarship. Its core curriculum addresses key questions of human existence, including life's meaning and purpose, and stresses the importance of moral and ethical reasoning, aesthetic appreciation, and understanding the natural world, other cultures, and

diverse traditions. Providence College honors academic freedom, promotes critical thinking and engaged learning, and encourages a pedagogy of disputed questions.

Community and Diversity

Providence College seeks to reflect the rich diversity of the human family. Following the example of St. Dominic, who extended a loving embrace to all, it welcomes qualified men and women of every background and affirms the God-given dignity, freedom, and equality of each person. Providence College promotes the common good, the human flourishing of each member of the campus community, and service of neighbors near and far.

Veritas and Providence

Providence College brings the eight-hundred-year-old Dominican ideal of *veritas* to the issues and challenges of today. It seeks to share the fruits of contemplation in an increasingly global and diverse society, and to praise and bless all that is good and vital in human endeavors. Providence College supports the Dominican mission of preaching the gospel of Jesus Christ to a new generation of students and helping them discover God's providence in their lives.



CALL OF DUTY

By JOHN LARSON

“I HAVE LEARNED SO MUCH ABOUT PC

THROUGH TALKING WITH ALUMNI.”

—MEGHAN E. CONDON '14

Friar Phone Room Shift Supervisor

As a full-time student and member of the women's swimming and diving team, Meghan E. Condon '14 (Stratford, Conn.) is often asked how she has the time to work as a shift supervisor in the Friar Phone Room during the academic year.

Her answer: “Alumni support has helped make my education at PC possible. I want the next generation of students to enjoy even more opportunities.”

Driven by passion to help create opportunities, Condon and the 40 other student ambassadors work to cultivate the College's culture of philanthropy — one call at a time. Every Sunday through Thursday evening in the lower level of Alumni Hall, 20 students gather to phone hundreds of the more than 47,000 alumni, parents, and friends of PC across the nation.

They provide updates about what's happening on campus. They answer questions. And, they solicit financial support, conveying how fund development is necessary to improve the educational and extracurricular experience for students of today and tomorrow.

According to Kelley C. Borowy '12, Friar Phone Room manager, her team places more than 1,500 calls per week, with each student speaking to between 12-15 people each evening.

MAKING CONNECTIONS

As a student supervisor, Condon, a secondary education (English) major, answers any questions from peers that arise during their three-hour shifts, fosters a family atmosphere by organizing games and activities for the callers, and makes calls herself.

She especially enjoys telling alumni how their generosity enhances everything from academic programs and student clubs and organizations to campus facilities — improvements that “validate the investment of a PC education,” she said.

“Alumni value student outreach,” said Condon. “It is easy to talk to people on the phone when you believe in what you are saying. It's a great way to build relationships.”

Since starting in the phone room two years ago, Condon said that the job has sharpened her negotiation and communication skills and deepened her appreciation of the College's history.

“I have learned so much about PC through talking with alumni,” said Condon. “Whether they graduated five or 50 years ago, alums love to talk about their time here.”

Condon particularly likes speaking with alumnae, especially those from the first four-year class of women admitted to PC in 1971.

“I have learned what the College was like before and after women were present. My conversations with some of the first female students ever on campus have been very inspiring,” said Condon.

A FAMILY TRADITION

Condon's mother, two aunts, and three uncles all attended PC, and she grew up relishing the stories about their undergraduate days. A recent call to an alumnus connected Condon with her family's past.

“One of the best calls I had was with a man who went to PC with my mom and one of my uncles — he even called my mom by a nickname only her brothers called her when they were younger,” said Condon. “It was great to talk with someone who knew my mom when she was my age. Finding out what she was like when she was a student has given me a better understanding of her life.”

After two years on the job and countless conversations with alumni and parents, Condon said the greatest lesson she has learned is that “once you're a Friar you never stop being one.”

“My time in the phone room has been one of the most rewarding experiences I've had at PC,” she said. “Being able to raise money to support the school that I love has been so gratifying.” ■

Left: Meghan E. Condon '14 speaks to a graduate in the Friar Phone Room, where more than 1,500 calls are placed to alumni, parents, and friends each week during the academic year. If you receive a call from 401.865.1172, it just might be Meghan on the other end.



NEW CENTER TO PROMOTE STUDENT **ENGAGEMENT**

By CHRIS MACHADO

EVERY YEAR, HUNDREDS OF PROVIDENCE COLLEGE STUDENTS CONDUCT ORIGINAL RESEARCH, enroll in study abroad programs around the world, and lead meaningful service-learning projects. Within classrooms, faculty members are using social media and technology to complement traditional lectures.

As learning and teaching evolve, PC is intensifying its focus on student engagement through the newly created Center for Engaged Learning. The center's mission is to promote and expand the College's efforts to engage students deeply in their learning.

"Our emphasis on engaged learning is intended to stretch all students beyond only completing the requirements outlined on their course syllabi and thinking, 'That's enough,'" said Dr. Brian J. Bartolini, associate vice president for academic affairs. "We want students to fashion for themselves an academic 'way of life' and become immersed in the process of learning that extends beyond the classroom and into their future lives and careers."

The inaugural director of the center is Dr. William P. Hogan, associate professor of English. A PC faculty member since 2002, Hogan has taught courses in the English department and in the Development of Western Civilization (DWC) and Liberal Arts Honors programs. He served as DWC director from 2008 to 2011.

Hogan is responsible for overseeing and coordinating various engaged learning activities, including the annual Celebration of Student Scholarship and Creativity, and for organizing campus-wide collaboration efforts.

While he has a number of immediate duties, Hogan said his overarching focus is ensuring that students and faculty members are connected to the numerous engagement opportunities at PC.

"It's something that is relevant to every student," said Hogan. "If we can help our students become more engaged, then we're helping our students become intellectually mature. They won't be doing something because they're asked to. They'll be doing something because it interests them." ■

Top: Dr. William P. Hogan is the first director of the new Center for Engaged Learning.



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ARMAN OGANISIAN '13

By JOHN LARSON

UP CLOSE

Liberal Arts Honors Program

AS EDITOR-IN-CHIEF OF *THE COWL*, Arman Oganisian '13 was adept at fashioning words. As a newly hired analyst for the Analysis Group, he will “play with numbers” to provide economic advice to some of the nation’s leading law firms and government agencies.

If those skills seem eclectic and divergent, they make perfect sense to the Worcester, Mass., native.

As a high school student, Oganisian chose PC because of the Development of Western Civilization Program and the opportunity to join the Liberal Arts Honors Program. The decision has powerfully impacted his personal and professional development.

“It’s no exaggeration to say that if it wasn’t for the Honors Program and PC’s liberal arts focus in general, I would just be a human calculator,” said Oganisian. “The course work trained a side of my brain that would otherwise have stayed dormant.”

Entering PC as a double major in English and political science, Oganisian investigated a variety of academic interests before switching to quantitative economics with a mathematics minor.

By embracing the Honors Program’s open-minded approach to learning, he is now equally as comfortable discussing how math

can be incorporated into the social sciences as he is expounding on Dostoevsky.

Instructors in economics and mathematics and administrators in career services and off-campus living shaped his academic and career aspirations.

“All of my professors and mentors were not only incredibly knowledgeable but very passionate and eloquent,” said Oganisian, whose parents emigrated from Armenia. “To their students’ benefit, this passion was infectious in the classroom.”

As he embarks on his career in Boston, Oganisian is confident that the knowledge gained through his independent study in econometric modeling and the Honors Program has prepared him for any situation.

“My new job will allow me to put my PC course work to real use,” said Oganisian. “I’ll be getting paid to do something I love.” ■

HOMETOWN: WORCESTER, MASS. • MAJOR: QUANTITATIVE ECONOMICS

JOHN F. KILLIAN '77 NAMED CHAIR OF PC TRUSTEES

John F. Killian '77, a member of the College's Board of Trustees since 2004, was elected chairman of the board at the group's winter meeting. He succeeds Michael A. Ruane '71, who served as chairman since 2002.

Killian retired in 2010 as executive vice president and chief financial officer of Verizon Communications, Inc. He has more than 30 years' experience in the telecommunications industry.

The trustees also elected Christopher K. Reilly '84 as vice chairman of the board and Maureen P. Corcoran '79 as secretary. Reilly is co-founder of KarpReilly, LLC, a private investment firm. Corcoran is the former executive vice president of State Street Corporation.



The 21 permanent deacons ordained in February to serve the Roman Catholic Diocese of Providence prepared for their duties with rigorous academic study in the Graduate Theology Program at PC. Seven are PC alumni.

The candidates attended classes in theology one night a week for four years, said Deacon Paul J. Sullivan '69 & '96G, diocesan coordinator of permanent deacons. The diocese provided further training in canon law and homiletics.

"The men probably received one of the best educations in the country because of the way it was structured at Providence College," said Sullivan.

The goal was to "give them the theology to preach, teach, and minister," said Dr. Robert J. Barry, assistant professor of theology and director of the Graduate Theology Program.

Following their ordination at the Cathedral of SS. Peter and Paul in Providence, the deacons were assigned to parishes, with an additional assignment in a hospital, prison, or nursing home.

SCHOOL OF BUSINESS HOSTS CONFERENCE FOR STUDENT LEADERS



The School of Business hosted the second annual “Leading with Values: The Rhode Island Conference on Values-Based Leadership,” which was attended by 70 student leaders from eight colleges and universities in Rhode Island. The day-long conference included three guest speakers and a dozen workshops that explored leadership and values.

Sharing their personal leadership stories were Giovanni Feroce, CEO of Alex and Ani, the Cranston, R.I.-based jewelry retailer; Andy Posner, co-founder and director of the Capital Good Fund in Providence, which provides financial services to needy clients; and Dean Cycon, owner of Dean’s Beans Organic Coffee Company in Orange, Mass.

Workshops on leadership development were presented by representatives from Teach for America, Year Up – Providence, and Common Cause Rhode Island, among other organizations.

The conference was the idea of Dr. Matthew Eriksen, PC professor of management and department chair, and Dennis Rebelo, president of Alex and Ani University, the event co-sponsor. Eriksen said it arose from their discussions about “what it means to be human at work in the 21st century.”

Top: Andy Posner speaks at the Values-Based Leadership conference.

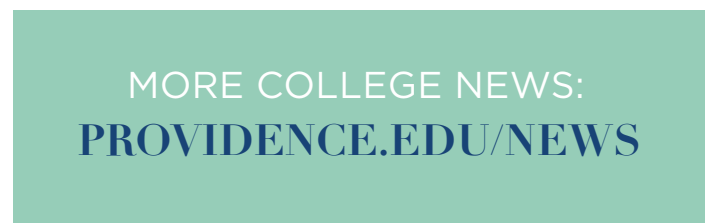


Thirteen faculty members tested Apple iPads as part of a pilot program during the spring semester.

The Instructional Technology Development Program (ITDP) outfitted five classrooms with iPads and Apple TVs, which wirelessly connect the iPad to a projector. The classrooms differed in setup and purpose in order to test the iPads in multiple environments. The iPads allow faculty to move around the classroom freely.

“Students can be more involved now,” said Siobhan Ross-Humphries, coordinating instructor of the ITDP. “The iPads allow students to access recordings of the professor’s notes after class.”

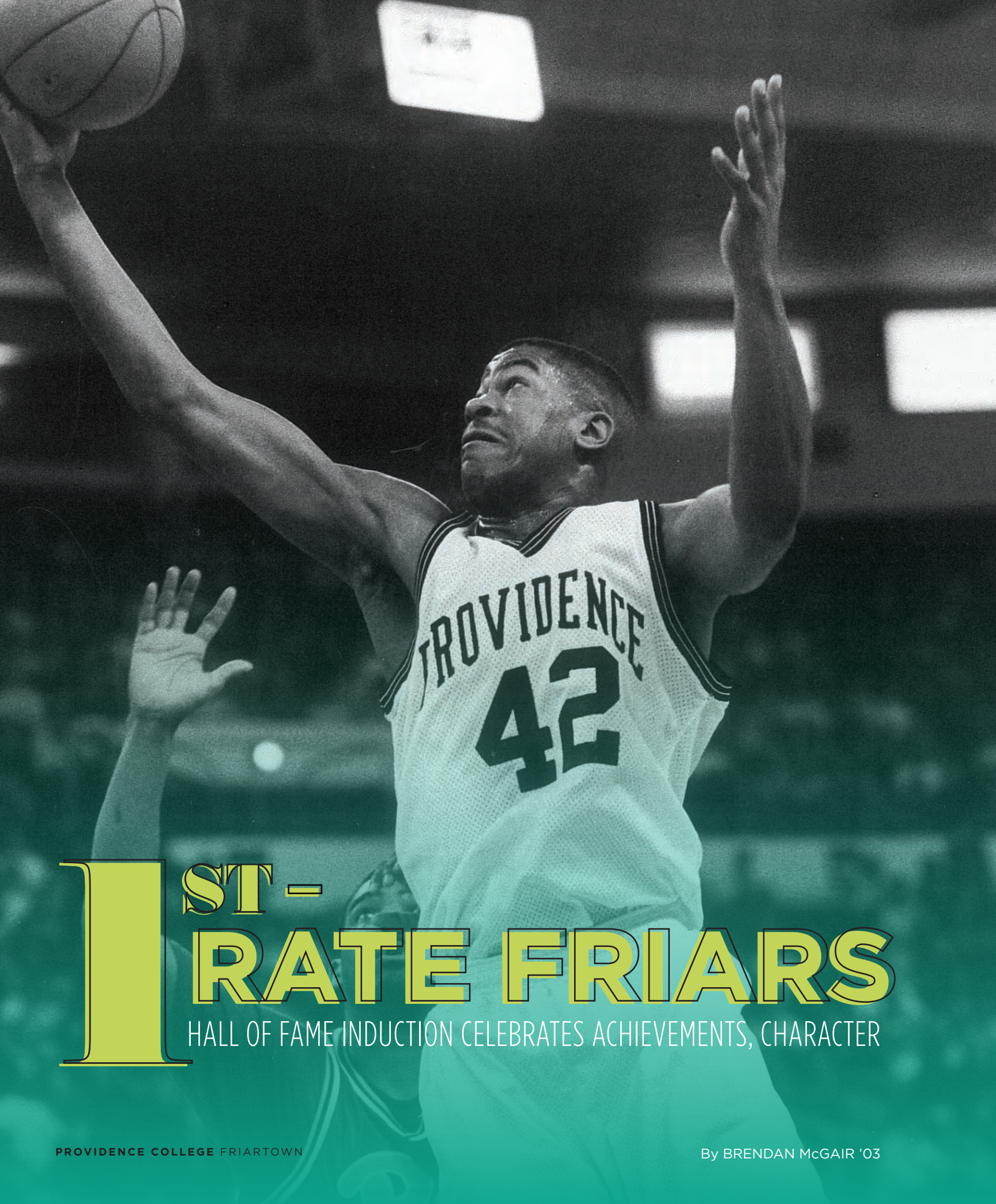
She said the pilot program was so well-received that the number of classrooms equipped will be expanded to 19 next semester.



The first 132 members of the Class of 2017 joined PC through Early Decision, an admission process that allows prospective students to identify the College as their top choice.

The College made the Early Decision option available to applicants for the first time this admission cycle. Raul A. Fonts, dean of admission and financial aid, said 162 students chose to apply Early Decision, 142 students were admitted, and 132 students sent enrollment deposits.

Early Decision differs from other admission options because it is binding. Accepted students agree to withdraw all other college applications and attend PC, provided they have adequate financial resources. The deadline was December 1, 2012, and students were notified of the College’s decisions in mid-January. ■



Providence College

1ST-RATE FRIARS

HALL OF FAME INDUCTION CELEBRATES ACHIEVEMENTS, CHARACTER

FROM NCAA AND BIG EAST CHAMPIONSHIPS TO ALL-AMERICA RECOGNITION, the individuals enshrined in the Providence College Athletic Hall of Fame this year represent a cornucopia of talent, prestige, and accolades. This A-list of honorees hits all the high notes.

Collectively, their impact on Friar athletics embodies “can do” spirit, along with the wholehearted belief that a small school competing in some of the toughest conferences in the nation can make waves on a national scale.

“When I think about the people we inducted and look at their biographies, it’s pretty impressive,” said Robert G. Driscoll, Jr., associate vice president for athletics and athletic director.

Special and unforgettable nights like the one on February 15 at the Renaissance Providence Downtown Hotel only help to validate Driscoll’s point.

All told, eight former student-athletes, one former head coach, and one unforgettable team that captured an NCAA Division I championship took their bows and received recognition.

Inducted were Bob Foley (women’s basketball head coach, 1985-1996), Cindy Curley ’85 (women’s ice hockey), Roger Haggerty ’86 (baseball), John Farren ’86 (men’s soccer), Karen Krawchuk ’91 (field hockey), Mike Boback ’92 (men’s ice hockey), Dickey Simpkins ’94 (men’s basketball), Maria McCambridge ’98 (women’s cross country/track), Keith Kelly ’01 (men’s cross country/track), and the 1995 NCAA champion women’s cross country team.

That championship team was coached by Ray Treacy ’82, assisted by Andy Ronan ’86, and comprised Marie McMahon ’95, Moira Harrington ’95, Meghan McCarthy ’96, Susan Murnane ’97, Krissy Haacke ’97, Maria McCambridge ’98, Gladys Ganiel ’99, and Sarah Dupre ’99.

Celebrating the person first

While the evening served as a refresher course on what the inductees achieved over three decades, College President Rev. Brian J. Shanley, O.P. ’80 focused on how the honorees took what they accomplished at PC and transformed themselves into ambassadors for the College.

“The thing that I care about most is that athletics be a vehicle for our student-athletes to become the people that God made them to be,” he said. “We wouldn’t have brought you back if we weren’t proud of what else you’ve done in your life. If we didn’t believe that what you went through as a student-athlete prepared you to become the kind of person that you have become ... that’s really the fundamental thing that we have come together to celebrate.

“What athletics gave you at PC, you have turned into successful and meaningful lives. That’s far more important than what you did here,” added Father Shanley. “That also tells me that our continued investment in athletics is an investment for the future. As president, I’m grateful for that.”

One inductee, who won three NBA Championship rings with the Chicago Bulls, didn’t mince words when describing his emotions upon learning he had gained entrance into his *alma mater’s* hall of fame.

“This is an unbelievable honor,” said Simpkins, who was a member of the men’s basketball team that captured the BIG EAST Tournament Championship 19 years ago. “When I received the call, I pulled over to the side of the road. I was so excited.”

The program concluded by honoring the 1995 women’s cross country team that took home PC’s first and only NCAA national title. It was a fitting ending to an evening that celebrated those who contributed to PC’s rich athletic history.

“To be in the company of this fine group of athletes who have come through Providence College, it’s extremely humbling,” said Simpkins. ■

Brendan McGair ’03 is a freelance sports writer from Cranston, R.I.

Left: Hall of Fame inductee Dickey Simpkins ’94 scored more than 1,200 points and hauled in 790 rebounds in four seasons with the Friars.

CAREER MILESTONES

HALL OF FAME

INDUCTEES

2013



BOB FOLEY

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL: The head coach with the most wins in program history (206 from 1985-1996), he guided the Friars to their first BIG EAST Championship in 1990 and was conference Coach of the Year in 1986.



CINDY CURLEY '85

WOMEN'S ICE HOCKEY: Third all-time in scoring with 225 career points, she led PC to two ECAC Championships.



ROGER HAGGERTY '86

BASEBALL: He is the school's career slugging percentage leader (.652), ranks second in home runs (35), and is tied for eighth on the career batting average list (.348).



JOHN FARRIN '86

MEN'S SOCCER: A four-time All-New England selection, he ranks first at PC in career goals (62), assists (30), and total points (154).



KAREN KRAWCHUK '91

FIELD HOCKEY: A two-time All-America selection, she is second in career goals (64) and scoring (154 total points).



MIKE BOBACK '92

MEN'S HOCKEY: One of four players to register more than 200 points in his PC career, he helped the Friars to two NCAA Tournament appearances and was a two-time All-HOCKEY EAST selection.



DICKEY SIMPKINS '94

MEN'S BASKETBALL: The Friars' career leader in games played (125), he scored over 1,200 points in four seasons, recorded 790 career rebounds, and helped PC capture the 1994 BIG EAST Tournament Championship.



MARIA MCCAMBRIDGE '98

WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY & TRACK: A four-time All-American, she finished sixth at the 1995 NCAA Cross Country Championship, helping PC capture the national title.



KEITH KELLY '01

MEN'S CROSS COUNTRY & TRACK: A five-time All-American, he became the first Friar male to capture the NCAA individual cross country title in 2000.



1995 WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY TEAM

This special collection of talented runners defeated 21 other schools to become the only Friar squad to capture an NCAA team title.



BANCROFT '14:

FAN FAVORITE

CARRIES FAMILY'S PC ATHLETIC TORCH

By BRENDAN MCGAIR '03

ONE STEP INSIDE HIS FAMILY'S HOME IN MARION, MASS., is all you need to realize that Ted Bancroft '14 was destined to wear the black and white of Providence College.

"The first thing you see is a Providence Friar banner from when my mom (Patricia Cottam Bancroft '82) graduated," said Bancroft, a 6-5, 200-pound guard for the men's basketball team. "Growing up, there was Friar gear all around the house. For Christmas, I would get PC basketball tickets, and my whole family would go."

Tradition remains alive and well as the Bancroft clan continues to flock to Friar games at the Dunkin' Donuts Center. Parents Edward and Patricia beam with pride whenever son Ted peels off his warm-ups and hustles to the scorer's table.

Upon stepping on the hardwood, a sense of family pride washes over Bancroft, who during the 2012-13 season proved he's not your typical non-scholarship "walk-on" player. After playing in just seven games his first two seasons, he became a fan favorite last season, playing in 30 contests and earning a reputation as a hard-nosed hustler.

If ever there was someone born to play sports at PC, it is Bancroft. His school ties run four generations deep. His mother played three years on the women's lacrosse team, while his grandfather, the late Earl Cottam '52, suited up for the freshman basketball squad. His great-great uncle, Friar Hall-of-Famer Charles F. Reynolds '26, enjoyed a stellar baseball career — highlighted by pitching a 20-inning, complete-game victory over Brown in 1924.

Even though a roster spot on the team was not guaranteed, Bancroft selected PC over Division II and III schools coming out of Bishop Stang High School in Dartmouth, Mass.

"Providence is such a big part of our family's history that I said to myself, 'I'll work as hard as I can to be part of the basketball team

as opposed to going someplace else,'" said Bancroft, who once lived next door to the late Dave Gavitt '89Hon., legendary men's basketball coach and athletic director.

Proving that good fortune awaits those who put in the time and effort, Bancroft's wildest hoop fantasy came to life last season. He emerged as a dependable option off the bench for Coach Ed Cooley. His marquee moment occurred November 16 when he played all 45 minutes in an overtime game against Penn State. He also scored a key bucket and inspired PC to its first post-season win in 10 years in a first-round NIT triumph over Charlotte.

"His glory is being part of the team," stated his mother.

Added Cooley, "Ted's got a good mind on him, and I'm proud of what he's brought to our program. One day, a lot of people are going to work for that kid."

Living a family dream

Outside the athletics fold, Bancroft's older sisters, Hilary '09 and Caroline '12, graduated with honors from PC. His aunt, Barbara Cottam Garrahy '81, chairs the College's Providence President's Council, and his uncle, Earl "Ty" Cottam, Jr. '89, coaches youth basketball in Rhode Island. In all, more than a dozen family members are PC graduates.

Talk about Friar family lineage! The Bancroft legacy spans more than eight decades, making the youngest very proud — especially when Bancroft's role on the basketball team comes up.

"It's good for my cousins, who all love Providence," said Bancroft, an accountancy major. "Just to present them with the ability to say, 'My cousin plays for Providence,' as opposed to just being on the team ... now that I play, it's a dream come true not only for me but for my mom and my entire family." ■

AROUND FRIARTOWN



BASKETBALL, HOCKEY TEAMS

EXTEND SEASONS

The winter months went by quickly for fans of Friar basketball and hockey. Second-year men's basketball Coach **Ed Cooley** led his team to a 19-15 record (9-9 in BIG EAST play) and featuring a 9-4 mark over the last 13 games, including two National Invitation Tournament wins. The men's hockey team, with 13 freshmen, likewise exceeded expectations under second-year Coach **Nate Leaman** (above). PC, ranked as high as 16th in national polls during the season, earned home ice in the Hockey East Tournament quarterfinals. After beating New Hampshire in that round, the Friars dropped a hard-fought 2-1 semifinal game to eventual league champion Massachusetts-Lowell, finishing at 17-14-7. Meanwhile, veteran Coach **Bob Deraney** led the women's ice hockey team to the Hockey East Tournament semifinals for the 11th consecutive season. PC, with only four seniors, lost to top-seeded Boston University, 4-0, and finished at 15-16-5.

Men's ice hockey goaltender **Jon Gillies '16** (South Portland, Maine) was named the Hockey Commissioners' Association National Division I Rookie of the Year and was selected to the 2013 CCM All-America Second Team by the American Hockey Coaches Association. He posted a 17-12-6 record in 2012-13 with a PC-record five shutouts and a 2.08 goals against average.

Men's basketball guard **Vincent Council '13** (Brooklyn, N.Y.) finished his career as the BIG EAST and PC all-time leader in assists with 454 and 725, respectively.

NEW PARTNERS, TV PACT FOR NEW-LOOK BIG EAST

Providence College President **Rev. Brian J. Shanley, O.P. '80** served as the primary spokesperson when the new-look BIG EAST Conference was unveiled during a New York City news conference on March 20. PC and six other Catholic schools (DePaul, Georgetown, Marquette, Seton Hall, St. John's, and Villanova) will carry the BIG EAST name and identity into the future. They will be joined initially by Butler, Creighton, and Xavier to form a 10-team league comprising similar institutions with basketball-centered athletics programs.

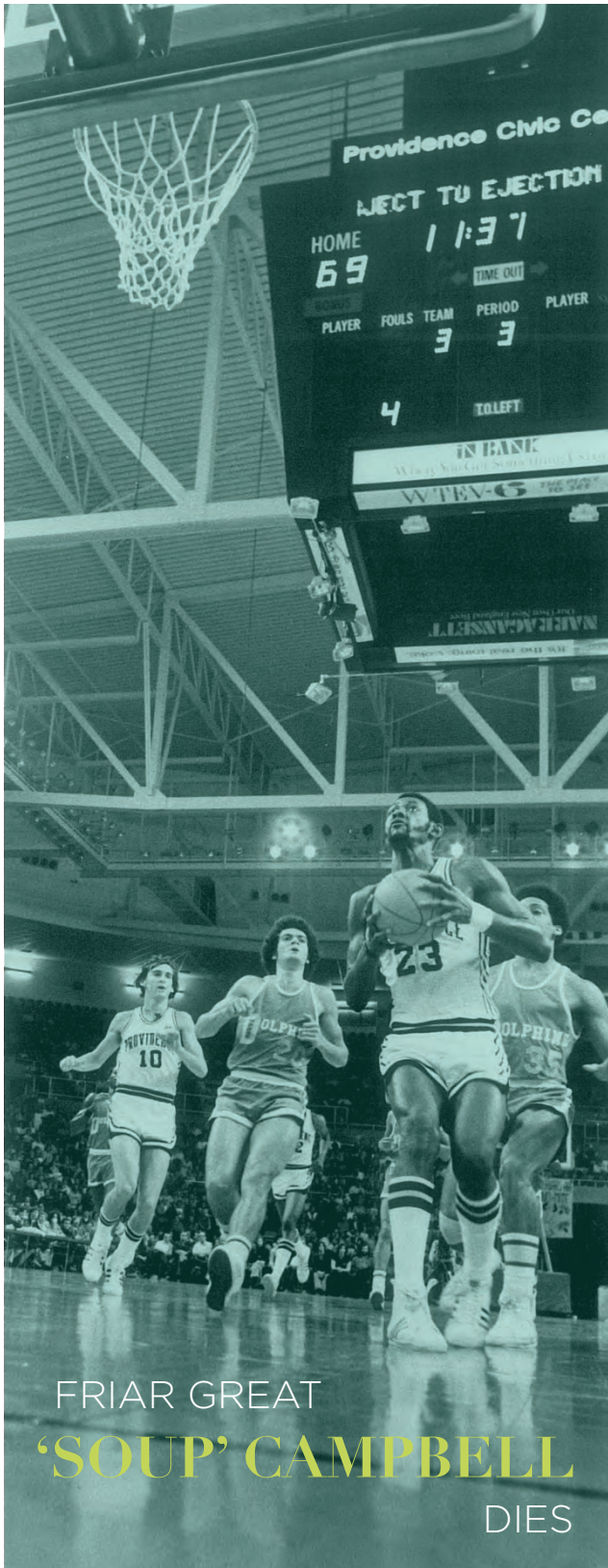
Bolstered by a 12-year, \$400 million television contract with FOX Sports, the new BIG EAST — which begins formal operations in all conference sports on July 1, 2013 — will continue to host its men's basketball tournament at New York's Madison Square Garden.



TRACK DUO NAMED

ALL-AMERICANS

Julian Matthews '13 (Nelson, New Zealand), above, earned Second Team All-America accolades by placing 16th in the mile in a time of 4:12.57 at the NCAA Indoor Track and Field Championship in Arkansas in March. That marked Matthews' third career All-America recognition. Women's track star **Emily Sisson '14** (Chesterfield, Mo.) was named an All-American for the fourth time by finishing ninth in the 5,000-meter run in 15:54.73 in the same NCAA meet.



FRIAR GREAT
'SOUP' CAMPBELL
 DIES

Friar basketball legend **Bruce “Soup” Campbell ’78** died at the age of 56 on March 8. A New Haven, Conn., native, he had been battling cancer. An Honorable Mention All-American in 1976, he played on teams that competed in two NCAA Tournaments and two National Invitation Tournaments. He averaged 14.8 points and 7.8 rebounds during his stellar career, playing for the late **Dave Gavitt ’89Hon.** Campbell was drafted by the New Jersey Nets and played professionally in Europe for 10 seasons.



TWO MAJOR **CONSTRUCTION** PROJECTS PROCEEDING

A three-story, 30,000-square-foot addition, scheduled for September completion, will transform PC’s 40-year-old Schneider Arena (rendering above), home of Friar ice hockey. Construction began in November on the addition, which will house a new lobby, ticket office, concessions, men’s and women’s locker and training rooms, a lacrosse locker room, training facilities, coaches’ offices, and mechanical operations space.

Construction also continues at Hendriken Field, where PC is building an outdoor track for use in training the Friars’ highly successful track and field and cross country teams, while also providing intramural, recreational, and exercise opportunities for students, faculty, and staff.

SAMANTHA ROECKER ’13 (Charlton, N.Y.), a cross country and track athlete, is the 2012-2013 American Eagle Outfitters BIG EAST Female Scholar-Athlete of the Year. A 3.6 GPA student who majored in biology and health policy and management, she earned a \$4,000 scholarship for use in pursuing graduate or professional studies.



THE LITTLEST FRIARS

STRAIT '07 MOVES WEST TO TEACH AT COLLEGE-FOCUSED CHARTER SCHOOL

By VICKI-ANN DOWNING

WE ARE PROVIDENCE

& WE ARE HERE TO TELL YOU:

WE STAND PROUD

for the
Black & the White

And we are launching an all-out academic attack!

Providence is here and that's a fact

So jump on board and join our pack

Go Friars!

That resounding cheer is recited each week at an elementary school in Oakland, Calif., by 26 fifth-grade students wearing gray, hooded Providence College sweatshirts.

A Friars banner hangs on their classroom door. They sit at tables labeled “Harkins Hall,” “Peterson Gym,” “Smith Center,” “Accinno Lab,” and “Eaton Street.” They’ve toured the PC campus online and written essays about why they would like to attend the College one day.

The connection comes through their teacher, Laura Strait '07, who gave up a job teaching at a public school in Marlborough, Mass., two years ago to join ERES Academy, a charter school in Oakland with a mission to send every student to college. To that end, each room at the school is named for the teacher's *alma mater*.

When John Ollquist '75 heard about Strait's students from his daughter, Emily Ollquist '07 — the two were childhood friends — he arranged, through the PC Bookstore, to buy each of Strait's students a sweatshirt with the Friars logo on the front and “ERES Academy” (Education-Responsibility-Empowerment-Success) on the back.

The shirts arrived the day before the students were to receive awards for improving their reading and became part of their required uniform.

“I thought the school was really nice, a charter school for underprivileged kids,” said Ollquist. “Laura is just wonderful. She is a credit to PC and everything it stands for.”

The student body at ERES Academy, which serves children in kindergarten through grade 8, is 97 percent Hispanic and 2 percent African-American. One hundred percent qualify for free or reduced price lunch. There is no charge to attend, and new students are chosen through a lottery.

The school emphasizes academic improvement, measured by test scores.

Strait taught her students last year, when they were in fourth grade, and moved on to fifth grade with them.





“They all came in reading under grade level,” said Strait. “Our focus was to catch them up. We work on comprehension and fluency, along with math, fractions, multiplying, and dividing.”

ERES Academy, founded in 2009, is part of Aspire Public Schools, a major charter school provider in California. Its mission is to foster a “College for Certain” attitude among students and to guarantee that 100 percent complete high school and go on to a four-year college or university — a goal it has achieved for the past three years, Strait said.

A native of Sudbury, Mass., she decided to apply for a position at ERES Academy after the vice principal of her school in Marlborough became principal there.

“The charter school idea intrigued me a lot,” said Strait. “The public school I worked in was huge. There were 14 fourth-grade classes and 15 fifth-grade classes. Here, there’s one classroom for each grade and one teacher per grade level. My students have been together since kindergarten.”

An elementary and special education major, Strait achieved certification to teach in California, applied for a job at ERES, and moved to San Francisco in July 2011.


ERES Academy is successful because of “qualified teachers extremely devoted to the students,” said Strait. “There are no unions, no contracts. You put your heart and soul into your work. The teachers could move on, but they stay for years and years.”

Strait is learning as well.

“You get great support from the school district, principal, and teachers,” she said. “You’re getting observed every couple of days and getting constructive feedback. Because of the support, you become such a better teacher. It’s a chance to broaden your skills.”

Her plan was to teach in California for two years, but “now, there’s no way I want to leave.” ■

HEAR MORE FROM LAURA STRAIT '07 AND ABOUT ERES ACADEMY: PROV.LY/ASPIRESTRAIT

A woman with blonde hair, wearing a black dress and a white shawl, is cheering enthusiastically with her arms raised. She is holding a white sign that displays the number '282' and the words 'BLACK WHITE' below it. The background shows other people at a social event, some blurred, suggesting a large gathering.

282
BLACK WHITE

A NIGHT IN BLACK & WHITE

YOU MADE EVERYTHING HAPPEN

By CHARLES C. JOYCE



WILL YOU GIVE ME...\$850,000?!

YOU COULD PICK ANY TITLE — actor, game-show host, businessman, composer, author, PC trustee — to talk about John O'Hurley '76 & '06Hon., but there was only one that 750 people cared about on April 27: auctioneer.

Working the crowd like a Southie politician, O'Hurley turned the fourth annual *A Night in Black & White* on its heels with a frenetic, often hilarious show of salesmanship that left guests at the Boston Marriott Copley Plaza amused and bemused, and in some cases, broke.

O'Hurley's Oscar-worthy performance during the Live Auction and Fund-A-Need appeals yielded \$230,000 which, when rolled into an outpouring of corporate sponsorship surpassing \$500,000, largely accounted for a record total of more than \$850,000 for *A Night in Black & White*. The figure shattered last year's high of \$590,000.

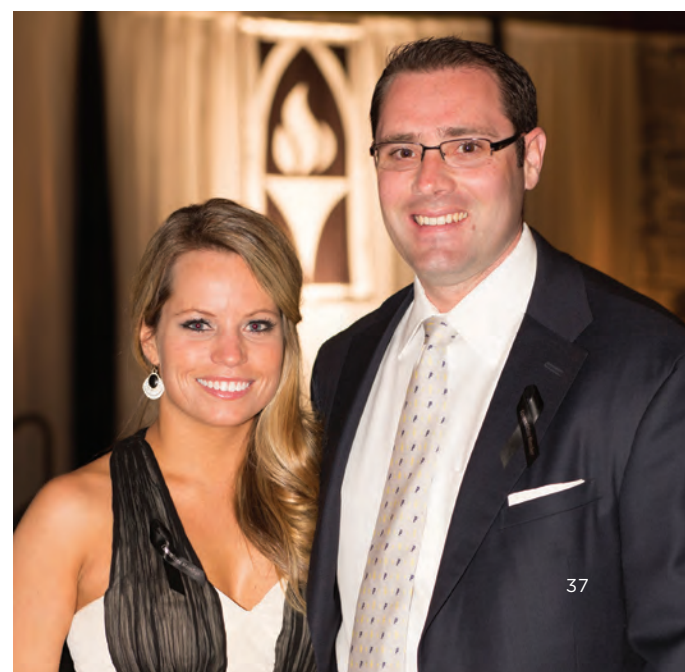
In addition to O'Hurley's "auction-mania," PC's biggest annual fund-raiser produced two other headlines:

- **Kevin C. Phelan '66**, longtime PC trustee, co-chairman of Colliers International, and revered Boston business community leader, was presented the *Black & White* Award for distinguished service to the College and the community.
- **Barnes & Noble College Booksellers**, which has managed the PC Bookstore since 1981 and is an annual supporter of several College funds and scholarships, received the first *Black & White* Corporate Partner Award. The award was accepted by Glen Hoyle '82, PC's Barnes & Noble regional manager.

A Night in Black & White supports and celebrates PC. Proceeds — with the exception of the Fund-A-Need appeal, which aids the Angel Fund — benefit the PC Fund to bolster the student experience and address the College's most pressing needs.

"It's a great night for PC! I think we've hit it out of the park," exclaimed Colleen Cronin Duffy '83, National Alumni Association Board of Governors president, who chaired the fund-raiser with her husband, Frank Duffy '83, and Ted '86 and Kim '86 McNamara. ■

Top: Auctioneer John O'Hurley '76 & '06Hon. hosts the Live Auction. Opposite page, clockwise from top left: Master of ceremonies John Dolan '01 hoists one of the hottest auction items; event co-chairs, from left, Frank Duffy '83 and Colleen Cronin Duffy '83, and Kim '86 and Ted '86 McNamara; Black & White Award honoree Kevin C. Phelan '66; Katelyn MacLean Gleason '08 and her husband, Dan Gleason '05, Black & White Young Alumni Committee chair; College President Rev. Brian J. Shanley, O.P. '80 presents the Black & White Corporate Partner Award to Barnes & Noble regional manager Glen Hoyle '82; and mugging on the "red carpet" are, front, from left, Caroline Brown '12, Maggie Cadigan '11, and Monica Clearkin '07 & '09G, and rear, Michael Pearson, Rachel Sheehan '11, Shelley Pinsonneault '11, Caroline Rende '11, Nick Mikula '11, and Todd Incantalupo '98 & '01G.





NEWS FROM REGIONAL ALUMNI CLUBS



LONDON

Providence College launched its first overseas alumni club — the PC Club of London — in March when 40 alumni, students, and guests gathered for a networking reception at the City of London Club.

Robert Ferreira '83, assistant vice president for alumni relations, and **Jennifer K. Carr**, assistant director of alumni relations, traveled overseas for the launch. The event was open to alumni in the London area and students who were abroad for study or internships.

Filippo Guerrini-Maraldi '86, executive director and head of fine art for RK Harrison Insurance Services Limited, sponsored the event. “We want the PC alumni to know that there is a small PC community in the United Kingdom and that should anyone be in London, they have a family to call on,” said Guerrini-Maraldi. He added that study abroad can be a daunting experience for students, so alumni in the London area are available “for general advice or for a general chat over a good pub dinner.” He can be contacted at Filippo.GM@rkhis.com.

In addition to bringing alumni together “across the pond,” the networking at the reception yielded three new internship opportunities for PC students, Carr said.

BUSINESS SCHOOL DEAN ADDRESSES ALUMNI DURING BIG EAST WEEK

During BIG EAST Week in New York City in March, 40 alumni enjoyed a “Meet the Dean” continental breakfast with **Dr. Sylvia Maxfield**, dean of the PC School of Business.

The breakfast, held at Morgan Stanley on Fifth Avenue, was open to all alumni in the New York area. It was hosted by **E. James Mulcahy '66**, a member of the School of Business Advisory Council and chairman of the PC National Board of Overseers.

Mulcahy introduced Maxfield, who spoke of her vision for the School of Business, which was accredited last year by AACSB International, the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business. Maxfield then participated in a lively question-and-answer session with the audience.



PRESIDENT: Mark Sullivan '94, mark_sullivan@actfast.com

“Third Thursdays” are back at The Granery Tavern, 170 Milk St., Boston — a chance to remember the old days, make friends, and expand the alumni network while enjoying a cash bar and appetizers. Third Thursdays began in April. The next one will be June 20 at 6 p.m.

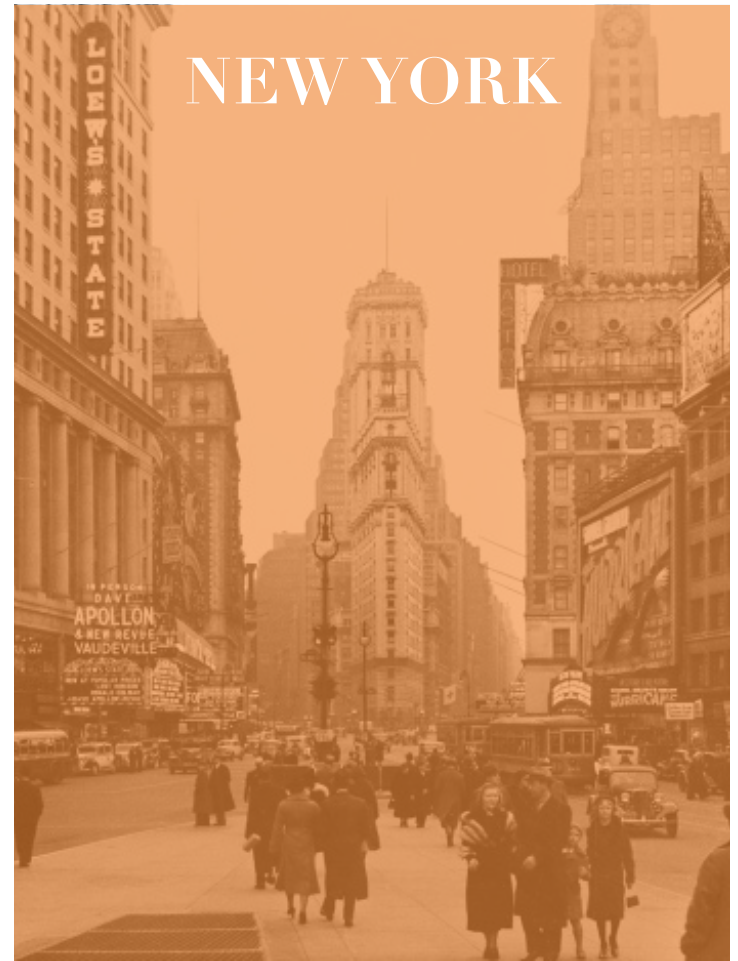
Michael Schumann '93 is leading a Professional Affinity Groups (PAGs) initiative with the goal of connecting alumni from varied professional backgrounds to create an effective and efficient network in Boston.

“PAGs was created to harness the Friar reputation and enthusiasm in the business community, with the objective of impacting the professional lives of alums in a positive and material way, whether through a new job, career advice, or access to target customers,” he said.

The initiative was launched in October and was followed by a panel discussion in January with **Maureen P. Corcoran '79**, **Mark A. Flaherty '81**, and **Ted McNamara '86**. Contact Schuman at mjschumann@gmail.com for more information.

Other planned events include a Boston harbor cruise and Red Sox game in the summer, and a golf outing at Brookmeadow Country Club, the annual Business Breakfast, and a Habitat for Humanity build, all in the fall.

Club members have volunteered at the Greater Boston Food Bank and Habitat for Humanity; watched the men's basketball game against Syracuse together; bowled in South Boston; and held a St. Patrick's Day party. *A Night in Black & White* honored the club's own **Kevin C. Phelan '66**.



PRESIDENT: George Catrambone '05, gcatrambone@gmail.com

The Providence College Club of New York (PCCNY) celebrated a great men's basketball season at Session House in midtown, gathering as a group to watch nearly every game. Alumni from class years 1962 through 2012 attended.

“There is no better way to watch the Friars and Coach Cooley than with fellow alumni,” said **Julie Smith '10**. “PCCNY has team spirit like nobody else. I'm grateful to have such a close-knit community far from Providence College's campus.”

Braving snow and chilly weather, nearly 100 alumni participated in the St. Patrick's Day Parade and after-party at Session 73 on the Upper East Side.

As its FUSION outreach, the club teamed for the second straight year with the Inner-City Scholarship Fund (ICSF). This year, club members brought 44 disadvantaged children who attend Catholic schools to the Bronx Zoo for a day of fun and learning. The partnership with the scholarship fund was initiated by **Christopher Bole '03**, a volunteer with ICSF Juniors, a group of young professionals in New York City.



GREATER PROVIDENCE

PRESIDENT: Kate Kennedy '92, kate.kennedy26@gmail.com

Paul J. Austin '63 of Lincoln, R.I., was honored with the 2013 Mal Brown Award, the club's highest accolade. It is presented to an alumnus whose life and service to PC exemplify the love and loyalty characteristic of **Mal Brown '33**, the late athletic trainer who is the club's namesake.

The award was presented during a reception at Shula's 347 Grill in Providence prior to the men's basketball game against Seton Hall. Austin also was honored at halftime as his family looked on.

Austin studied social studies and education at PC and taught in Woonsocket, R.I., and in Briarcliff Manor, N.Y. Since 1979, he has been a market development director with Ohio Precious Metals. He has been active in the alumni club, the Mal Brown Scholarship Fund, and numerous other national and local alumni activities.

For the past two seasons, the club has run a 50-50 raffle at BIG EAST men's basketball games at the Dunkin' Donuts Center, raising more than \$15,000 for the Mal Brown Scholarship, which helps Rhode Island residents attend PC.

The club has held four downtown networking nights, the Providence Student-Alumni Networking Night, the Mal Brown Christmas Party following the PC-URI basketball game, the Mal Brown Hockey Night at Schneider Arena, a "Night of the Arts" at the Smith Center for the Arts, the Mal Brown Campus Blood Drive, and a FUSION (Friars United in Service to Our Neighborhood) outreach at Fagnoli Park in Providence.

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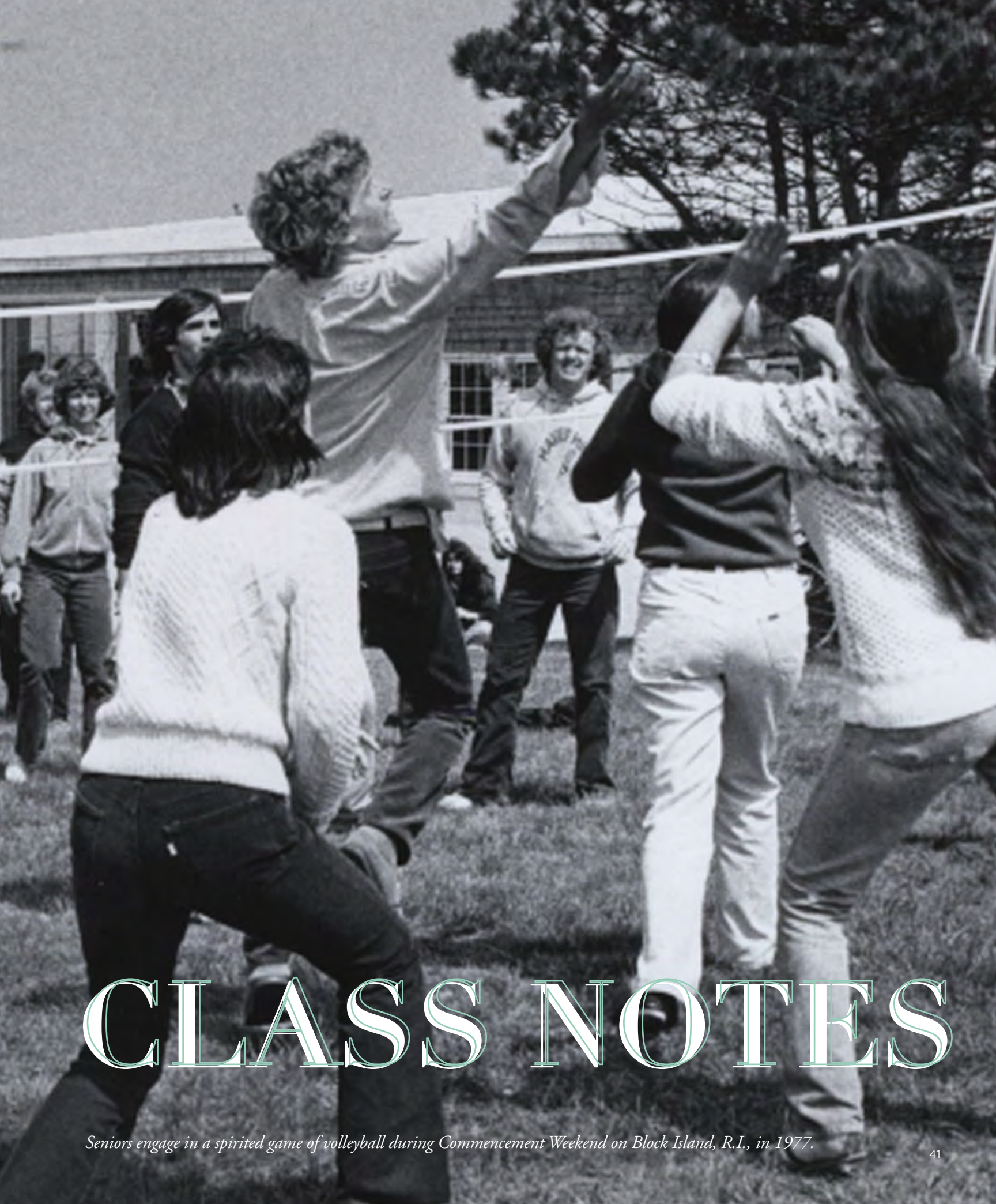
SOUTH COAST (MASS.)

PRESIDENT: Deb Perry Ozug '79, debgtl@aol.com

The club hosted the Westport, Mass., Girls Basketball League at a PC women's basketball game against Villanova. Before the game and at halftime, the Westport players enjoyed jamboree-style exhibition games in Mullaney Gym. They also greeted PC players as they were introduced. After PC's overtime win, players met with the Westport girls and signed autographs.

The club also hosted a night at Schneider Arena to watch the men's hockey team play Boston University.

As their FUSION event, club members visited the Dominican Sisters of the Presentation in Dighton, Mass., to do light chores and enjoy lunch. It was the third year the club has volunteered at the convent.



CLASS NOTES

Seniors engage in a spirited game of volleyball during Commencement Weekend on Block Island, R.I., in 1977.

1960s

'67

Sam D'Ambruoso '67 of Middlebury, Conn., hosted and instructed a portrait workshop at the internationally known Florence Academy of Art in Florence, Italy. The seven-day program included visits to the Uffizi Museum in Florence as well as personal painting and drawing instruction with a live model.

'68 (45th-Year Reunion)

Brian M. Maher '68 of West Islip, N.Y., the director of the Long Island Educational Opportunity Center at Farmingdale State College, was honored by the Hollywood Full Gospel Baptist Cathedral of Amityville at its seventh annual Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Leadership Awards Breakfast. He was recognized for the services provided by the Educational Opportunity Center, including tuition-free courses to meet the needs of the underserved in the local community. Maher, who has been with Farmingdale State since 1979, is a past president of the PC National Alumni Association Board of Governors.

1970s

'73 (40th-Year Reunion)

William M. Mahoney '73 of Auburn, Mass.,

was promoted to executive vice president by Whitinsville-based UniBank. He continues in his role as chief financial officer and chief administrative officer. Before joining UniBank in 2009, Mahoney was CFO of CNB Financial Corp. in Worcester.

'78 (35th-Year Reunion)

Paul M. Zinno '78 of East Greenwich, R.I., founded JP Diversified Asset Management and serves as its president and CEO. He has worked for UBS Financial Services, Bank of America Investment Services/Merrill Lynch, and US Trust, Private Portfolio Services.

'79

Paul D. Camara '79 of Providence, R.I., was promoted from senior vice president to partner at Applied Management Systems, Inc., a full-service health care management consulting firm based in Burlington, Mass. He has more than 20 years of health care experience and is a member of the American Association for Clinical Chemistry and the Clinical Laboratory Management Association.

Patricia O'Donnell '79 of Lowell, Mass., joined Lowell Five Cent Savings Bank as a mobile mortgage loan originator, able to meet mortgage applicants at their homes and offices. She most recently was director of marketing at James L. Cooney Insurance and Real Estate in Lowell.

1980s

'81

Azzedine Downes '81 of Harwich Port, Mass., was named president and CEO of the International Fund for Animal Welfare (IFAW), a global conservation, animal advocacy, and rescue organization with offices in 15 countries and projects in 40 nations. While living in Dubai with his family, Downes established IFAW's United Arab Emirates office and the IFAW Prevention of Wildlife Trade Program, which trains local law enforcement and customs officials in how to prevent illegal trading of animals and wildlife products, such as elephant ivory. He has been with the organization since 1997.

'84

Michael J. Joyce '84 of Hingham, Mass., was named a managing partner at Richards Barry Joyce & Partners, LLC in Boston. He will continue to be a broker in the firm, where he is a member of the Boston leasing group. Before co-founding the firm, Joyce was an executive vice president/partner at CB Richard Ellis/Whittier Partners. He is past president and a member of PC's Boston President's Council and a member of the Varsity Athletics Committee of the Board of Trustees.



SUSTAINED COMMUNITY SERVICE ROUNDLY ENDORSED

The Needham (Mass.) School Committee voted unanimously to name the new playground at Newman Elementary School in honor of longtime resident **Philip V. Robey '68**. A Realtor with Coldwell Banker, Robey has committed decades of service to his hometown. He has been involved as a Little League coach and president, commissioner with the Park and Recreation Department, a 20-year Town Meeting member, and as a member of the Needham Exchange Club. He also has been an ardent supporter and board member of the Charles River Center, which is devoted to enhancing the lives of the developmentally disabled. "Phil is a terrific human being and has contributed so much to so many, young and old, in this town," said school committee member Joseph Barnes.

Susan M. Schryver '84 of Ansonia, Conn., is the 2013 Teacher of the Year at Emmett O'Brien Technical High School in Ansonia, where she has taught physical education and health for 10 years. She coaches the girls softball team and is an adviser for the Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD) Club. Prior to pursuing a teaching career, Schryver owned a private investigation business with her sister.

'87

Veronica C. Hendrick '87 of Orange, Conn., an associate professor of literature and law at the John Jay College of Criminal Justice of the City University of New York, was awarded a Fulbright Scholar Fellowship to lecture in China. From her base at Shanghai International Studies University, she will lecture in five provinces, working with graduate students interested in the field. She also will teach an undergraduate course in American literature using fiction with a justice studies theme. Hendrick will use material from her recent book, *Servants, Slaves, and Savages: Reflections of Law in American Literature* (Carolina Academic, 2012). She is researching the type of Chinese-American literature taught in English in China and the cultural exchange it symbolizes. It is her fifth trip to China.

'89

William Tucker Husband '89 of Plymouth, Mass., was awarded the CEM (Certified Emergency Manager) designation by the International Association of Emergency Managers (IAEM). He is the operation manager for emergency preparedness and security for MASCO, the Medical, Academic, Scientific Community Organization of the Longwood Medical Area in Boston. The designation is the highest honor of professional achievement within IAEM, held by only 1,259 men and women.

1990s

'90

Stacy Paterno '90 of Barrington, R.I., was

named assistant vice president of public affairs at Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Rhode Island. She oversees public affairs functions and raises the organization's public profile through policy leadership, public relations, and contributions to state and regional health care systems. She formerly worked as senior public affairs director for Lifespan.

'91

Patrick J. Dwyer '91 of Key Biscayne, Fla., a private wealth advisor with the Private Banking and Investment Group at Merrill Lynch, was nationally recognized as the number-two-ranked advisor in Florida by *Barron's* magazine in its annual "America's Top 1,000 Advisors: State-by-State" list. Those named to the list have a minimum of seven years of financial services experience and at least a year with their firm.

Sean F. Kelly '91 of Deep River, Conn., was promoted to supervisor of the public defender's office at the court known as Geographical Area 10 in New London. The staff includes five attorneys, an investigator, a social worker, and a secretary. Kelly has done public defender work for 17 years. His father recently retired after a long career as a public defender and supervisor in Middletown, and a brother, Kevin Kelly '93, is a former public defender in New Orleans who is now in private practice.

'97

John W. Boyle '97 was promoted to the rank of police lieutenant in the Cambridge (Mass.) Police Department. He is a second generation Cambridge police officer. His father, the first police superintendent, was with the department for 30 years.

2000s

'00

Melinda A. Smith '00G of Pascoag, R.I., was appointed superintendent of schools by the North Providence School Committee. She was previously the director of curriculum,



Artist meets 'monster challenge' with

100TH

FENWAY MURAL

Artist **Marie-Claire "M-C" Lamarre '96** of New Bedford, Mass., has completed her 100th mural of the "Green Monster," the famous left field wall and scoreboard at Fenway Park, home to the Boston Red Sox.

Lamarre's latest rendition is on the façade of Jerry Remy's Sports Bar and Grill in Fall River, a restaurant the Red Sox broadcaster and former second baseman opened last year. She painted the mural on a 30-foot by 70-foot brick wall in the outdoor patio area at Commonwealth Landing, a space that will be used for charity and seasonal events.

While most of her Green Monster murals are in New England, she has painted in Tacoma, Wash.; Halifax, Nova Scotia; and at the Bucky Dent Baseball School in Delray, Fla. Her first was created for a nephew's bedroom in 2004 and immediately sparked orders in private homes and public places. She customizes each scoreboard with different game details.

A studio arts (ceramics) major at PC, Lamarre developed an interest in painting during a study abroad trip to Florence, Italy, her junior year. Her work has been featured in *Sports Illustrated*, *ESPN The Magazine*, *The Boston Globe*, and on CNN International.

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instruction, and professional development in the Lincoln schools, where she worked for 15 years.

'01

Matthew G. Favro, Esq. '01 of Plattsburgh, N.Y., joined the law practice of his father, Gary L. Favro, in Plattsburgh. He specializes in criminal, family, and civil law. He formerly worked for a Defense Department consulting firm in Newport, R.I., and for a law firm in New York City.

Jayme F. Moore, C.P.A. '01 of Green Harbor, Mass., was promoted to accounting and auditing manager at G.T. Reilly & Co. of Milton. She joined the firm in 2003. She is a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and the Massachusetts Society of Certified Public Accountants.

Therese A. Plaehn '01 of Scituate, Mass., had the lead female role in *Our Town* at the Huntington Theatre Company in Boston. She holds a master of fine arts degree in acting from the American Repertory Theatre/Moscow Art Theatre School Institute at Harvard University and has appeared on stage in New York and at regional theaters.

'02

Caroline J. Hook '02 of Towson, Md., was appointed to the advisory board of The Salva-

tion Army Greater Baltimore Area Command. She is vice president of Bonnie Henson Communications in Owings and a member of the Maryland chapter of the Public Relations Society of America and the Maryland Society of Healthcare Strategy and Market Development.

'04

Joseph A. Boncore '04 of Winthrop, Mass., was elected chairman of the Winthrop Housing Authority for 2013. He was appointed to the authority by the Winthrop Town Council five years ago, then elected by voters to a four-year term. He practices law with his father and brother in Boston.

James R. Palmieri '04 of New Providence, N.J., was named the first assistant head of school at Trinity Hall, an independent all-girls high school in the Catholic tradition opening in Middletown this fall. It will be the first all-girls high school in Monmouth County and on the Jersey Shore. He formerly was director of strategic initiatives at Kent Place School in Summit.

'05

Alison (Fiel) Norton '05 of Natick, Mass., an assistant actuary at Liberty Mutual in Boston, was named a Fellow of the Casualty Actuarial Society. She completed nine examinations and a required Course on Professionalism. She is a member of the American Academy of Actuaries.

Michael J. Raia '05 of Providence, R.I., has been named director of media relations and marketing for WGBH, the Boston-based public broadcasting company. He formerly was director of communications for Providence Mayor Angel Taveras, who praised Raia for bringing professionalism and communications expertise to his office. Raia is a member of the PC National Alumni Association Board of Governors.

'06

Stephen A. Lebedevitch '06 of Fairfield, Conn., joined the trial and post-conviction practice group at Ruane Attorneys At Law, LLC, Connecticut's largest criminal defense firm. He will work in the Shelton office and concentrate his practice in the courts of Fairfield County. He formerly worked with Connecticut Legal Services.

'08 (5th-Year Reunion)

Thomas Fitzgerald '08G of Coventry, R.I., joined Bank Rhode Island as senior vice president, team leader in the Commercial Banking Division. He provides leadership, develops new client relationships, and arranges financial solutions for businesses. He formerly was vice president and commercial lender at The Washington Trust Company. He also is treasurer of the board of directors for New Urban Arts, a nationally recognized community arts studio in Providence.

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AN EYEWITNESS TO HISTORY



IN LIBYA

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Colleen Fitzgerald '07 witnessed history — including the fall of dictator Moammar Gadhafi — during the 16 months she worked in Libya for International Medical Corps, an American organization that is a first responder to the world's most volatile conflicts. With a bachelor's degree in political science from Providence College and a master's degree in social work from Boston College, Fitzgerald worked to develop a training program for Libyan social workers who were supporting local men and women affected by the conflict. In July 2011, she was one of the first American women to enter the country after the revolution, and her work took her from rural towns to the cities of Tripoli and Benghazi. Fitzgerald was just five miles away when the U.S. Embassy in Benghazi was attacked on September 11, 2012, and Ambassador Christopher Stevens and three other Americans were killed. She said she never worried about her own safety despite the tensions, and since her return home in November, she misses the ordinary Libyans she grew to know. "I'm really protective of the country," said Fitzgerald. "In every way I can, I try to explain that the people of Libya are good and that they want to improve their country."

2008

CLASS AGENTS

5th-year Reunion



SARAH DIGIROLAMO '08

Lives: Holbrook, Mass. Works: Audit Senior, Deloitte & Touche

"I find Friars everywhere I go! I date a Friar, and my roommate is a Friar, so I'm reminded of my PC experience every day. I've visited classmates all over the country, and I constantly get shout-outs from alumni of all ages anytime I wear my PC gear. Between dinners, drinks, and more recently, PC weddings, I connect with my classmates all the time. Always a Friar!"

DEVIN DRISCOLL '08

Lives: Saint Paul, Minn. Works: Regional Director, Organizing for Action

"I've gone back to campus to speak with humanities students about the immense opportunity out there for anyone who can think clearly and critically, write well, and synthesize lots of complex information — that is, a liberal arts student."



KATELYN MACLEAN GLEASON '08

Lives: Cambridge, Mass. Works: English Teacher, Dedham High School

"The past five years are proof that Providence College is always with us. I have attended Christmas parties, weddings at St. Dominic Chapel, *A Night in Black & White*, Alumni Weekend, and basketball games. In January, I married a PC grad (Daniel Gleason '05) with a beautiful reception at the Biltmore surrounded by family and friends, including so many Friars! Now, I look forward to our five-year reunion and watching my own students choose PC for their future."

GIANA MESSORE '08

Lives: Memphis, Tenn. Works: Lawyer

"I've stayed connected by becoming involved as a class agent and participating on the Reunion Committee. I meet up with classmates when I am in the area, I travel for weddings, and I attend as many PC events as I can. Because I'm living quite a distance from Rhode Island, I connect via Facebook and via monthly phone calls with past roommates who are now my very good friends."



MCMAHON CHOSEN TO LEAD SPECIAL OLYMPICS-MASSACHUSETTS



Mary Beth (Hunt) McMahon '86 of Millis, Mass., has been promoted from senior vice president of organizational advancement to president and chief executive officer of Special Olympics-Massachusetts.

McMahon started with Special Olympics as a volunteer for the Rhode Island chapter during her freshman year at PC. Since 1991, she has worked in local program management and all aspects of development for the organization in Maryland, California, Nevada, and Massachusetts. She was inducted into the Special Olympics Law Enforcement Torch Run's Richard LaMunyon Hall of Fame in 2010 for her contributions to the growth of the program. "I consider this opportunity a dream come true, and I am honored to serve on behalf of the athletes that inspire me every day," said McMahon.

'09

Richard J. Delfino III '09 of Johnston, R.I., is the legislative coordinator for R.I. Gov. Lincoln D. Chafee. Representing the Office of the Governor, he works with all state departments and the R.I. General Assembly.

Michael A. Fenton '09 of Springfield, Mass., joined the law firm Shatz, Schwartz and Fenton, P.C., based in Springfield. He is admitted to practice law in Connecticut and Massachusetts and specializes in business law, commercial real estate, and estate planning. He also is the youngest city councilor in Springfield history, elected for the first time at age 22.

2010s

'11

Jonathan Reese '11SCE of Newport, R.I., was promoted to fire inspector lieutenant in the Middletown Fire Department. He is president of the Middletown Fire Fighters Association and has been with the department since 2007.

Courtney P. Wallin '11, of East Greenwich, R.I., a Ph.D. candidate in psychology at The George Washington University in Washington, D.C., won a National Science Foundation Graduate Fellowship in psychology-cognitive neuroscience. Her study compares younger and older adults in judging the absolute distance of objects seen in a 3D, real-world environment.

'12

Lori J. DeSimone '12G of Lincoln, R.I., principal of Greystone Elementary School in North Providence, was named Rhode Island Outstanding First-Year Principal by the board of directors of the Rhode Island Association of School Principals. Among her accomplishments, she was praised for instituting a new school-wide positive behavior program and revitalizing the School Improvement Team. She formerly was a general and special educator for students in kindergarten through grade 6.

Shannon M. Gombos '12 of Washington, D.C., joined the National Grain and Feed Association of Washington, D.C., as manager of arbitration and mediation services. She provides comprehensive support for the association's arbitration system and works to better educate industry professionals on trade custom and law.

Laurie G. Moise '12 of Malden, Mass., the first Providence College student to be awarded the Rotary Ambassadorial Scholarship, is studying for a master's degree in public health at St. George's University of Grenada. Through the scholarship program, established by The Rotary Foundation in 1947, students serve as goodwill ambassadors in their host countries and give presentations about their homeland to Rotary clubs and other groups.

Megan F. Ryan '12 of Providence, R.I., received her Irish Dance Teacher Certification

from the *An Coimisiún le Rincí Gaelacha*, the official governing body of Irish Dance in Dublin, Ireland. She has studied at the Goulding School of Irish Dance, with locations in Cranston, R.I., and Medford, Mass., for 15 years, and has received numerous placements and awards in competitions throughout the United States, Ireland, and Canada. She is an assistant teacher at the Goulding School and is a private instructor for champion dancers. She is studying in PC's MBA Program while working as a graduate assistant in the Office of Institutional Research.



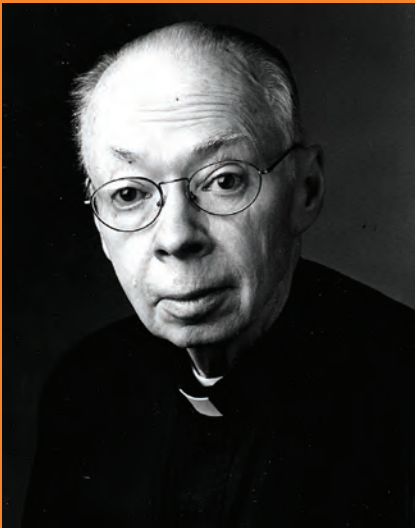
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IN MEMORIAM

DEATHS

Briand N. Beaudin, M.D. '38
John A. Roque, M.D. '38
Francis R. Hawkins '42D
The Honorable Edward A. Lee '42D
William P. McKiernan '45
John P. Macioci, Sr. '48
Rev. Robert P. Fitzsimmons, O.P. '50
John G. Gaffney '50
Vincent P. Skenyon '50
Francis R. Trainor '50 & '10Hon.
Edward C. Kelley '51
William F. Eaton '52
Earl F. Kelley, O.D. '52
Bertrand J. Theriault '52
Richard H. Johnson '53
COL Daniel J. Sweeney, (Ret.) '53
Louis M. Paziienza '54
Sr. Florence Kretz, O.S.U. '55G
John E. Reilly '56
William F. Paquin, Esq. '57
Charles Welsh '58
Thomas B. Fahy '59
Richard F. Patrissi '59
Alphonse A. Esposito '60
Louis P. Filippelli '60
Eugene F. McCarthy '60
Walter D. Brown '61
Richard G. Silvestri '61
Pierre H. Wallack '61
Chester S. Rewers '66
T. Patrick Kearney '70
Richard Gabriele '72
Bruce K. Campbell '78
Linda Delle Fave '79
Marisa Cartagena Novak '80
Kelly Therese Kearney Gibbons '81
Charles L. Kettlety '81
Mark Carmody Keefe '91
Joseph E. Ryan, III '91
Timothy M. Roche '94
Dorothy E. Turner '94SCE
Tara M. Higgins '01
Chester A. Files '07G
Rev. George L. Cochran, O.P. (retired faculty)

Rev. George Leonard Cochran, O.P., a retired associate professor of English at the College, died on March 30 in Columbus, Ohio.



A member of the Dominican Friars' Community of the Priory of St. Thomas Aquinas at PC, Father Cochran taught English, philosophy, and humanities at the College from 1980-2002. He served as assistant dean of undergraduate studies from 1988-1989. He received the President's Distinguished Faculty Award at the College's 2001 Academic Convocation.

A native of Tampa, Fla., Father Cochran attended PC's pre-ecclesiastical program from 1947-49. He received his bachelor's degree in philosophy from St. Thomas Aquinas College in River Forest, Ill. He also earned three master's degrees and a Ph.D., the latter in English from Loyola University in

Chicago. He was ordained a Dominican priest on June 2, 1962, at St. Rose Priory in Dubuque, Iowa.

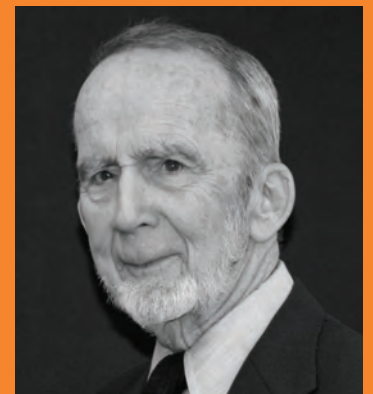
Father Cochran was a lyricist, prolific poet, and scholar of the writing of Gerard Manley Hopkins and a frequent reader at PC's Poetry and Fiction Series. A member of the *International Who's Who in Poetry* and the Poetry Society of America, he won *America* magazine's Foley Poetry Award in 1999 and *Yankee* magazine's Annual Award for 3 Best Poems in 1998.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on April 4 in St. Thomas Aquinas Priory. Burial was in the Dominican Friars' Cemetery on campus. Contributions in his memory may be made to: Providence College, Dominican Scholarship Fund, Office of Institutional Advancement, 1 Cunningham Square, Providence, RI, 02918-0001.

Francis R. Trainor, Ph.D. '50 & '10Hon., one of the College's leading benefactors and a former president of the National Alumni Association, died on February 12. A resident of Mansfield, Conn., Dr. Trainor was a professor *emeritus* in the Department of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology at the University of Connecticut, where he taught for 40 years.

Dr. Trainor maintained an ardent lifetime connection to PC since his graduation, giving extensively to the College in treasure and talent. Dr. Trainor and his wife, Margaret, who died on April 12, are Platinum Torchbearer members (\$1 million and above) of the 1917 Society, the College's leading giving society, and the Harkins Society, which comprises benefactors who have named PC in their estate plans or future gifts. In addition to his service in the alumni association, he regularly attended alumni events and volunteered with the Career Education Center. In 1995, he received the alumni association's Bishop Harkins Award for outstanding contributions to the Catholic Church.

A Mass of Christian Burial for Dr. Trainor was held on February 16 at St. Thomas Aquinas Church in Storrs.





THE LAST WORD

THE END OF THE LINE

By REV. JOSEPH J. GUIDO, O.P.

FATHER GEORGE L. COCHRAN, O.P. was a sprite of a man. Small, thin, and wiry, he was full of mirth and good humor despite a hard and itinerant childhood. He also was whip-smart. As a young airman, he helped to break and decipher enemy codes. Later, as a priest and professor at Providence College, he taught logic and poetry: Hopkins, Wilbur, and Heaney were among his favorites. He liked to watch baseball and boxing, eagerly awaited each day's mail, and was a member of the Baker Street Irregulars, an elite group of Sherlock Holmes fans.

He was a beloved member of the Dominican Community.

His award-winning poem, *Teaching My Students to Write*, is a meditation not only on the arts of teaching and writing but on the altogether more demanding arts of living and dying.

*I tell them it's as easy as walking:
Just put one word in front of another
Until you reach the end of the line.*

At the time, the telltale signs of Parkinson's were already evident: the shuffled gait, a stiffened smile, and a crimped and downward-sloping cursive. The conceit, of course, is that neither walking nor writing is as easy as each seems, and had become increasingly difficult for him. Yet the illusion of ease is necessary for the young to find their stride and set pen to paper.

*Amused by the image, they grant me
A moment's attention before minds
Unmoored begin to drift. I ask them
To write about their hopes for the future.
Then watch as heads bend above
The arctic emptiness of new notebooks.
At first one or two, then a few more
Look up, into space, gathering from some
Distant country the words they will use
To tell me how perfect their lives will be
Until they reach the end of the line.*

Even so, the illusion is not a lie. True, life is never "perfect" and rarely unfolds as we imagined it would. But the "distant country" that we glimpse in youth is real and what words we gather from its precincts approximate the truth. Our vision of it may be dim and obscure, as St. Paul noted, reflections in a dark glass, and we may well mistake its transient intimations for its enduring presence. Yet the "drift" of

our "unmoored" minds rightly tends to what we are made for, what we desire more deeply than anything else, what constitutes our native land. At the end of the line, what had seemed a far and foreign, if hoped for shore, in youth, is seen for what it is: home.

We come to the end of many lines in life. In their anticipation, each one seems definitive: a degree in hand, a job secured, or a marriage sealed. But experience teaches that each is just another step, with many more to follow.

That is until the last step is taken and we truly "reach the end of the line."

George died this past March 30, which was Holy Saturday. As he wished, he died alone. As we his brothers had hoped he would be, he is buried here on campus in the Dominican cemetery.

In an ancient homily for Holy Saturday, the risen Christ addresses Adam, shadowed by death — "Awake, O sleeper" — and bids him to "Rise, let us leave this place." Christ leads Adam not to the earthly paradise, lost by Adam's sin, but to a heavenly paradise, "prepared for you from all eternity."

The implication is startling. The Garden was never meant to be a final home. With his first step, Adam began a journey beyond its confines. Long before Adam's sin, heaven awaited him. Before his banishment and exile, and throughout the years of remorse and yearning, home beckoned and drew him ever closer.

As it did for George, and does for us, and does for all. Until, in time, we "reach the end of the line," and are, finally, where we have always wanted to be.

Rev. Joseph J. Guido, O.P. is vice president for mission and ministry, assistant professor of psychology, and a counseling psychologist in the Personal Counseling Center.



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