The physical aspect of Providence College today is symbolic in its apparent confusion. Uphesval of the grounds to make way for bigger and better facilities heralds what many hope will be as vital and startling a renovation of the intangible elements of the College.

Since the appointment four years ago of the Very Reverend William Paul Haas as President of the College, P.C. has been showing signs of becoming an exciting place to receive an education. We've had effective and sensitive displays of student power, the faculty have organized, and there have been a resurgence of pride and identity with the College, and significant improvements in the curriculum. A new honesty and openness in communication among the various elements of the college community and the enthusiasm of the Dominican Fathers that the Catholic College still has a vital role in today's world are the basic ingredients of the formula for the success of Providence College. And incoming freshmen, or all people will be called upon to test that formula in the next four years.

The fullest benefit of what has been started toward the brightening of the entire picture of P.C. as a modern, Christian place of learning will be reaped by those of you who will still be here in four years. You will have a first rate library, improved study and living conditions a college union building and significant advances in course offerings and laboratory facilities.

Everything you need for a total academic and living experience is here. Take advantage of all that Providence College has to offer. Get involved. Talk to your classmates, your professors. Live, think, and breathe Providence College while you are here. Become part of the progress, the people, the campus. Join an activity, and be active in it. Get to know the others on your floor, or in the cafe. Find excuses to meet Fr. Murphy, Vice-president for Student Relations, Mr. Newton, Director of Student Affairs, and the other members of the Administration whose job it is to direct those things that affect your lives.

Get to know P.C. . . . and you'll love it.

Brian Mahoney

Model of Proposed Campus.

This was the old Aquinas Hall. McDermott is now located on the site.

College Approaches 50th Year With Expansion

In the fall of 1915, Bishop Matthew Hartkins requested the Dominican Order "to found within the limits of the Diocese of Providence . . . a college." Several years later, in September, 1919, Providence College was opened with a student body of 75, a faculty of nine, a single building and a campus of 17 acres.

Fifty-seven years and 10,000 graduates later, Providence College reached a turning point in its development. Approximately two years ago, with 15 major buildings, a faculty of 200 and a student body of 2600, Providence College came to a decision which will have and has already begun to have profound effects upon P.C. It was decided that the college's enrollment would level off and that the school would concentrate more on improving facilities and the quality of education here at "Providence" rather than continue on with tremendous expansion in student enrollment and expanded accommodations.

Now, that you are here and have chosen Providence College you are able to view some of the initial effects which have been caused by the college's decision. A 3.5 million dollar library building has been completed and expanded bookstore, a $350,000 renovation of Aquinas Hall and construction of a new dorm.

However, Providence College has not always been this vibrant; it has faced several crises in its short existence. The college opened its doors during World War I, suffered through the Great Depression six years after the first class graduated, and was almost forced to close during the height of World War II. Yet this is history for the college now, the present and the future are what concerns the administration and you. The Class of 1972 is intimately involved in the college's quest for academic excellence more so, perhaps, than any other class at the college.

The whole climate here is changing: doors are opening which have been closed to the students for years, walls barring student participation (such as in administering the college) are crumbling under the scrutiny of Fr. Haas's policy of reevaluation of existing regulations and traditions. Each year the students have more opportunities to exert responsible leadership in governing their own social and academic affairs.

Your class, as stated before, has been subjected to greater tuition fees and more rigid academic standards than any other class at the college. Also the Class of '72 enjoys greater freedom of opportunity than the class before it and this increase in self-rule will continue as you progress toward graduation.

However all this increase in student freedom (or rights as you prefer) brings along with it responsibility. If you fail in exerting the mature judgment, which is expected of you, you will sacrifice the rights which have been placed in your keeping for yourselves and future classes to come. Even more important than that you will destroy the College's confidence in its student body, you stand to place the school back several years in the delicate area of student-administration relations.
1968-1969 Friar Sports Scene Shows Promise

The 1967-68 sports scene was a tough one for Providence College as tradition was discovered not to be the only prerequisite for success. Joe Mullaney and his basketball charges came up with the first losing season here in nearly two decades. The hockey team despite pre-season optimism and a “new look” attitude, turned out to be record-wise, the same squad that suffered through two previously dismal campaigns. The cross-country and golf teams, both New England champs in 1966 and ’67, failed by some lengths to capture supremacy in the area.

All was not a total loss, though. The baseball team came up with its best record in four years, and with it an NCAA District I invitation.

The college and the metropolitan area also viewed, for the first time in 32 years, Friar football. Judging by the overall response it appears club football is here to stay. The Friars would stay planted on the field this fall.

Since very few people could disagree when the basketball team was merely average, the majority reasoned that the Friars would stay planted on their lofty pinnacle despite the absence of a great ballplayer.

The Friars took to the road for the final three engagements. Stu Crooke, and soph Marty Robb will need outstanding seasons for Pepe McBride to lead the line on the offense this spring.

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