Just 163 beds for frosh males

The housing projections for the Class of 1982 males are far from encouraging. As of April 14, 189 freshmen men had committed themselves to Providence College and had requested residence accommodations. This number is expected to rise to around 200. The problem is that there are only 163 beds available for freshmen males, and of this number, around 30 beds have been reserved for athletes. For freshmen women, 349 beds have been put aside.

It had been hoped that leasing a male dormitory at Our Lady of Providence Seminary on Warwick Neck would alleviate the overcrowding, but since only 47 people chose to live there, the plan was scrapped.

Director of admissions Michael Backes candidly admits, "There are no alternatives. It's a dilemma. If a sufficient number of students had professed interest in living there, it would have helped. I'm opposed to freshmen living there.

The current resident problem is the result of a series of decisions, not just lack of room space. Many available off-campus apartments have already been rented for next semester. Because of the size of the Classes of 79 and 80, there is an increased demand for off-campus living. Those students who prefer to live on campus must be accommodated also.

According to Backes, "There has been a shift in local applicant trends. There has been a diminution of commuting Rhode Island residents. Local students who apply have indicated they would like on-campus residence."

One alternative could be the "Georgetown plan." Backes explained, "I'd like to go on record of being in favor of a housing plan that Georgetown and Cornell use. Georgetown guarantees campus residency regardless for all incoming freshmen. After that, a lottery is implemented. The school's sophomores, juniors and seniors then have about a 50-50 chance of living on campus for the next year."

"It's the only viable solution short of building. If we add a dorm there must be the corresponding facilities. Food services, the library, athletic areas must be commensurate with the new dorm and overall applications for the Class of 1982 have been up to 13 to 14 per cent for the last year, but because of the lack of room space, 70 residence fees from males have been returned. This practice continued until the May 1 residency deadline. Backes will have to make a decision of exactly how much male dorm space exists after the current room lottery is completed.

Congress discusses survey, budget

By Jase E. Hickey

At its meeting on April 23, the Student Congress discussed the procedures that will be followed in the process of surveying at PC which is taking place throughout this week. After having taken a pilot survey, the faculty survey committee has established a new survey which will hopefully be more efficient than previous surveys and that, when tabulated, will prove to be a valuable aid for students use in choosing their courses.

The Committee on Administration discussed the College's budget for the coming year at its April 19 meeting. Only the faculty welfare committee report on the faculty salary increment is needed to make the report complete, and this figure is expected within the next week. Therefore, the figures on next year's tuition and room and meal are expected to be available in the near future.

The Bill of Rights committee announced that it is awaiting contact with Paul Pisanu, College lawyer, before it evaluates the section of the Bill of Rights that governs controversial speakers. It is also discussing the question of whether or not letters concerning disciplinary action being taken against a student should be sent to the parents of the offending student. At present, such letters are sent to the parents of all students disciplined by the board. According to the Buckley Amendment, however, it is illegal for such letters to be sent to the parents of financially independent students.

The academic research committee reports that the alumni survey has been completed and was submitted to the administration last week. Copies will be distributed to individual department chairs during this week and will also be available in the Congress Office.

Students choose Martins, Piro

The College Corporation electors, held Thursday, April 28, resulted in the election of Susan Martins, and John Piro to the positions of senior and junior representatives respectively. Twenty-nine per cent of the College turned out to vote. Martins, present student member, won with 520 votes while Piro received 396 votes of the total votes cast.

This election is regarded only as a recommendation of the student body. The names will now be presented to a special review committee, to plan for the long-range goals of the College.

Sophomore John Piro is a business management major from East Norwalk, Conn.

"If elected by the interviewing committee, I intend to strengthen the relationship between the Student Congress and the Corporation. Also, I am in the best interest to maintain the credibility of the student members on the corporation," commented Piro.

"America today is too much of a democracy," commented Martins, "and trying to plan for the long-range goals of the College."

The agony and the ecstasy of PC's Battle of the Dorms are reflected in the faces of Dore Hall's Joe Cugino and Aquinas Hall's Nancy Pope.

The events were held Saturday morning on Raymond Field.

This gala event was sponsored by the junior class, followed by a mixer in all of Slavin Center.

Joe's Hall won, garnering 4 more photos on Page 9.
McAmato, the PC's cross country coach, is enjoying an exceptional season. In an interview with the Providence College Student, he explained his team's success and the factors contributing to the team's performance.

During the season, the team has been consistently ranked among the top teams in the country, and the coaches are now focusing on the upcoming regional and national meets. Coach McAmato also expressed his gratitude to the fans and the community for their support and partnership.

When asked about the team's goals for the remainder of the season, McAmato emphasized the importance of maintaining a sound training regimen and managing injuries effectively. He also highlighted the need for continued teamwork and focus on individual development.

He concluded by urging fans to support the team in upcoming meets, stating that every race counts towards the team's overall success. The team's next meet is scheduled for next weekend, and McAmato and his players are looking forward to a strong performance.
Orchestra performs

The BOG kicked off its annual week of diversions and delights, better known as Spring Week, with a very enjoyable if sparsely attended concert by the Rhode Island Philharmonic under the direction of Francis Madeira.

The program mixed classical and popular selections. The concert opened with a little known piece, Glinka’s Overture to “Rus­sin and Ludmilla.” The next selection, the “Em­peror” Waltzes by Johann Strauss, recalled the dazzling court life of Franz Joseph. This collection of waltzes was originally written for the gala events of the Hapsburg court. Madeira noted before the next selection, the “Village Swallows” Waltzes, that this was the only piece he knew which had “bird calls in waltz time.” This opus by Josef Strauss was rather esoteric for the casual music lis­tener, nevertheless, it was very well received by the audience.

The remainder of the concert consisted of popular tunes. The first selection in the category was a medley from “The Sound of Music.”

After intermission the Philhar­monic went into medleys from “Carousel” and “My Fair Lady,” and “An American Salute,” vari­ations on the traditional tune “When Johnny Comes Marching Home.”

For an encore the Philharmonic kicked off BOG’s Spring Week. The entire performance was very well received. One spectator noted, “Everyone should experience this. It uplifts the soul.”

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Rev. Thomas McBrien, O.P., dean of Providence College, has become aware of and is concerned with alleviating the possible grade problem of grade inflation. Computer printouts of the cumulative grades of the College as a whole indicate a definite increase in the percentage of students on the Dean’s List. Father McBrien is questioning whether or not this phenomenon is the beginning of a trend or an exception to the rule due to the “upsetting past semes­ter.”

“This has been a peculiar year,” Father McBrien explained. “This year, in the aftermath, and the change of the exam period could readily account for this change in grade patterns. The majority of our faculty members were extremely compassionate during this tie, also; this past semester may not be an accurate gauge.”

Computer data reveals that of the 18,596 grades distributed dur­ing the fall semester, the mark of “B” was received 4,271 times and was the most prevalent. In con­trast to other years, “C,” which is usually the most common academic grade, was distributed only 2,147 times, while “A-” and “C+” were received 3,861; 3,085; and 2,253 times respectively.

A memorandum discussing this problem has been sent to each Department chairperson to “achieve a collective examination of conscience within every professor,” said Father McBrien. “We’re exploring the possibility of raising the quality point aver­age necessary for achieving Dean’s List honors and also for graduating with distinctions. If we do accept this alternative we would also be faced with the possible problem of professors responding to this policy with more liberations. This is the situation we in the Dean’s Office are faced with.

Presently there exist no rel­ative statistics with which to com­pare these. At the close of this semester it will be possible to formulate a more conclusive statement. “As of now, our data is not that significant. I’m not sitting in judgment on any aca­demic departments; however, if significant grade inflation is proven to exist, some action will be taken to correct for this,” commented Father McBrien.

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Residence needs must be met

The decision to convert Dore Hall (or any dormitory) to a men's dormitory is not unreasonable. With an increase in the demand for female residence accommodations it is proper that room accommodations be made available in the dorms. The security problems which might arise are easily resolved when the women are on campus. In the interest of the women's security, it is our opinion that the administration is acting judiciously by increasing the dorm space available to women.

The problem that results from this decision is that there is less room for men, especially freshmen. All men who are currently residents are assured of a room if they request it. However, incoming freshmen will have to be denied rooms because of a lack of space. There are approximately 130 beds available for freshmen next year and anticipated demand for nearly 200. This leaves 70 men out in the cold (or actually, out in the street), presumably in need of the already scarce apartments which surround the campus. "PC by the Sea" would not, in our opinion, have done this. We would all like to awaken to the ocean's rumbling, but a student at OLP would be more likely to rise to the horizon of a sea of men.

Because only 47 people expressed interest in "PC by the Sea," the venture was cancelled. We believe it reflects a questionable attitude toward residence in general. The College has an obligation to provide practical living quarters for its PC students who request them. Informing students that they are free to attend the College if they can find a nearby apartment is not fulfilling this obligation.

If the Admissions Office is truly committed to keeping the student population at around 340 students, and we believe they are, although the Institute as a whole is the "Georgetown plan," which guarantees living quarters for freshmen next year and anticipated demand for nearly 200. We believe this would be disastrous by increasing the unique personality and character of each of these plans, if implemented, would change the framework and destroy the unique character of a small school that PC strives to maintain.

However, it is certain, with the lack of on-campus space for male freshmen and the size of the previous two classes, that something must be done about the off-campus apartment situation. New, clean housing units are needed very badly, whether College-sponsored or by privately owned. It is beginning to be that residence-wise, PC is beginning to burst at the seams.

A solution which has apparently worked at other schools (e.g., Holy Cross, Roger Williams) is the leasing of a floor of a nearby hotel. We are not in a position to negotiate for the College and thereby determine the economic feasibility of this plan. However, we do believe that the fact that it works elsewhere warrants an investigation.

Another could be imposing a 20-mile territorial limit for local freshmen, meaning that students who live within that area would be denied housing and requested either to find off-campus residence or to commute. Ideally, both of these plans, if implemented, would change the framework and destroy the unique character of a small school that PC strives to maintain.

Beer fear

The Cowl Editorial Board views its beer as much as anyone, but we are ashamed of the fact that events without beer are events without people. As we write this article on Sunday night we have only in mind the events of this day to prove our point.

The Quad party, which offered 26 free kegs, drew about 500 people and cost $400. The Philharmonic concert, which cost the BOG $350, drew around 100 students. It is typical of the student response to events that we realize that after a long week of work students like to go and bend their elbows, but apparently for some this comprises their entire social life.

To some extent the availability of beer at nearly all events encourages this attitude, but it can not explain it completely. We admit that we may that PC students operate on a "beer mentality." But we're here, where's the beer?"

Night after night, the Rat, Brad's, Louie's and Dana's beer? (We're here, where's the beer?) Night after night, the Rat, Brad's, Louie's and Dana's are events of Philip Morris pitching URI although they are really tough with Phillis Morris pitching URI, but they still play the good teams, behind URI. I see no reason why we shouldn't finish second and even possibly defeat them, sophomores, juniors and seniors. To this end, we end this brief report by saying that this season is not over. We wonder if the students profit as much as we do.

To conclude, we are not opposed to beer, but we are concerned with the apparent monop-olization of college life. Diversities exist that don't come in 12-ounce bottles. We wish that even half of the people at the Quad kegs had gone to see Our Town or to hear the lectures. We wish that we have spoken to a nearly empty '64 Town or to hear the lecturers who have spoken to a nearly empty '64 Quad kegs had gone to see Our Town or to hear the lecturers who have spoken to a nearly empty '64. We are ashamed of the fact that events without beer are events without people. As we write this article on Sunday night we have only in mind the events of this day to prove our point.

Merriment, finals

"Basically, the season is going better than I had anticipated," commented Coach Virginia Ledgard. "With the increase in interest on the part of the freshmen participating, I'm happy with the results. Both teams are definitely better played than I expected.

Although Ledgard expressed pleasure with the improvement and performance so far, she feels that there is still room for improvement.

"I think we should have a more demanding schedule. I think we reason that we've had so much trouble with some of the good teams that it is proper that room accommodations be made available in the dorms. The security problems which might arise are easily resolved when the women are on campus. In the interest of the women's security, it is our opinion that the administration is acting judiciously by increasing the dorm space available to women.

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Father McMahon makes clarifications

By Rev. John A. McMahon, O.P.
Forum for Ideas
The Forum for Ideas invites commentary from the entire College community on pertinent subjects. Manuscripts should be sent to the editor in care of The Cowl. They should not exceed 1,000 words.

Father McMahon, assistant vice president for student relations, has chosen to discuss why the Alternatives Forum was denied accommodations for their choice of a speaker.

"Providence College seeks to accomplish its goals within the atmosphere provided by the unique Catholic educational tradition of the Dominicans as Order which spans seven centuries. Welcoming qualified men and women students of all religious and ethnic backgrounds, the college promotes the pursuit of sound scholarship and the principles of the Judeo-Christian heritage."

The college is described as a whole. The whole is Section One: "The Providence Handbook of Operations, Preface, I. Rights, II. Regulations. The same preface under which the entire Section is used is also in the College Bulletin and the Faculty Manual.

Clearly, Providence College is a private, Roman Catholic College, to speak at Providence College. The group that extended an invitation, without permission of the College, to speak at Providence College, is a group that extended this invitation ("Alternatives Forum") to a group that extended an invitation to a private, Roman Catholic College, to speak. Student Congress has by its regulations provided that such invitation must have been accepted by the college.

Add to these, that although the residence Donna McCaffrey. I think it's about time to stop thinking that men have more than adequate facilities. I have a much higher opinion of our students and consequently see no need for a 'private dormitory' for anyone with a point of view. I have more respect for the Catholicism to our campus when they have more than adequate representation in a wide variety of other fora readily accessible to our students.

I found it interesting to read the comments in the Cowl last week made by assistant director of residence Donna McCaffrey. I think all the men on campus could use special facilities. In fact, I agree that it's a nice gesture to show a special concern for housing.

The granting of student money to any other group on campus is not a recognized one. However, I am willing to bet that the guys in Dore Hall now wouldn't mind if all their expenses were paid with a stove and refrigerator. I bet they wouldn't even mind if they had a nice place to smoke. However, it is a little late to supply them with these luxuries now.
A circus comes to Providence

By David Amaru

Everybody loves the circus! And this year, Ringling Brothers and Barnum and Bailey Circus will give 12 performances at the Providence Civic Center from April 23 through 30.

Actually, the fun began on April 22 with auditions for Clown College. The school of professional clowning (no fogging) is a tuition free, eight-week intensive training program held in Florida to revitalize the once-dying art of circus clowning.

Needless to say, the boys from Fennell Hall were the first ones in the audition line, but none were accepted. There was a Dominican who made it, however, and was converted to Clown College on a new habit, and began a professorship there in September.

Another big event was the animal walk at noon on Tuesday. Elephants, giraffes, monkeys, camels, and llamas trooped from the Providence Civic Center to the Civic Center to the enjoyment of small and to the dismay of the street cleaning units.

Then the greatest show on earth began. Some of the featured attractions this year are Bob, the child-eating lion, and Harpo, the elephant. "It's more treacherous down there," I asked one after the performance.

"Are you kidding?" he said. "And high above it all are the tightrope. One sitting. 100 pounds in 100 units.

"Look," one said, "Here's a good bunch. Yes," said the other, "It's always freshest on the bottom. This will go well with my "Walto's Salted Peanuts.""

"Don't you mean "spats"?" said the first.

"Whatever." Seeing that Providence major "Buddy" Clanci proclaimed this as Circus Week in Providence, the College has decided to join in on the festivities. So this Saturday, a little carnival will be set up like a three-ring circus.

In one ring, a student line tamer and member of the Alternatives Forum will stick his head into the mouth of Bill Hardy. In the center ring, Father Heat, the Colonel, and Donna McCaffery will be doing a juggling act. Using pink slips with the resident students' names written on them, the three will juggle them back and forth several times.

"This will determine the lottery for next year's dormitories."

Finally, in the third ring will be the popular clown show. Members of the Corporation will be donning their floppy shoes, round noses and squirting lapels to give us a slapstick performance of one of their typical meetings.

Spring Week kickoff

Joe's top dorm in big battle

By Kathy Hansen

The Battle of the Dorms, held Saturday, April 22, kicked off Spring Week with near perfection. Dormitory, off-campus, and Ft. Trumbull have been setting off fireworks in a day filled with sunshine, beer, and a lot of laughter. And for the third year in a row, Joseph Hall managed to win the coveted first place trophy. The resident students once again prepared a spectacular show considering the range and balance of their typical meetings.

"Winning." In the four-legged race, Raymond Hall contestants, polished professionals in technique (probably from hallway practice after parietals), had an unmistakable edge on all others. Yet, in the last length of the race, one of the ropes tying their ankles together split.

An out-of-control egg launched itself in the finals of the Egg Toss, sailed through the air, and splattered on an unsuspecting bystander, the one who had the amusement of the crowd.

In the Shopping Cart Race, the two riders who were wounded in action when their carts overturned kept right on going.

Credit must be given where it is due. Certainly it is more than well deserved by the Pie Eating Contest participants, who may well have had to choke Pecate to the close of the contest. Why? Their pies were filled with prunes.

Previous efforts by all were A++, but certain groups and individuals truly earned the title of "Good Sport," even without an excellent fight.

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A student singer success

By Dea Antonelli

Walter Fay is a singer, a composer, a musician—and the engineer of his own success. The 20-year-old junior English major has written both the music and lyrics of nearly 30 songs, most of which have been copyrighted. He recorded a demo tape of four of his songs and brought it to the attention of WBRU, which chose one song to feature, and WDOM, which agreed to play all four.

He sent a copy of the tape to the local newspaper The Music Man, where a columnist decided that "...he sounds a lot like Paul McCartney (that's right, girls!)" and it's agreed he could have a bright future, indeed." His latest claim to fame occurred when he contacted PC's journalistic powers-to-be if he could "get his name into the ol' Cowl." Further plans for his pursuit of the limelight are surely yet to come.

Fay is an entertainer on the coffeehouse circuit, and he occasionally plays a club. He has appeared at Roger Williams College, URI, and the Brown Graduate Center, and says that his reception has been "surprisingly," pretty good. He mentions he would like to perform closer to home (i.e., PC), and one discovered a hint of the entrepreneur behind his remark.

The Cranston native plays the drums and the trumpet, and most often accompanies himself on the guitar. "My songs are all different styles," he said. "I've written love songs, rock and roll, an Irish-style drinking song, and folk songs. They're all about different subjects, too. Some are based on personal experience, some on the experience of my friends, and the rest are made up."

Fay also offers basic standards, "plays requests all the time," and has been asked for encores. He's had his share of unfriendly audiences, but says that thankfully, they've only shown total indifference and not total hostility. "I don't really get upset when a performance doesn't go over well," he maintains, "because I regard it as training and experience."

Fay speaks of his budding career on an optimistic note. He says that his very first coffeehouse performance went over so well that it gave him confidence to continue through both the good times and the bad.

Depending on the subject of the song, Fay's works are alternately serious or silly. One of his love songs, entitled "You Could Be Mine Anytime" and "I'll Always Love You," has a haunting, nostalgic quality which is evident in the lines of the latter. "Cause to you I'm just a stranger-And I've always been a fool-Living with this dream of you." Fay's works are alternately intense, serious or witty. Two of his songs are written love songs, entitled "You Can't Fool Me," "I Love You," and "I'll Always Love You." He's been asked for "requests all the time."

His Irish "Drinking Song" is a barroom favorite. "It's A Small World," which he characterizes as a "put-down" song, is downright hilarious—and is the song for which he was chosen for WBRU. All of his four recorded songs can be requested by callers from WDOM.

How did he feel when his songs were played for the first time on WDOM? "Proud," he admits. "It was a real high, and I still feel good every time I hear myself."

At this time, Fay's quest for success is geared only to the immediate future. "I'd like to have a full time job," he says, "and it sure beats dishin' ice cream."

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**Aztec Two-steps into Alumni Hall**

By Dave Amaral

In their second appearance in three years here, Aztec Two-Step was welcomed by an enthusiastic crowd at Alumni Hall Monday night.

The two man group consisting of Neal Shulman and Rex Fowler played an assortment of their old favorites and songs off their new album "Two's Company;" backed by two more guitarists, a keyboard player, and a drummer.

They varied the pace for slow, mellow tunes to a stepped-up electrical sound. Some of the favorites played were "Humpty Dumpty" and "I'm in love again" showing their lyrical ability to move from love song to social comment. "Maybe Humpty Dumpty jumped instead of fell."

Another hit of the night was the warm up group, Travis and Shook, who gave an impressive display of serious and satirical music; most of it being satirical. They spoofed every kind of musical performer, from an opera singing of the Perry Mason theme, to an Elvis Presley-like song, "I don't want to shake my body no more," to a short song, "I smoke pot, I peep pills, e.i.o." In the middle of their performance, one of them pulled out his pocket instantmatic and took a picture of the audience.

For the performance, Alumni Hall was filled to half capacity, with a teen-heavy crowd.

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**SELECTING THE PROPER GEAR**

By Kathy O'Neill

In her first year at PC, Ms. Sandy Fox has been the source of many surprises in the ever-flourishing Theatre Arts Department. Last Wednesday, Fox once again opened her satchel of splendors and presented George Castro; a pioneer in the media world.

For 50 minute oral interpretation class students of Fox, were given an opportunity to peer into the fascinating field of communication. Castro spoke with all the respect of broadcast journalists unfolding many of the unknown areas of this profession; taking time to answer any questions posed by the class.

Castro's entry into the world of communications was unexpected.

His involvement with the Providence Youth Corps afforded him the chance to work with and help high school drop-outs as well as an opportunity to work with the media.

In 1968, Castro was continually sought for radio and television interviews. An offer to co-host a friend's radio show plus Castro's confidence that he is "as good as they are, if not better" combined to form the preview of a true community communications person.

Whereas most hopeful media masters attended schools specializing in public communications, such as Emerson; Castro "came in through the back door." He does believe, however, that the "front door" is the best way to enter. No matter which way one enters the media, Castro stressed the importance of education and investigation into a variety of communication opportunities such as floor manager, technician and many more.

Castro sees the small radio station as the ideal place to begin one's broadcasting career. It allows one more freedom to work and move. Here, the prospective media professional has a better chance to investigate the countless facets of the field. Promotion possibilities are greatly increased at this level.

The media job market, as it stands today, was one of Castro's main topics. He expressed his belief that the opportunities for blacks have increased greatly over the past 10 years and will keep doing so, but the pace is slow. He described his particular time to be the "prime time for women." Castro explained that an affirmative action program required by the FCC has offset opportunities open to the white male who enjoyed control of the market until recently.

"Black Rap" is Castro's one hour "airway medium" from 9:00 WJAR, Sunday nights at 10:00. Throughout the week Castro calls upon his combined capabilities of community feeling and journalism mastery to form a show that deals with issues of universal interest.

Topics of "Black Rap" have included How to Buy and repair a home, pre-lacteal control of cancer, and everything in between.

Castro's main objective with "Black Rap" is to reach the whole community from age 5 to 105. His time and talents are rendered free of charge. Castro is constantly experimenting with his show. Presently it fails to be "what he would like it to be." "Maybe it will never be," is his comment, but he will keep trying.

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**Mountaineering #2**

By Dave Amaral

In their second appearance in three years here, Aztec Two-Step was welcomed by an enthusiastic crowd at Alumni Hall Monday night.

The two man group consisting of Neal Shulman and Rex Fowler played an assortment of their old favorites and songs off their new album "Two's Company;" backed by two more guitarists, a keyboard player, and a drummer.

They varied the pace for slow, mellow tunes to a stepped-up electrical sound. Some of the favorites played were "Humpty Dumpty" and "I'm in love again" showing their lyrical ability to move from love song to social comment. "Maybe Humpty Dumpty jumped instead of fell."

Another hit of the night was the warm up group, Travis and Shook, who gave an impressive display of serious and satirical music; most of it being satirical. They spoofed every kind of musical performer, from an opera singing of the Perry Mason theme, to an Elvis Presley-like song, "I don't want to shake my body no more," to a short song, "I smoke pot, I peep pills, e.i.o." In the middle of their performance, one of them pulled out his pocket instantmatic and took a picture of the audience.

For the performance, Alumni Hall was filled to half capacity, with a teen-heavy crowd.
A few survivors from this weekend's Battle of the Dorms: clockwise from left, Dore Hall's Pat Canning ascends to the top of a pyramid; an egg toss participant is soppily eliminated from the competition; frenzied action in the water brigade; spectators show a range of emotions; Meagher Hall is cheered on to victory; pie-eaters enjoy a hearty mid-morning snack.

Cost photos by Dan Lunt
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Thus, Dave was requested by The Owl to tell of my experiences in last Monday's Marathon held in Boston. Should any of you be without something to do some afternoon and wish to try one, this may give you an inkling of what it is like.

"Boston, wow," I thought to myself as I stood in a sea of bodies hundreds of rows deep well before the start. I had come to see if I could begin us on our grueling journey. I was lucky enough to be among the few of these bodies, hundreds of rows deep, that were not being swallowed up by the crowd until I stood in about the sixth row.

Eagerly standing on my toes, I strained to catch a glimpse of some of the stars who had no luck as the people around towered above me. I was among the few lucky enough to be ahead of most of these bodies, having made my way to the pavement directly next to me, only a few inches away. Not working to conserve energy. To my right stood a Japanese competitor, he bowed and said something incoherent to me as we approached the starting time of 12 noon.

We were off a few moments later and began to make our way ever so slowly towards Boston. People were rushing by me almost as quickly as I was able to make it hard on yourself. At the University of Rhode Island you get the best instruction, and all of Rhode Island to play in. Small classes and great beaches. Lots of courses and plenty of tennis. And at night, you can dance to the music.

Doctors told us to drink plenty of liquids to replenish our supply. We obliged by going to a nearby store and buying some of the other runners, not wishing to have to think. The next thought was quick to put to rest.

A runner, dressed as a Viking in a fur hat and horns, a beer in his hand, strided in a huge fur hat. I had heard previously that the spectators, along with tradition, were the ingredients which made Boston a classic. This is no fallacy. Being back so far, I expected to get no encouragement, but this thought was quickly put to rest.

Before long we passed the five-mile mark and someone knew handed me something to drink. It tasted good, but I didn't have time to slow down and gulp it of his front of my jersey. "Maybe I'll do better next time," I thought. The pace felt very easy but I resisted the temptation to push it, remembering the coaching advice of Gerard "Deego" Deegan.

Not much exciting happened between five and 10 miles as you might imagine. I did notice the crowds were beginning to thin as we neared our way through Framingham. One small kid shouted at me to give him five and I obliged, not wishing to make any enemies in that section of town, as I was greatly outnumbered.

A runner, dressed as a Viking in a huge fur hat, was my brother, and he informed me that I was in about 300th place.

For months people had been telling me about "Heartbreak Hill" and its torturous effects, so I tried to put it out of my mind as we approached its base. I again settled behind another group of runners, knowing the pin wouldn't be as bad.

I kept waiting for those awesome hills to appear and destroy me, but they never came. No, I should say, I never noticed them. But this point in the race my muscles were beginning to ache and my mind was completely blank. I was completed gased. A friend handed me something to drink at mile 22 and ran with me a short way, but I wasn't aware of this until the next day.

By now I was in my own world. The shouts of spectators continued to fill my ears urging everyone on, telling us it was almost over. The top of my thighs were jammed with every step. Each stride brought me closer to the finish line and that's all that mattered.

Over the last two miles there were close to a half million spectators all shouting for us. If a runner has thought of dropping out, this is a great incentive for him to continue. The finish line came soon enough two and one-half hours after I had crossed the starting line. Afterwards the doctors told us to drink plenty of liquids to replenish our supply. We obliged by going to a nearby club and drinking mass amounts of carbs.

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Lady Friars' softball:

By Steve Latimer

It hasn't exactly been the ideal week. Not a very original thought by any means, but the Lady Friars' softball squad is learning the truth of that well-worn adage. As is often the case with the Lady Friars, they are 8-4. Not a bad record, but the latest setback did not come lightly. Providence College has exhibited the ability to completely humiliate its opponents (take last week's loss to Brown as an example) but has also been humbled by some of the premier teams in the New England League. This past weekend was more of the same. The Lady Friars completely dominated two weak sisters in New England this year. 

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Alas, fellow fans, a quick glance at the calendar will sober any disposition, for hard behind Spring Week comes Final Week. It is said that a smiling student from the heights of happiness to the dark depths of despair. Perhaps it is all for the better, for even in our celebration of the rites of spring we must not lose our heads. Our purpose here is clear. At school it is so easy to get behind, and sometimes one night out must be postponed for a week. Oh, what satisfaction there must be in knowing that there is no moon to-morrow but the sunrise. The guilt that companies each single moment destroys the peace, even in sleep. When I am really tired I go to the library, use an open book for a pillow and sleep sound­ly with the assurance that I have fooled only myself.

The Lady Friars are ecstatic. All those unfinished or "not started" papers have been turned in, and the end of the term are due now, and no excuses will be accepted. Final exams can not be skipped, even if the lawn in front of Slavin's is warm and welcoming. No, not even if one thousand friends beckon you to enjoy the sun, the earth, the grass. Turn your head once more into the seemingly endless number of words that represent something you haven't gotten to yet.

WIN some, LOSES some

By Mike David

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With the offense coming as well, the defense remained solid. Backed by the superb goalkeeping of Jim Porell and an ironclad defense, the Friars kept their opponents from getting in the game, answering them with goals and shots on net.

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