PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

January - February 88

With a new year it is common to set some goals and make some resolutions. I would like to maybe make some suggestions:

- j. Invite and introduce one relative or triend to join Lolonial. We need members.
- 2. Try to attend the monthly "Grand Prix" road race. We are trying to make a big Colonial impression, and it is a great way to meet other members.
- 3. Look at the many Colonial Achievement Awards and target one for 1988. It takes a long range commitment to earn.
- 4. I would dearly love to see every yes every Colonial female member run in this years Run for the Roses distance 5k 3.1 miles D.W.Field Park.
- 5. When they become available buy a CRR shirt and wear it to tun runs or races. Its a great way for everyoneto see you are a member, and it gives us an excuse to come up and get to know you.
- 6. If you haven't paid your dues yet please send in to Curt Jarva. Today!
- 7. I would really like to see members becoming more friendly, helping each other and forgetting petty competitive negative feelings toward other runners.

Well I know we are human but it doesn't hurt to set lofty goals.

A couple of things happened this month that made me think a little, and I would like to share these thoughts with you.

We had a call from one of our long standing members who I think felt bad because he wasn't sure if he could help at a race this year. He had always helped in the past and he knows how important race help is, but he knew his job would have him traveling a lot and he wasn't sure if he could help us. Is it ok to join when you know you can't help out? Sure it is... Helpers allow us to have races, which help fund the club, but we know people can't always help. That is a major reason why we need lots of members, to draw helpers from. In 1988 the dues are going up so that we can directly reward race helpers with gifts. So please if you are wondering, stop. We want you as a member.

If there is one thing I hope this club can do, I hope that we can motivate you with awards to keep running and to improve. If the awards allow you to meet new people and make friends, well thats a nice extra. The awards are aimed at different types and groups of runners, and inhopefully we will have new wrinkles each year. Last year we added 1/2 marathon distances to the club records and President's Award. We also added the Grand Prix series. This year we will add Grand Prix participation awards to the points program. And a couple of new ones: Seasonal Training Awards, and the 100 Race Club. The seasonal award will consist of newsletter recognition to you members who keep their training

string alive every day (at least 2 miles) for a three month season Dec - Feb, Mar - May, June - Aug, Sept - Nov. You will have to participate in 100 races or fun runs to be a member of the 100 club. Goals are important to all of us and I hope these goals give new importance to your running. By the way nobody got ALL New England in 1987!!!

# When death is the first symptom

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However, researchers suspect that many seemingly healthy victims of sudden death may have ignored early symptoms of heart disease. Like Maravich, who only noments before collapsing had remarked, "I'm really feeling good," hey seem fine one minute and are lead the next, and autopsies alone eveal the chronic heart problems esponsible.

'It's hard to treat a disease when your first symptom is your last," said Stokes, professor of medicine at Boston University School of Medicine. Trying to find a way to identify people at risk of sudden cardiac death was a major focus of the pioneering Framingham study, as well as continuing research at BU and elsewhere.

The major risk factors for coroharv heart disease, the disorder inderlying both heart attack and udden cardiac death, are well nown. A family history of the sease, smoking, high blood chosterol, obesity and high blood ressure are the most common. Congenital heart defects also contribute. Structural defects like malformed valves and defects in the connective tissue of the organ are actually quite common; one of five adult women, for instance, have heart valve defects called mitral valve prolapse.

By themselves, these defects are harmless most of the time. But when a malformed-heart is stressed by other factors, the re-

sult can be fatal.

The death of athletes like Fixx and Maravich might seem to detrack from the purported health benefits of exercise. But the benefits remain clear, cardiologists say: a major study published in November, for instance, found that middle aged men can cut by one third their risk of death from one manifestation of coronary heart disease - heart attack - by spending an hour a day on moderate excercise.

#### Number of factors

As Stokes says, "Exercise is a good thing, but it's just one thing. There are a number of variables contributing to heart disease. and exercise alone can't counteract all of them.

A heart attack, or myocardial infarction, results when an area of the heart dies because of inadequate blood flow. Usually this is because a clot clogs an artery already narrowed by buildups of faty planue. Lack of blood to the leart causes pain, or angina, which may be felt in the chest;



James F. Fixx

jaw, or arm, and the pain may last for 30 minutes to three hours. Rarely do heart attacks kill instantly; usually the pain is an important warning sign to get to a doctor before the heart stops.

But Maravich apparently had no such warning Tuesday. Neither did Mayor Harold Washington of Chicago, or singer Karen \_\_\_\_\_ Carpenter (who had a history of the eating disorder anorexia), or Pope John Paul I, all of whom collapsed and died suddenly. They did not die of heart attack, as was widely reported, but of a sudden, short circuit of the heart's electrical system, called ventricular fibrillation, says Dr. Philip Podrid, director of the Arrhythmia Unit at Boston University Hospital.

Ventricular fibrillation causes the heart to beat chaotically, so blood is not pumped effectively through the body, and can come on quite suddenly. After 15 seronds of fibrillation a person loses consciousness; within three to fiveminutes, parts the oxygen-deprived brain begin to die. Cardiopulmonary resuscitation can keep a person alive until an ambulance equipped with a defibrillator arrives to literally shock the heart back into a normal rhythm. But without such emergency treatment, and sometimes in spite of it. the stricken may die within 10

#### The triggers

Several things can trigger ventricular fibrillation, explains Dr. Ferdinand Venditti Jr., director of the electro-physiology laboratory at Boston University and director of Boston City Hospital's Arrhythmia Unit. Sometimes a heart attack will bring it on. A sudden surge in adrenaline, in response to

drugs (particularly cocaine) or emotional or physical stress, can upset the heart's normal rhythm. So can a drop in the body's level of potassium, which can occur when large amounts of body fluids are shed through sweat or in response to diuretics. But exactly what triggers this short-circuit in a given individual often remains unknown, Venditti says.

While sudden cardiac death frequently can occur with utterly no warning, specialists note that many sudden deaths that many were preceded by signs that were

ignored or unreported.

After his death while running in Vermont in 1984, it was revealed that Jim Fixx had suffered chronic chest pains and dizziness and had a strong family history of heart disease. But he did not take medication for these problems, choosing exercise alone as a personal therapy.

Maron, at the Heart, Lung and Blood Institute, tells a story about a heart specialists who was found dead in his hotel room at a cardiology conference. His colleagues and family were stunned to learn that he'd died of heart disease;

he'd never mentioned any symptoms, like chest pain, to any of them. But a search of his room revealed he had taken a generous supply of antacids along on his trip: even a cardiologist can mistake one of the commonest warriing signs of heart problems chronic chest pain, or angina - for indigestion.

Any dizziness or pain in the chest, arm or jaw should be evaluated by a physician, particularly when there is a family history of heart disease, doctors stress. Tests like electrocardiograms, in which the heart is monitored with external electrodes, exercise stress tests, and other procedures may often reveal a hidden disease before it's too late.

Once identified and treated with medication and surgery, heart disease can be brought under control, says Venditti. The annual mortality rate among Americans who receive treatment for their coronary heart disease is less than 3 percent.

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AN EDITORIAL: LET'S BRING BOSTON BACK TO RESTON

In my younger days, when baseball was what a young urban kid would live. eat, drink, and sleep, I was introduced to a new kind of sport that was somewhat of a change from the God-like aura of the Major League demigods. Patriots day in the early 60's meant a chance to se the Sox play. For a half a buck, an under 16 year old could buy a general admission seat and then could gradually wind his way through the unclaimed seats ultimately to a box seat. No sellouts for the Sox in those days! Coming out of Fenway at about 2:00 it was strange to see most people not heading for the subway but remaining at the curbs and looking up the street as if there was a parade to come. It was no parade. It was a skinny guy with anundershirt on bearing the crest of the Unicorn, running down the street being chased by a guy in a similar outfit bearing the Finnish flag. We learned from spectators that this is a "footrace" but not any footrace. This is a 60 year old event called "the Boston Marathon" and it wasn't just a footrace. It was 26.2 miles and these guys had completed 24 of them!! The Finn was a guy named Oksannen. The "unicorn" was a guy named John J Kelly Jr. He was called "Johnny the Younger" to differentiate him from an older fellow John A. Kelley, who was a legend, having won this race before and finishing 2nd about a dozen times. Most of all, this guy Kelley a teacher from Connecticut, represented the local sponsoring B.A.A. and a few years earlier had become the firs American winner since, well, the war! These guys were neck and neck and working for all they were werth!! I thought about Ted Williams, who I had just watched and thought, these guys ARE the real athletes! I continued to watch and I realized the real thrust of the sport. There were bricklayers from Somerville and electrical workers from Medford, and a lot of local guys named "Joe". This was a peoples sport. A chance for the average guy to prove that he had it in him to perform a Hurculean feat, not for cash, but for the "challenge" of it. There were only a few hundred running then but all were recognized, all wore a number. Years later, it was a great thrill for me to take the 1 line that that young John Kelley stood on in Hopkinton 20 plus years before. But it was different. The "people" were still there, but they were relegated to the end of the pack. No number and no official anyway, recognition. They were supplanted by Foreigners looking for big bucks and a bunch of guys from Indiana and Colorado etc, and a bunch of people called "American Medical Joggers", many of them 6.hr marathoners or even novices. Although there were "qualifying standards", the "official field" was also augmented by people who got numbers because they were running for charity, or made up a "sob story" for the race directors, or were "a friend of a friend" of someone in the B.A.A.

The crowds are still there, not so much for the guys from Nebraska, but for the locals like me who focused on this race all year for the sheer love of the accomplishment. True, Boston is now "big business" and the field is congested and a far cry from the few hundred of the 60's but some things are certain. The 3000 or so faithfulls will gear for this race, number or not, and the crowds will be there to cheer them, their own, on. It's true that the start is congested and incapable of holding 15 thousand runners, but it's about time that the B.A.A. (and that's BOSTON in the name!!) start considering the locals who do not have the Qualifier, speed but who are every bit as important to this race and running community as Rogers and Seko, and DeCastella, and ANY medical jogger!!

There are ways to do it and here are some:

A) Separate starts: Races like New York have separate simultaneous starts where a contingent of non-qualifiers could be started, merging with the main field after 3 or 4 miles. By then, most of the qualifiers would have gone be needed, but more local interest would likely bring out more local volunteers. I believe a chance to wear the official number would more than runners.

- B) LOTTERY POOL: The fact of the matter is that this race advertises 8800 or so runners each year, but last few years with people who don't show up and reduced interest in Boston from outsiders what with so much National competition, there are always a thousand or so less. Why not open up those spots to non-qualifiers on a lottery basis. Charge non-qualifiers a buck or two to defray costs of administration and after the official field has filled out, hold a lottery for as many spots as are available with a stand by list for people who dont run. The only stipulation is that these runners must start in the back, as they would do unofficially anyway. This makes it at least possible to get in the field.
- C) STAGGERED START: Both Falmouth with its narrow start and Boulder Boulder in Colorado with its 16K+ field use this method. Simply stagger two starts 10 or 15 minutes apart, one for qualifiers and one for non-qualifiers, with the non-qualifiers being given a different series of numbers and their time being adjusted for the finish by computer by staggered time. This means that a non qualifier having a good day can be competitive officially with a qualifier who is not trained or not running well. I was skeptical at first at Falmouth, and sure, there will be some "cheaters" but overall it works great!! 'In this way, within limits, anyone can run a real "peoples" race.

Let's face it, folks! The era of the marathon is on the wane. Even New York does not get anywhere near the 60,000 entry forms they used to. As stated, many qualifiers find just as much incentive to run Pittsburg or New Jersey or L.A. or other national events, and the "mystique" of coming to Boston isn't what it used to be. For most of the locals who run, however, this event is the be-all and end-all of their running accomplishments and the impetus to keep competing. For them, the Mystique has not died. They'll run anyway, and many more would if they were official. They use water and other facilities anyway, so why not get their money as well?? Just asking.

----M. M.----

(Editorials express the opinion of the writer only and not neccessarily the opinions of the Colonial Road Runners or mostly, Steve Schlicting. Opposing opinions are welcomed and will be published)

#### GRAND PRIX RESULTS 1987

Well this was a new idea for us in 1987 and here are what I hope are the final accurate points standings . We will have awards for the top three point getters:

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9. Di	ick Carnes	8	9.	Lois Seggelin	8

This year getting race results was often difficult so if you got jipped a point or two picese bear with mo. Hopefully 1988 will be easier. Congratulations to all the took part and especially these above fisted members who managed to grab the most points. Continued success in 1988!!!!

RUN FOR THE ROSES: Before you know it, April will be here. Steve will be getting in touch with the directors from last year and hopefully we will be able to once again secure sponsors and workers. It's not too early to start thinking about working or getting in shape, ladies, to compete.

TREASURY: Our coffers presently are in the low 4 figure range, but with awards, expenses and race and clothing outlays, it will be depleting soon. If you haven't done so, please send in your dues, and if you know anyone into running or who would LIKE to be into running, get them to join!! Thanks!

The next directors meeting will be Wed. Feb. 10 at Kathy's house, 22 Lantern lane, Abington at 7:30. Please feel free to attend either to express your views or just to see what goes on.

#### \*\*\*\*\*\*<u>ROAD</u> NOTES\*\*\*\*\*

- \*\*\*\*Catching up on some back race results: Usually a busy race for Colonials the INSTRON TURKEY TROT attracted stiff competition from other races, 159 runners, and only 3 club members, BETSY KNAPP (39:31, 98th), BILL DOIRON (37:40, 81st), and MARTY MICHELSON (39:30, 59th). Winners were Mike Drummey (27:05) and Valarie Wilson (34:20), also 1st Master. Betsy was the first of the other Masters and Jake Mahoney led the Men.
- \*\*\*\*True to recent form, the weather at the QUINCY FLYERS CARUSO VETS DAY RACE in a word, STUNK!! The cold, damp weather didn't keep Colonial MARK COSTELLO from cranking out a 16 place 27:57, followed by DICK CARNES (30:52, 33rd), MARTY MICHELSON (33:29, 51st), BOB DOMINY (34:55, 60th, bare legged and all!!), BOB SHEEHAN (35;29, 63rd), and BETSY KNAPP (38:11, 90th and 2nd Master). Winner was Rodney Chalfont (25:36) and Caroline Coyle (32:55). Oh, yeah, Mayor Flynn struggled in at 36:59, almost upstaged by Art Ballou, a Septegenarian, in 38:08.

## TOYS FOR TOTS RACE --- 6.2 mi --- BRAINTREE --- SUN, DEC 6

Oh, well, December again: As usual, burnout has set in and the end of the racing season cannot come too soon, but there is one more gem, our own toys for tots. I even got through the tough Braintree Hospital run by saying, "at least the Toys For Tots course was a lot flatter. So on I went with "spotIII my trusty stuffed bear. Greatt!! It's not below zero. And then the shock. This course is far from flat! After a quick first mile, the hills start and go for the next few miles, nothing severe but aggravating. The last mile is also hilly and this race presents quite a challenge. Bout the only thing that got me through this was a burning desire not to be beaten by the guy in the Santa hat! First finisher today was Plymouth High School cross country star BRIAN BURBA in 33:58. He easily bested STEVE SHABLIN (34:49) and AARON CAPLICE (35:22). True, Patty Catalano was a no-show this year, but DEBORAH BRAZIL held her own in 39:12. Colonials STACEY EDWARDS (43:09) and SUE SIMMONS (43:19) battled for the next two spots. PATRICK McGEOGHEGAN won the Masters crown in a tight battle with DAVE SARNEY (37:46). M.R.R's DICK DIMINO was 3rd. Female Masters was all Colonial with MARTY POST besting IRMA WALAT 45:59 to 50:36. JOHN HURLEY, as usual, led the Seniors in 37:19 followed by DON WILLIAMS (39:55) and WILLIAM KLIER (43:10). Unfortunately, the field of 78 was disappointingly down from year's past but 23 Colonials were present plus many more who worked. What with a nice day and the hospitality of the hosting GROUND ROUND RESTAURANT, this should have been a bigger field.

Big winner, however, were the Marines who hauled away more than a truckload of toys for disadvantaged children, thanks to the generosity of all and especially club member TERRY PARTRIDGE, who himself brought a truckload!! (but the 8 foot green snake scared the beegeebers out of me!!).

## COLONIAL FINISHERS

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## BRAINTREE HOSPITAL ROAD RACE --- 6.2 Mi --- BRAINTREE --- SUN, NOV. 29

While some of you were lumbering through 31 miles in Field Park, the rest of us pedestrians were cruising through the tough 10k through the Braintree Hills, and frankly, only a 50K could be tougher! Fortunately for all, the weather was reasonably comfortable. Braintree is usually the last major road race in an overly long year but it is always well-attended, with over 600 this year. 10K's are usually as exciting as pro bowling tour matches but Braintree is a gut-wrencher!! A rather ordinary flat firs mile is followed by a severe dcwnhill and then 2 miles of leg-stiffening achilles-straining uphill. A half mile breather leads to 2 more miles of uphill!! The end though, leads to ample refreshments including the traditional chocolate glazed donut, and many awards and trophies. This is traditionally a showplace for strong masters and Senior runners. This year 3 of the best Masters around were present with LARRY OLSEN (31:20) 3rd overall, followed by JOHN BOYLE (32:25) and SUMNER BROWN (33:07). Imagine running a master time of 33:07 and finishing?? UNBELIEVABLE!!! Senior times were equally impressive with KEN MINION (35:10), LOU MORRILL (36:19), and RICHARD SILVA (36:56) leading the way. Quality extended to the female side with GINNY PAPPER (40:49) topping DONNA FEDONALD (41:25) and PATRICIA DOYLE (45:38). MARGARET MILLER WAS first senior in 52:29. Open?? JERRY LAWSON smoked the difficult course in 30:33, wellin front of veteran racer JOHN MADDEN (31:16). WILEY McCARTHY-FULHAM, another "hustling hyphen" was number one lady in 35:58, followed by SUSAN HUGHES (38:02), and DEBORAH BRAZIL (39:16) Meticulous attention to detail make this a must race and one not to be missed.

## COLCNIAL FINISHERS

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#### COURSE PREVIEW --- THE GRAN PRIX SERIES

The 2nd and 3rd gran prix races, the OLD FASHIONED TEN MILER and the BRIDGEWATER BREEZE have three things in common. First, they both have had course records held by Bart Petracca, they are both held by small low-key local running clubs, and they are both very VERY FLAT!!

#### SHARON OLD FASHIONED 10 MILER-SUN, FEB 21--SHARON COMMUNITY CTR

The Sharon Roadrunners are one of those clubs that have been around for ever, remain a very low-profiled organization, and usually put on successful, low-key road races. This race was born last year after long time club member and race results producer extrordinaire Bob Spitler, Ron Grigg, President Barry Gordon, and others decided that it was a shame that the old Plodders 10 and 20 had died. With a free facility at hand, no traffic requirements, and committed refreshment s from other club members. they decided on a 10 miler encoumpassing some of their fun run course around the lake and the old Foxtrotter marathon course. The first year attracted 175 runners Bart, and National class ANN HIRD with little or no publicity. The course statts at the community center (off of Pond St. and Massapoag Ave at the lake.) and after a little downhill, winds along the lake and is fairly flat. After 3 miles the course follows the Foxtrotter course and is rolling but remains flat. A left turn and a hilly area near 8 miles leads to a gradually uphill straightaway to close to the end. Finally, you finish on a mean sucker of a little hill back to the community center. No shirts or other giveaways but at \$4.00 pre, a great price for a 10 miler. Great refreshments, especially the chowder! A great race and a great way to check your fitness level in preparation for New Bedford, Boston, etc.

### BRIDGEWATER BREEZE---6.2 and 1.2 mi---SUN MARCH 6---BRIDGEWATER ST. COLL

LIKE Sharon, Bridgewater Running Club is a low key bunch of people with few competitive racers, but they REALLY know how to stage a quality road The race was born 8 years ago when co-founder Tom knudson was looking for an event to hold together their small band of mostly B.S.C. faculty and alumni. They have and do offer an early season 10K whis is flat, rurally scenic, and very VERY FAST!! The closest thing to a "hill" here is the "cleft" on Knudson's chin! In a club of 30 or so members, everyone works this race, so workers really know their jobs, and the race comes off like a fine tuned watch. Corners are manned and well-marked, splits are accurate and given every mile, intersections are traffic-free, and the finish line (Spitler) is professional. Refreshments are plentiful but they pay special attention to the slower runner by saving enough for them (you hear that, Jack Glennon??!! (Hyannis Half, J. Kelley Half, etc.)). About the only fault I can find is that they haven't changed the tee shirt since the first year, and it should say that it's a "road race". Some people like that kind of thing. There are usually 3 or 4 hundred runners plus 50 or so in the 2K fun run for kiddies and beginners (50¢ or \$1.00 entry usually, good deal!) and past winners have included Bart Petracca Roland Davide (22mi leader at the 84 Olympic trials, yeah that Davide!!) and last years winner Paul Craig, whose 30:25 gives you an idea how fast this course really is. Mile 1 winds thriugh the College through quaint Bridgewater sq (a little hairy with traffic but well-patrolled) and is ad flat as any you'll see. The next two miles are also level, travel through a mixture of farmland and new housing, and contain the most "harrowing" part of the race for workers, a cross of rte 28 in a 50 mph zone! 3 to 4 is a straightaway, great for picking up speed. the only hills

#### \*\*\*\*\*EDITOR'S NOTES\*\*\*\*

The January Directors Meeting was held at Katy Salem-Taylor's home on the 7th. Attending were Kathy, Steve Schlicting, Bob Sheehan, Marty Michelson Cal Goodwin, Curt Jarva, and Andy Sampson. Topics were as follows:

AWARDS DINNER: 27 people had responded so far (at press time, the number was 56) and we expect a good time. Seve announced that those who qualified for awards, notify him, but can't attend, will be given their a at a later time, but will be recognized.

CLOTHING: We have been having problems communicating with pop tops, but hopefully it will all come together soca. A new item, we will have on sale starting with the awards dinner poly/cotton gloves with the club insignia that really look great and are so much better than pair gloves. We still plan to stock singlets, sweat shirts, tee shirts, a long sleeve tees. Watch for details!

COPIER: As you should realize from some of our fliers and mailers, our copier leaves much to be desired. Seve has a possible deal on a decent used machine which will do what we need and will cost us less maintenance on the old one, hopefully. Since Frank Donaghy has oft to do typeset fliers for our races, the combination should give us a slick product which should give us better results.

PADDY KELLY ROAD RACE: Fortunately for this inexperienced race director the race has really been coming together. Thanks, especially, to FRANK PRESCOTT in his deadly efficient way getting us the school, pa and police. MARTY POST has flooded the area with our applications a rumour has it, has been baking and baking and freezing, and BAKING! Of courde, STEVE SCHLICTING has been a big help, taking care of tropigloves, insurance, and "fatherly advice". Volunteers to date are, Il uding the above:

SUE SIMMONS
DONNA MARTIN
PAUL CHAPMAN
BOB SHEEHAN
JOE COMEAU
CAL GOODWIN

BILL and/or RACHEL ANDERSON DICK CARNES

If I forgot anyone, let me know! I can still use a few more workers mostly for outside jobs (splits, water, etc.). All volunteers who commit in advanc will get a special COLONIAL ROAD RUNNER knit cap, ideal for winter training, and the satisfaction of helping the club keep going. Most of all, I NEED BAKED GOODS!!! Even if youre not working (and I hpe if so, you're running) that you'll bring some baked goods or buy something. If you're not going to be there, call me at 587-9841 and I'll arrange pick-up. This is an expense that could make or break our race, especially if we get a big turnout. HELP US OUT!!

## INDIAN RUNNER PEATS (FEETS \*) Ival Kovner

Browsing through BR's Ranning Store on Beacon Street, Brookline, an interesting book about Indian running caught my attention. Charlie R. graciously gave it to me and I feel obligated to pass along several curious facts gleaned from perusal of said literature.

SHARP SHINS

The Quaker James Emlen wrote in his 1794 journal that Chief Cornplanter (Steve - how does that title sound?) had a favorite messenger named Sharp Shins. His secret was to nibble corn meal while on ninety mile runs across rolling hills. He could cover that distance from dawn to sunset. (No wonder the name !!) Of course, there may be some exaggeration in these early writings - I understand they couldn't secure a digital timer back then.

Before a Winter Fun Run where Sue Simmons and Lois graciously asked us to join Colonial Running Club, Ron and I belonged to another running club. Of course, as you may guess, Ron and I were the only club members. The name I chose was "Tarahumara" after the Indian tribe which is noted for its amazing runners.

TARAHUMARA

The Tarahumara Nation (whose name for themselves is actually 'Raamuri') is located below the Mexican border covering a 35,000 square-mile wilderness, having a 9,000 foot altitude range. There are over 40,000 members (slightly more than our running club). They play a form of kick-ball called 'ralajipame' which consists of running for twenty-four hour (and can you imagine if periods . they went into overtime ?) While at my cousin's wedding two years ago in El Paso, I found a small antique store where I purchased one of the madrone wood game balls, baseball-sized and well broken in. I also bought a doll carved fout of Ponderosa pine by a tribe member. I'm not sure if owning them aids my running at all but I'll try anything. FROM WILD HORSES TO PIANO MOVING

They could really run Mexicans hired them in the 1800's
to collect their wild horses. One
tale of their stamina involves
Parahumara 'cargadores' who were
hired around 1900, to transport an
upright piano 185 miles. Three
sets of men made the trip in little
over fifteen days. This was
interesting since we are trying to
find a way to bring a wurlitzer
from Long Island - that seemed
difficult. In 1924 Ernest Seton
described a Tarahumara postman who
routinely covered 70 miles a day
carrying a heavy mail bag - of
course they were known to run
extreme tangents vaulting down the
mountain to lower levels of the
trails whenever possible so the
distances were actually shorter.
Before their kick-ball games the
runners would drink cedar the which
they believed cured their legs

while spectators helped themselves to warm maize beer - ah yes, the training for the big one.

AMAZONIAN RUNNERS Near the mouth of the Amazon, the Payacu people perform one of the most exotic track events of all - log running of Eastern Brazil. The running has been recorded since at least the 16th century through today. Relay runners carry 100 to 200 pound logs through the wilderness on trails running ten miles into the bush. The team members range in age from 15 to 55 years old. The runners wear tail-like hangings from their cloths, plenty of body paint, and grass like fans from their hair. (the Monster Dash and Jingle Bell Run have several runners dressed rather similarly, no?) The runners are never allowed to put the log down during the race - it must always be on the shoulders of a team member. A runner takes the log from another as soon as the one carrying it appears to be slowing in pace. (Ron and I fortunately did not have an opportunity to participate in "log running" while in Rio, thank goodness.)

When the Hudson Bay Trading Company Post at Fort Prancis offered shawls and silks to the winner of a race 1 1/2 miles out and back, Part-Sky-Woman, a Chippewa amazon, won the race for eight years straight.

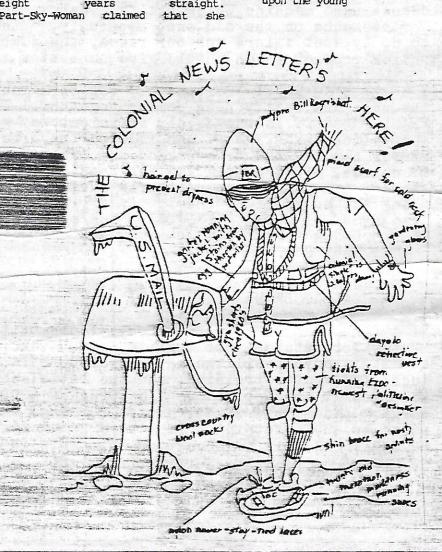
could speak to the shadow of her guardian cloud which then would make her feel as light as a feather. The Chippewa also used a technique of tying bags filled with lead shot to their ankles and walking great distances on the eve of races.

VARIOUS METHODS OF IMPROVING SPEED

Another inspiration towards
faster running for the Hopi spring
events involved twenty masked
figures who tried to catch
runners. These runner-kachinas
varied from the "Mud Kachina" who
hit the runner's back with mud, the
"Hair-Cutter Kachina" who clipped
hair upon catching a runner, the
"Tsil Kachina" who puts hot chili
in your mouth, all the way to the
"Kokopell Kachinas" who knocked
their victims down and pretended to
copulate on them. (I think instead
of these strange incentives, most
runners would rather improve their
times with some speed work at the
track, wouldn't you?)

PREPARATION FOR MANHOOD

The Apache trained 8 to 12 year-old boys. The boys were instructed to run up a nearby mountain and back, leaving before daylight and returning before daylight the next day. The final run for 16 year-olds was a two day run without food or long halts. For them, running was paramount to stamping tribal values and goals upon the young



#### 2nd Annual Old Fashion 10-Miler

Sharon MA - Community Center, Massapoag St.

Sunday, Feb. 21, 1988 9:00 A.M.

Sponsored by the Sharon Road Runners with the Cooperation of the Towns of Sharon and Foxborough

The course is one loop and relatively flat. The course is the loop part of the old Foxtrotter Marathon. It will be well marked with mile markers at every mile. Water at start/finish and three places on the course. Timers at 1,3, 5, and 7 mile marks

Finish Results by Spitler Race Services

Entry Fee: \$4.-Pre Entry; \$5.-Day of Race Checks payable to Sharon Road Runners

Categories: Open (To age 29)

Sub-Masters (30-39) Masters (40-49) Seniors (50 and over)

(Merchandise prizes awarded according to male: female ratio)

Restrooms, Changing Facilities, No Showers; Field limited to 300 runners. Features:

Send for application: Ronnie Grigg, Race Director

325 No. Main St. Sharon, MA 02067

Info: 784-8396, 341-1611

Check-In Time: 8:00 A.M. - 8:50 A.M.

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Club Affiliation:			Age:	
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Parent Signature	Signature:			