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Boston College hockey captain Jerry York was amazed.

"These basketball fans are nuts," he said. "I went by here Sunday and there they were camping in the lobby, waiting to buy tickets."

This, coming from a B.C. hockey man, whose followers over the years have been second to none, was admission that the "new breed" at the Heights is something else.

They are wildly in love with a basketball team that is making its first major foray

into the big time — Friday night in the N.C.A.A. Eastern regionals against St. John's.

And they practically devoured each other Monday afternoon gobbling up the few tickets on sale at Roberts Center.

Even coach Bob Cousy, who has depored the one-time lack of support for B.C. basketball, was overwhelmed Tuesday by a backlog of paper work and a tremendous personal demand for tickets.

Arrangements were finally made so the game, will be televised Friday evening on WBZ-TV (7 p.m.) from Maryland.

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B.C. and St. John's have contrasting styles. The Eagles love to run. St. John's, equal in size to B.C., plays a deliberate game but not the "slow down" style that UConn used against the Eagles last Saturday.

Al Schwartz, a 5-10 guard, like B.C.'s little Billy Evans, "runs the team and looks to

set up the three big men," according to Cousy.

"They are the strongest rebounding team we have faced. They are real solid, not really explosive but a team that likes to control the tempo of the game."

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The New England basketball writers will present their second annual award honoring an outstanding college official to the family of the late Ed Middleton, who died while officiating a game at Connecticut. In the future the award will be given in his name.

The 12th annual New England Hall of Fame Basketball Game, at A.I.C. Sunday, will bring together a team of seniors from Boston - Worcester against the rest of New England. B.C. seniors Willie Wolters and Doug Hice, playing in Maryland in the N.C.A.A., will not be able to make it back in time to play.

Boston - Worcester will be coached by M.I.T.'s Jack Barry and Suffolk's Charley

Law. New England will be directed by A.I.C.'s Bill Calahan and Hartford's Gordon McCullough. The benefits of the game will go to the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame.

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Dennis Hodgdon, a junior guard from Rochester, N.H., has been elected captain of

the 1967-68 New Hampshire basketball team.

The Brandeis' golf team, led by co-captains Jim Halperin and Barry Zimmerman, will compete in the University of Miami invitational tournament next week-end at the Biltmore in Coral Gables. Coach Foxy Flumere will make the trip.