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TEACHERTOWN SPORTS

By Sweeney

GREETINGS

We're lining up at the wire for another academic year and may I stop you long enough in the hustle and bustle of these opening days to say howdy and wish you plenty of prosperity in the scholastic endeavors of the days to come. Of course we can't let the occasion pass without a nod to the Freshies who are wandering around the premises here for the first time. By the looks of some of them there should be plenty of action when they appear on the field of sports ready to brush aside some veteran. So here's hoping that in the Freshman assemblage Wednesday morning there will be some lad who's due to spread the name of B. T. C. far and wide on the sports pages in the coming years.

SOCCER ON TAP

I suppose that some one of these days Walter Nardelli will barge forth with the first call for candidates for the varsity soccer eleven. "Butch" is due to have one tough time of it this fall trying to locate a combination that will be able to take the measure of Harvard, Tech, Tufts and the other potent elevens on our schedule. The only vets to be back at school are Lowder, Nagle, and Nardelli, all of which means that the varsity this year is open to all comers. Step forward, Freshman constellations!

TRADITIONAL TANGLE

Within two weeks the word will go forth that the Freshies and Sophs are all set for the annual sack rush, and when you chance upon the notice of the get-together just hie you to the Campus with acceleration for there you will witness one of the grandest tussels that a civilized individual could wish for without hankering to call the cops. In years past it is known that several Freshies inadvertently took a toss into the wet, wet pond. As a matter of fact, one member of the present Junior class could describe that muddy feeling one gets as he oozes from drink with several hundred maidens watching the ceremony. When the party is all over, most of the participants look as though they had been caught in a fairly decent sized fireworks blow-up, and then some. Elsewhere in this issue you will find a description of

the exact goings-on, so don't fail to be around when the lads get to pummeling things.

FOR FRESHMEN ONLY

As no doubt most of you are unacquainted with the scale on which varsity sports are conducted here at B. T. C., I'll try to review last season in one short paragraph. In soccer, Bridgewater split for the season, three wins and three losses. We won from Connecticut Aggies, Tufts and the Alumni; were beaten by Harvard, Northeastern and Fitchburg T. C., and tied Tech. In basketball the team won five and lost ten, four of the defeats coming on the Maine trip during the winter vacation. The basketball team won three games and dropped one. The tennis team had a tough season corraling but one match in six played. All in all, the year was not successful as the previous one, but maybe this is due to be another big year, let's hope so anyway!

A FEMME SPORT PROGNOSTICATOR

Only recently someone asked this scribbler as to the whereabouts of "Campus Goldilocks", the maid who furnished the "column" with some swell sports slants at times last year. So 'elp me! I haven't had a sight of her since way back there last May when she refused a date with "Obie" Kiernan. And right now I'd like to add that stereotyped old phrase "Please come back; all is forgiven" because even if its only a small contribution each issue that "Goldi" makes it fills up space in grand manner. Wherever she is "green lights" to her!

ACQUAINTANCE SOCIAL

And so, we reach the end of the route for this month, and by the time your next issue of Campus Comment reaches you everything will be in full swing and we'll be squaring away for a long round of activities. And say, before I forget about it, will I be seeing you at the Acquaintance Social this Friday evening? Don't miss it, especially if you happen to be a newcomer. The Acquaintance Social of your freshman year has a particular glamour that you'll want to tote down Memory Lane with you, so drop around.

leather around this year as there are so many positions on the team open that there is sure to be a battle royal staged for the posts.

As things now stand, Nardelli needs practically a whole new forward wall as Nagle is the only forward. Lowder is a full back, but there will be three half backs needed to plug the gap left by three graduating members last year, and so it goes. From even this short scanning of the material it may be seen that there never was a better opportunity to earn a varsity ensignia than the present fall, so get galloping!

Soccer Schedule

- Oct. 1—Harvard; away.
- Oct. 8—Tufts; away.
- Oct. 15—Open date.
- Oct. 22—Fitchburg at Bridgewater.
- Oct. 29—M. I. T.; away.
- Nov. 5—Conn. Aggies; away.

Women's Sports Directory

For the freshman sports-women there has been prepared a list that includes the highlights of girls' sports.

Clock Golf—The golf course is the gym lawn. This is an afternoon sport.

Tennis is played when a court is available.

Hiking is a last resort when points are low. W. A. A. is conducted on a point system. Membership is obtained by 100 points received for participation in the sports listed (except walking). Awards are given for 250, 500, and 1000 points.

Walking, although similar to hiking, receives no points. It is an after-dinner sport, and it takes place on and about the campus.

Soccer and Hockey are the major fall sports. For early risers who hope to coach, there are morning technique classes.

Basketball is the standard winter sport. After this sport is signed for in the gym, teams of Wildcats, Scarlet Tigers, Japanese Beetles, etc. are organized and the fights are on. There is also an early morning technique class.

Swimming classes are arranged each winter at the Brockton Y. W. C. A. for those interested in life saving and beginning swimming. Transportation by bus is made possible.

Dancing creative (mornings), and beginners ballroom (afternoons) occurs in the gym. Pointless ballroom dancing is indulged in at noontime.

Bowling is the Tuesday afternoon sport.

Freshman Sack Starts Sports

The first big sports event of the new year will, in all probability be the sack which is due to be staged on the Campus some balmy afternoon, with the Freshmen and the Sophomores as participants. It has been an old custom for some years past to stage this "wrassle" and in all that time it has always been the Sophs who have been able to gather in the victory at the end of the festivities.

The main idea of the whole tangle is this: Three sacks are placed at some convenient spot on the Campus and both teams line up an equal distance on either side of the satchels. At a signal from the master of ceremonies both outfits dash for the sacks. The class having what the "ref" terms as "whole possession" of the most sacks wins the debate, at the end of an allotted time. The above sounds tame but really, those lads go to all sorts of extremes to gather in all the available sacks.

In a writeup of the fracas last fall, The Brockton Times said: "The Sophs started off at a rapid pace by gathering all the sacks at the first rush, but the first-year men, although mauled plenty, fought back, and when the whistle blew it was found that the Sophs had but two of three sacks on the field. In the opening rush the winners tried to fox the Freshies by passing one of the sacks up into a near-by tree to a teammate, who was stationed there for that purpose, but Referee Tommy Cullen was wide awake, and ordered the satchel returned to the playing field." And so to battle!

A tennis player had his false teeth smashed at a recent tournament. Another way of losing a "set".

And then there was a Scotchman who wouldn't let his children go to school because they had to pay atten-

N. A. A. Lineup Completed

The lineup for the new year in the Normal Athletic Association, which controls men's sports, has been completed and the list appears to be a competent one to direct the various activities which the association undertakes during the year.

Clifford Johnson of Waltham, four-time president of the Seniors, has been elected president of the N. A. A. for the coming year. Johnson has been prominent in sports, making the basketball team for the past three years and also playing some soccer, so he should be well fitted for the job of steering things along smoothly. George Lowder of Arlington is the new vice-president while Charles Aherne, coach of baseball this year and at present training in Abington, is the treasurer. Alfred Wood was elected secretary. J. Sweeney has assumed the duties of business manager of varsity athletics, a position which was filled last year by John Dalry.

Clubs That Fit The Personality

In spite of the fact that the freshmen come to Bridgewater with none but serious thoughts, there are always fall club recruits. So that all the round freshmen pigs will fit into round club holes, Campus Comment has prepared for them a club directory.

T. C. is for the farmerette who won't tell what T. C. means. Seriously, if you like the open air, sun-soaked soil, worms, roses, mignonette, verbenas, and grafting (not graft), join T. C.

If your mark in biology is higher than that of 98 per cent of your classmates, join the Science Club.

The Dramatic Club is for those who can get in. If you have histrionic ability, keep your marks and your courage high.

If you have a bizarre hobby such as collecting signs or telegraph poles, join the Hobby Club and make news for Campus Comment.

Nertz is the Club that can keep a secret. Freshmen are welcomed. Apply to Mr. Durgin and leave all traces of cynicism outside the door.

The talkative man (what one isn't?) should join the Lyceum and settle the problems of the world.

Bookworms with a sense of humor and a taste for apt remarks belong in the Library Club.

For the girl who is prepared is Scouts.

If you're a man you'll join N. A. A., the Normal Athletic Association anyway. If you're a girl who swims, dances, hikes, and drinks lots of water, you'll join W. A. A., the Women's Athletic Association.

Those freshmen who read "Time", "The Literary Digest" and "The March of the Nations" will be valuable to the Current History Club.

If yours is a volatile personality, the kind that equally enjoys Dimnet, Voltaire, Maupossant, masquerades, and hot dogs, join the Cercle Fran-

Normal Frog Gives Advice

Freshmen! Meet Normal Frog, the extraordinary inhabitant of Campus Pond. He hears all, knows all and tells all. When hesitant freshmen sought his advice, he answered gladly.

The Secret of Popularity

Dear Normal Frog:

I am a young girl who has lived very quietly until now. My parents object to my going out nights, so I haven't had much social experience. Furthermore, I am freckle-faced and snub-nosed. Here is my chief problem, dear frog, I am about to enter the State Teachers College at Bridgewater, and I crave to be popular—overwhelmingly popular. What is the secret?

Hopefully,
SADIE SNODGRASS,
West Barnstable, Mass.

Sadie, I should suggest in order to make your personality more vivid and to detract attention from your nose, that you take up smoking. Your social success will be immediate and overwhelming.

The Way to Intellectual Success

Dear Normal Frog:

I am an earnest young man who desires to become a shining light at Bridgewater. My small-town background has given me no opportunity for the full expression of my intelligence. I am sure you can help me to become an intellectual success. Will you?

Sincerely,
J. WILLIAM HICKS,
East Snowshoe, Mass.

My dear J. William:

The poetry column of Campus Comment has always afforded a satisfactory means of self-expression for the intelligentsia of East Snowshoe.

Dear Normal Frog:

It is my ambition to graduate from Bridgewater with the highest average ever there attained. In order to further my high aims I am applying to you for the secret of classroom success.

Very truly yours,
ERMENTRUDE OLIVER,
East Titicut, Mass.

I must confess I do not frequent classrooms. However, the secret of all success is hard work.

Dear Normal Frog:

The bookshops in our small city are inadequate. Because I wish to arrive in Bridgewater with a supply of worthwhile books I am asking you to send me a list of those I shall need.

Sincerely,
PENELOPE PINCE-NEZ

Miss Pince-nez:

You will find "Perfect Behavior" a most useful book for freshmen. I should also advise you to buy from your big sister, or some one else's, one math notebook (accurate), one biology notebook (complete), and one four-year gym notebook (typed).

All those interested in the "Let's Go To Boston Club" are referred to Mr. Durgin. This is the newest and least active club at BrH 2 O.

Soccer Team Needs New Forward Wall

Soccer is the first varsity to sport on which the athletes of the school will be asked to try their ability and from the looks of the situation at present, Coach Walter Nardelli is going to have one sweet job gathering an eleven that will be on a par with the aggregations of the past few years.

Be it known that there actually are three players who were on the squad last year who will be back this time. Nardelli will be able to take care of the goal position in accustomed style while Lowder and Nagle are the only others back and neither one of them played the entire list last year due to the fact that they were both out training. Frank McMahon also played in a few contests last year but will probably be unable to play this year due to other duties.

There are many around school who have never gone in for soccer in a large way, yet they have ability and perhaps they may be seen booting the