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Novel Program to Feature Mardi Gras

Mardi Gras approaches swiftly. As February 14, the date for French Club's masquerade draws near the campus seethes with activity — the sewing machines hum, costumes are put to test, and out the doors, back to the dormitories overflow with brilliant papers, more elaborate masks than ever before, and the blended aroma of paints and turpentine.

The French Club will present a fascinating program, which is to be seen in the auditorium where one sees French Club's artistic members who are finishing the painting of a drop which should rival that of the last Mardi Gras; individual rooms in both dormitories overflow with brilliant materials, more elaborate masks than ever before, and the blended aroma of paints and turpentine.

As this melange of confusion French Club will present a fascinating party next Friday evening.

With the help of her committee Madge Borgatti, vice president of Le Cercle Francais, has arranged the program for the party. Because there are to be several novel features the program will be kept secret.

The refreshments will be served under the direction of Mary Osborne, chairman of refreshments. Assisting Miss Osborne, dressed in Assiut peasant costumes, are Anne McKeen, Eleanor Harmon, Rita Murphy, Martha Reynolds, Barbara Allan, Glady Dobson, Rosina Guzzi, Thecla Hill, Ardelle Leonard, Catherine Moriarty, Marion Sherman, Mary Sullivan and Ruth Penley.

Social Weekend Tribute to Men

The past-week-end proved to be a social success and the men of the college were to be congratulated. The presentation of the humorous, rollicking play on Friday night by the Men's Club and the holding of the formal by the Men's Athletic Association on Saturday evening were gala occasions. The latter gains our attention.

To low, sweet music, beneath dim blue lights, couples, girls in colorful evening frocks and men in tuxedos and business suits, danced in a rustic Vermont hunting lodge scene, caricatured as "The Frankie Show." (Men, continued on page 3)

Rooting Section to Accompany Basketball Team to Fitchburg

Tonight, five buses will convey a rooting section with the basketball team to Fitchburg, to see the game of the year. It is this time that the rivals, traditional opponents for years, will play to win the Harrington Trophy, which has been in Fitchburg's hands for three years. However, Bridgewater's hoosiers intend to bring it home with them.

For the first time in Bridgewater's basketball history, a cheering section will travel away from home with the team. This is largely due to the success of the rally sponsored by Campus Comment and held in the auditorium.

This gathering, to which an admission price of ten cents was asked, showed, through their enthusiastic cheering and reception of the program, its co-operation and loyalty to the team. All profits were used to defray bus expenses. It meant that each student, who signed to go to Fitchburg, would receive transportation and admission to the game for seventy-five cents.

Besides the team, its manager, freshman "Billy Butler," and Bob Bailey, manager of the Fitchburg basketball team, a hundred and eighty students will travel to cheer and back the team to victory. With such ardor's support and loyal co-operation, and enthusiastic cheering, how can Bridgewater lose?

Innovations Made by Alpha Staff

The name Alpha, the college yearbook, is revered perhaps with greater zeal by the seniors than any other classes, and well it might be, for within its pages are indelibly recorded their struggles, their victories — their defeats.

Just as fashion changes for the better, so has Alpha. This year, poetry will be entirely omitted from the yearbook. All write-ups will be taken care of by committees, not by individuals as has been the custom in the past.

The aim is to introduce the modern arrangement in the yearbook. This will be taken care of by the "cups," used as headings for departmental groupings and pictures, and the pictures of the graduates, not in caps and gowns, but the women in drapes and the men in business suits. This year the dedication will go to Miss Frill Beckwith, retired, and to Mr. Harlan F. Shaw, instructor, for the help, kindness, and instruction which they have rendered to the members of the senior class.

Another change will be the omission of the business section. Perhaps the most marked improvement will be the use of up-to-date pictures of the campus and its surroundings.
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Various Students Voice Opinions

That the Wednesday morning programs should be continued in chapel has been a frequent request. Miss Ross thinks that the large percent of absentees on Wednesday reveals the lack of interest in the programs. Miss Ross thinks that it is a good idea to have musical programs. Students prefer listening to music rather than singing. The same songs are being sung each time, while there are over a hundred songs in our brown books. This type of singing will not create music appreciation,” said Miss Ross. Ruth C. Cronin, also a senior, vice-president of Student Co-operative Association, likes the programs because they reveal the hidden talent among the students, and because the commissaires are given a chance to perform. The leader should be more carefully chosen and should set a background for the songs. She should be one with strong enough personality to stand out in the singing,” stated Ruth C. Cronin. “The programs should be continued but not as often as every Wednesday. The success of the singing depends upon the spirit of the leader and the type of songs.”

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Dear Editor:

There are numerous precedents that have to be broken due to financial pressure. Because of this fact the Junior-Sophomore Promenade differed from the dance of last year. The committee had to find a successful manner by which to defray the necessary expenses or relinquish their powers temporarily. The committee will readily admit their mistakes and will welcome any suggestions for the Promenade of next year.

The members of the Junior-Sophomore classes wish to express their sincere thanks to the members of the Senior and Freshman classes whose participation made possible the social and financial success. We sincerely hope that the Promenade of 1937 will receive an equal amount of co-operation from the college.

The chairman wishes to commend Miss Thelma Westering in making the evening an enjoyable one for our guests and patrons. Mr. Parsons for the fine music; Miss Flaherty for the oriental atmosphere; Mr. Bazinet for the very necessary ice cream and cookies; Mr. Nelson for the evidence of appreciation. The purpose of the performance that students are given a chance to lead, however, is a good one. “Why not vary the program by participation more than I?” Mr. Parsons asks.

Lucius Nathan Littauer, distinguished Harvard alumnus, has given to his alma mater a gift of $2,000,000 with which to establish a Graduate School of Public Administration to promote the sound and art of government administration for the welfare of our people.”

According to Mr. Edward M. Dietrich, Assistant Director of Education of Ohio, “It is manifestly sensible to play hookey without being caught and under the modern system there are few children who can afford to stay away.” Education brings within the reach of the child worthwhile things and places of which at times he so fondly dreams.

A New Bridgewater Tradition

For the first time, Bridgewater’s opponents away from home will be faced not only by a fighting team but also by an enthusiastic cheering section, and it should take but a very few minutes for Fitchburg to discover why it’s there. In the rallies from the rallies, there will be plenty of noise and plenty of music when the home team takes the floor.

A Fitchburg game always means a great deal to our boys and to the college, but tonight’s game means more than another victory, which everyone hopes it will be. It means the beginning of what we hope will become a custom—a Bridgewater tradition—that of sending a good, hearty cheering section to all outside games.

The team has no more ardent supporter than Dr. Zenos Scott, president, and it is largely through his efforts that the trip has been made possible for the students. Tonight we shall set a standard for the future—we’ll be backing the basketball team with our presence at Fitchburg. And after tonight—we hope for a new era in Bridgewater spirit.

People in the future will probably look back on our times, saying: “Imagine having lived while those things were going on!” just as we read the history of the Civil War and the Revolutionary War, saying the same thing. People who live in history making periods are on the whole, guilty of insensibility toward the forces at work. Perhaps many of the mistakes and losses—economic and moral—in the progress of time, might have been avoided had the people as a whole been better able, by virtue of education and understanding of their times, to handle the difficulty.

The coming national election, probably to be the bitterest in recent years, will be the last chance for the people to handle the difficulty. We teachers, must get at causes—must go deeper than the newspaper headlines if we are to justify our professional position. Teaching, in the ideal, should be a clarifying process. For example, it is only by looking clear through the Italian assertion that they are out to civilize the barbarians, and by seeing Mussolini’s urgent self-protective need to divert his country-men’s thought from other things, as the basic cause, that we can hope to appreciate the Italian-Ethiopian situation.

It is times, such as these, held with the purpose of discovering the true student, that reveals those people who are the true Bridgwaterites. Did you attend the rally?
Senior Promenade Plans Progressing

Plans for the main event of Senior Week, June 8-12, are progressing under John Ryan, chairman of Senior Promenade.
The ball committee, headed by Rita Cassidy, has decided that the prom will be held at a hotel because of excellent accommodations offered. Bids have been received from hotels of greater Boston and the committee has selected three best suited to the purpose. The committee will inspect those chosen during the winter recess and select one of the three.
The committee on favors, Cornelia Sullivan, chairman, has received bids from fifteen jewelry concerns and appointments have been made, during the month of March, to view the samples their salesmen have to show. A straw vote concerning choice of favors was taken yesterday at the monthly meeting of the upper class.
Also, during March, the program committee, under Barbara Greenwood's chairmanship, will keep an appointment to view sample programs.

ON TO FITCHBURG!

Dance Groups Attend Lecture

Several students including members of the Little Dance Group attended a lecture by Martha Graham, famous American modern dancer, at the Pauline Chalin studio in Boston, last night. Miss Graham is as interesting a lecturer as a dancer. Tonight, several Misses' classes are planning to attend Miss Graham's dance recital at the Repertoire Theatre. This will be her first appearance before the Boston audience in several years.

VICTORY FOR BRIDGEWATER!

French Table Holds Discourse

The French table was a good representation of the Tower of Babel, the other night, when two guests at the table added their bit to the conversation in German. (The guests were Miss Irene E. Graves and Marie Von Bergen.) Even, occasionally, one of the French students added a word or two in das Deutsch, but the result was not always exactly gratifying, to say the least. In spite of the mis-understandings that were bound to ensue from such a mixture of languages, it is reported that no one left the table hungry.

PERSONS

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fully executed by William Nolan, of music of the University, present a choral program at the evening services at the Methodist church in Bridgewater on Sunday, February 2.

Miss Irene E. Graves and Marie Von Bergen, members of the chorus, presented a program at the evening services at the Methodist church in Bridgewater on Sunday, February 2.

Choral Art Society Presents Program

The Boston University Choral Art Society, under the direction of H. Augustine Smith, of the department of music, gave a choral program at the evening services at the Methodist church in Bridgewater on Sunday, February 2. Two young people from the town of Bridgewater appeared on this program:

Anna Louise Toogees, Simon Gesin, and Merrill Martin, son of the minister of the Methodist church.

Dr. H. Augustine Smith, director, gave a short address on The Music of the Bible and the Singing Church. Dr. Smith said that incidents in history, in fact all of life, is depicted in a hymnal. Said Dr. Smith, "If you think a hymn book is a dead thing, you are wrong; you are the one that is dead. A hymn book is a very live thing."

The choral program included among its numbers, a motet, founded on a Negro spiritual and three Christmas songs. The soloists were Margaret Stewart, G. Townsend Coward, and Carmi Squires. Walter Abbott was the accompanist at the organ.

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Camera Club Holds Gala Week

If you encountered during the past weeks any members of Camera Club standing on their heads about the campus—don't regard the situation with alarm—they were merely ardent enthusiasts in a recent contest sponsored by the club, and were endeavoring to get an unusual, modernistic view of the buildings. Or, if you are a celebrity at B. T. C., perhaps you were asked to pose, or you may have been taken off guard in a natural mood for cameras were clicking at all angles. At any rate, Alpha will reveal the results, for the contest was held in the interest of Alpha, whose keynote this year is modernism with a tinge of the unusual. The first prize of three films went to Harriet Robinson; the second, to Emanuel Taitz; and the third, to Wilma Quinn. Have you been keeping out of their focus?

B. T. C. RAH! RAH!

VALENTINE—

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The decorations will be "heart-y" and the music "soulful.

Patrons and patronsesses for the dances will be Dr. and Mrs. Scott, Miss Pope, Mr. Kelly, Miss Beal, Miss Nye, and Mr. and Mrs. Tyrall.

The committee chairmen are: Hospitality, Dorothy Turner; decoration, Marjorie Hollenbeck; tickets, Olga Skerston; refreshments, Anna Palmisano; publicity, Isabelle Walsh; music, Veronica Gaynor; cleanup, Ruth Penley; general chairman, Ida Leino.

ON TO BEAT FITCHBURG!

Students Think Boyden Hall Afire

As dormitory students were on their way to breakfast yesterday morning, they were thoroughly abounded to see fire trucks outside of Boyden Hall, the school building. Firemen ran up the steps with the hose into the school.

As the girls could discern no flames or smoke, they continued on to breakfast, which seemed more important at that moment.

Investigations proved that Mr. Denton, school janitor, had noticed a short circuit in the fan belt and as smoke had risen had called the school fire department. The latter had called up the town department. Thus, all the excitement!

As "Ned" Denton said, "An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure" and so had called the fire trucks.

Camp Puss Comments

And there is the cure for water on the Knee—wear pumps.

"Doll!" Cronio—Did a woman ever make a fool out of you? Gullible male—No.

R. C.—Well, who did?

Did you know the reason why bald men are successful? They come out on top.

Then, because of the smooth line some of the males have, we believe oil's fair in love.

Did he throw S. liss into his lap?

"Fiddlersticks!" said the violist as he struck a sour note.

"High ho lackaday," said the "prof" as he wrote "Late" on the report.

Heard in senior Journalism Class: Bring your Hydes to class tomorrow morning.

Senior answer for "unprepared"? I didn't have access to a textbook.

Mr. Arnold to class: As you go out, leave your Beard's on the desk.

Our idea of a really clever guy is the ping pong player who leaps the net to congratulate his victorious opponent.

Then there was the absent-minded professor who ate the roll for breakfast and had names on the tip of his tongue for the rest of the day.

Architect—''Now, here is a room without a flaw!"

Prospecitive buyer—"My gosh, what do you walk on?"

"Pardon me," said the Hunhback of Notre Dame, "while I go and gargoy-le." 

Heard in the tool chest, "I hope I don't hurt you awl."

TEAM! TEAM! TEAM!

SKINNER—

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was outstanding in appeal to the audience.

Part two presented the actress in a six act play which she herself has written. Her dramatic power and character delineation was unequalled in this story of a famous mansion, with its successes and failures.

The Dramatic club enjoyed and gained much from Cornelia Otis Skinner's excellent performance.

RALLY—

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Ernest Bazinet were the lucky winners.

With roof-raising cheers the rally ended.

The committee in charge consisted of: Mortel Eyre, general chairman; Ernest Bazinet, publicity; Bill Nolan, programs; Peg Cassels, Rita Cushing, Mary Connell and Charles Modrifs, cheer-leaders.
**CAMPUS COMMENT**

**Sport Notes**

By Bill Nolan

Up at Dean their coach sat taking notes on his players' mistakes, but when he lost count within the first five minutes, contented himself with calling his players names.

Mal Nash met some pals who presented him with a few pieces of rather questionable looking candy, but Coach Huffington, sensing a plot, refused to allow him to eat it.

If Jerry Long wants to say romantic things to a young lady, why must he wait to write her from New Britain when she is around here every day?

We've been requested to ask how Mr. Huffman thought one of the Connecticut co-eds was related to him when he said, "O. E. Sister."

The boys thought they were visiting ambassadors by the way they were treated at New Britain, but even this has paled before the memory of the government's steaks at Newport.

On the same night the Varsity lost to the Navy, the Jayvees were humiliated by Hyannis T. C. by a score of 106 to 25. This game was almost a repetition of their predecessor—a drill brawl which amounted to little more than a long succession of jump balls.

Bridgewater took an early lead by Daley's two opening baskets and never trailed throughout the whole game. Leading 5 to 4 at the quarter, 14 to 11 at the half, and 23 to 19 at the opening of the final period, it did justify much effort on Bridgwater's part to take the game, 34 to 25.

Dean's men for the most part were contented football players, and in a few instances the conversion had not progressed very far. Players of both teams flung one another all over the court on held balls, spending so much time on this that only the briefest flashes of real basketball appeared.

**VICTORY TO BRIDGEWATER!**

**Team's Road Trip Proves Disastrous**

On Friday, January 24, Bridgewater was royally entertained by the Teachers College of Connecticut at New Britain.

T. C. C. took an early lead, but B. T. C. followed closely, trailing 2 to 3 at half time. A few minutes into the second half, Bridgewater took the lead 25 to 23, but unfortunately proved there undoing, for it so aroused their opponents that they began to sink baskets from all spots and angles on the court. Most mortifying revealed that T. C. C. had 46 points, B. T. C. 31.

"Outstanding for the Connecticut team was Ulte, a forward who contributed 27 points. Some of Bridgewater's fans may remember him as one of the important factors in Bryant and Stratton's victory here last year.

On the following evening, Saturday, January 25, Bridgewater travelled over to Newport, Rhode Island, to play the United States Naval Training Station there.

This game had hardly begun when the Navy grabbed the lead and held it throughout the game. B. T. C. played up, but could not seem to recover from the effects of the previous night's encounter. Navy on the other hand, played fast aggressive ball throughout and took full advantage of the opportunities for bodily contact which were allowed, and these were many, for while the referee did not allow the game to get away from him, he let both teams play basketball. When the wreckage was cleared away, it was revealed that N. T. S. had won 85 to 20.

**B. T. C. Wins Over Dean at Franklin**

On Friday evening, January 17, Bridgewater's varsity, travelled to a rather routine victory, at Dean Academy in Franklin.

Augustine opened the game with a basket for Bridgewater, but this, plus a point on Long's foul shot didn't look like much when Dean soon led 12-3. However, B. T. C. slowly climbed back and by half time was leading 18-17. The second half had not gone far when the home team regained a slim lead, but the visitors matched each point for point and finally scored thirteen points in rapid succession to take a lead which was never lost and which finally put Bridgewater on the winning end 38-30.

The outstanding feature of the game was the atrocious playing conditions. Lines were temporarily drawn on the playing floor, so that they soon became smudged and indistinct. The bankboards were loosely mounted, so that they bounced and rattled each time they were struck by a ball. The basket at one end was set flush on the wall, preventing in-close shots while the other was moving with any arc toward the hoop. The floor itself, however, injected real comedy into the game for there were numerous "dead spots" on which a dribbler would have to bounce the ball with much force in order to cause it to rise to normal height, then suddenly, as the ball was passed, the unknown player—would continue to slam the ball down, only to see it bounce away from him and over his head.

Another factor which slowed the game was the refereeing. Childish fouls were called while flagrant violations went unnoticed, chief among these was the manner in which men jumping for a rebound were ridden into the brickwall.

**Teams Competing for Basketball Awards**

The basketball enthusiasts of W. A.-A. are in full swing. There are ten teams competing for the basketball awards this year. The freshmen contributed four peppy teams with unique names such as the "Fallies", implying that they play most of their games on the floor—"White Heat" meaning, we imagine, that they are very fast—"Diesels" being very powerful and we have to figure out the significance of the "Buttercups"—perhaps it is the suits. Have you seen the "G" men or the "Green Flash Plus" in action? These are the two more unusual teams, the latter leading for the awards. The "Junior Jinx" maybe accounts for the reason there is only one—Junior team, but leave it to the Seniors! Three full active teams—we won't say how they are doing—but anyway they are enjoying themselves.

The season will end February 21 with the annual Red and White game. Leading up to this we are having a Red and White "foot" contest to see which team knows the most about the game.

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