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SENIORS FETED AT HOTEL STATLER

This year because of war conditions the Senior Class voted to dispense with its annual "prom" and instead made a dinner banquet on Thursday, May 4, 1944, at the Hotel Statler, Boston. The chairman of the class was Elaine Clapp, who is an alumnus of the college. The banquet was given in honor of the seniors. The president of the class was John J. Keny, also a member of the Class of 1944. The banquet was held in the Statler Ballroom, and the guests were seated at the head table in groups. The course of the banquet consisted of a luncheon and a dinner. The luncheon was served from 12:30 to 2:00 p.m. and the dinner from 5:00 to 6:30 p.m.

ENTERTAINMENT PLANNED

Entertainment was provided for the guests throughout the evening. At the luncheon, a concert was given by the Boston Symphony Orchestra, and at the dinner, a variety show was presented by the senior class. The show included a dance by the senior class, a slide show, and a musical performance by the senior class orchestra. The show was directed by John J. Keny, and the orchestra was conducted by John E. Allen.

CLASS MEETING

The class meeting was held in the Statler Ballroom on Thursday evening, May 4, 1944. The meeting was called to order at 8:00 p.m. by John J. Keny, the class president. The meeting was attended by the seniors and many of the alumni. The meeting lasted for about an hour and a half. The proceedings were concluded with the singing of "The Seniors" song, "The Seniors' Chant."
ARE WE OR AREN'T WE?
Most of us resent any slighting remarks made about our conduct, mentality and appearance. However, this slighting remark about our seeming mentality is earned.

The audience reaction is an important part of any lecture because, as we know, the speaker depends upon it to gauge the manner in which he will continue his talk. The audience reaction here at Bridgewater is, as much as I hate to say it, definitely juvenile. Are you surprised? You shouldn't be.

Should a slight accident to a speaker or performer occur, we are off in a spasm of giggles. Should any remark be made about the boy-friend or love... well, junior high children have nothing on you! As for unexpected and unrehearsed phrases said by the speaker... you are masters at culling double entendre from anything.

Some speakers have come here prepared to give an interesting, factual and intelligent talk and what happens? He starts off with a pun or a little joke and presto! He notices the fact that the audience here dotes on that kind of stuff! Naturally, he changes his prepared talk to suit your likes and shall I say, mentality. There go fifty dollars right out of the window, simply because you behave so childishly.

You don't like what I say, do you? Well, I don't like what you do! Couldn't we reach a compromise? We will fully acknowledge the improvement as soon as it becomes noticeable and hereafter talk of pleasanter subjects.

THANK YOU FROM THE EDITOR--
The editor wishes to take the opportunity in the last issue put out by this year's staff, to thank the members of the staff who have worked so hard and willingly to keep up "Campus Comment" as well as possible. There are always a few who do the work and this year it has been true. To them especially go the orchids and bows, etc., on the part of our faculty adviser and me.

Next year the paper may be better than it has ever been. As a whole. Dr. Sprague's report recommended to the Association the accrediting authority for the college was visited by Dr. H. A. Sprague, Wednesday evening at the Hotel Tillinghast Reception Room. There would be refreshments and entertainment.

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CHOIR NEWS

May 4-Nominations and elections of a nominating committee were held at the last meeting and were followed by a short business meeting. Plans for the last meeting were discussed.

May 15-It has been planned to have Installations of Officers for next year in Tillinghast Reception Room. There would be refreshments and entertainment.

LIBRARY CLUB

May 6-There will be music at Mr. Jenkins'. A nominating committee was also elected.

DRAMATIC CLUB

April 11-The speakers were voted in. Plans for the Spring Play were discussed—tickets, programs, advertising, etc.

FRENCH CLUB

April 13-There was a "Truth or Consequences" program. Plans were also suggested for the last meeting.

GARDEN CLUB

April 17-Plans were discussed for the last meeting. A tour of the greenhouse was planned.

May 9-This will be the last meeting of the year. A party will be held at the Institute of the evening, refreshments and entertainment.

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IN THE GOOD OLD DAYS

"Everyone has been talking about the Good Old Days, meaning 50 years ago. Aline Adams was 51 years old..."

The girls are still going strong for those Campus Comment days and by the looks of things the men continue to please. We don't see so many soldiers on weekend as we used to see but those they are going faster... Edith Nolan still knows a Bridgewater fellow when she sees one, even if it's in the Boston Public Library.

"Happy days" have hit a certain dark Senior... She certainly was kept busy phoning and worrying... Is love always like "Semper Paratis". Sure you know what it means, but if there's any other Latin translating you want done, ask Jane Casso.

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Looking Backwards Immediately after the Banquet, en where the four classes wore the certain "Banquet" song was presented in a certain hall... The girls were dancing in the gym at noon time. In those days the Drama Club produced a play and the Art Club had a show... In those days sub-trousers were included in the "Banquet" program; and Mildred Fine sang "The Lord Has Given Me."

Yes, years ago there were out of town basketball games to Tufts, Newport Naval Training Station and even Fitchburg.

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It was an account of her trip to Stasia Coporan, housing; Dorothy Morton, and Elsie Packer sang "Come dance."

"Enough for suits for now. With Spring, too, come fun in auditorium..."
FEATURE FROSH

There are “happy days” for Bette because Lowell’s coming home at last. “Mistletoe and Toffee” reached Dartmouth safely, and was bone in the hills of Hanover by the benevolent Zoology professor who didn’t think her a fit subject for dieting, for she is now recover- ing. Our modest frosh are now recovering from the shock of seeing those beautiful posture pictures which showed up lateral curves et al all too clearly. The “Spymashers” have the honor of announcing the engagement of “Lizzybeth” and “Snorkie”, thus will come about the union of sociability, combined with altruism and a constellation which bespeaks the true Woodward spirit. The Eugene Houskins Society is now in existence because six victims of circumstance, during the long Easter weekend, wave farewell to at least ten train conductors. Regla, that little bundle of joy, has at last left entered this world and Reginald is fairly bursting with paternal pride. Ruth Anderson has added a eastern baby from Lang to her collection. Cappy has only a minor blow, she’s in love with the whole world.

This month’s award for the best cooperation goes to Margaret Boffett better known as “Boof” who is continuing her hobby of needlepoint. Ruth Anderson gets a verbal "Oscar" for marked improvement in her artistic pursuits.

MAKINS OUTS

Four-letters-a-week has set Omelette to wondering as to Joyce’s intentions. It’s the old “Scobblory”, obedient Otis, and judicious Johnny playing the leads. Potter’s “Dub” is coming home. Ha Ha Homer keeps Dot Merrill, and in fact the whole dorm, entertained.

Edwio is vacillating between the charm of the poetic male and the physique of the athlete, anyway she’s going for Bowdon for a Freshman party. Nice going.

There’s a Springfield “Dark Horse” in “Murfie’s” life.

Jan Burchard’s friendship is no longer platonic as the fraternity pin once did the trick.

Mary Louise Reagan thinks better of Jack, now that Ross has gone out of her life.

Lee’s Chaffanum is coming home but the date has one thing to be precise – it’s right.

Rita McRee’Y and Betty Ann Shag-Hall are apt to ignore. What is it? why is it? none other than hiking. Get your groups together and sign up with Connie Konnecke.

Also at anytime, there is biking, baseball and ping pong playing on the court. Plans are under way for the W. A. A. tour to New York. Let’s see you in the B.U.B.’s. Tickets will be on sale in the Rotunda. Keep your eyes on the Bulletin Boards for further information.

SOPH SOPHISTRIES INNOCENT FUN

The Sophomore production of the year, caused a great deal of excitement by its excessive advertising. Everyone has been talking about the “Sophomore Sophistries”. The production itself was written by Berniss Mazor and was put on as a chapel program. For various reasons, it is to be put on as a paying proposition. The date set to consider those efforts is May 11, 1944.

AIM CHANGED

The primary purpose of the production is to raise money for the class treasury. Each member of the class has something to do with the show, is to be understood that the purpose has no malicious background.

WAR BOND SHOW

A former student and veteran of World War II, Edward Lee Fleming, junior, of Taunton, Massachusetts, has ordered his Bachelor degree and is on campus recently. He left Broadwater and entered the service in 1940, during his senior year. He received his basic training in Georgia and later was made an instructor in the Naval Navigation Flight School there.

ASCENSION ISLAND

A series of rapid events followed. In August 1941 Lee found himself a navigator in the air corps and was sent to Puerto Rico, Trinidad and Dutch Guiana. For three months he was stationed in the flying field on Ascension Island in the South Pacific, doing convoy duty.

OVERSEAS 26 MOS.

Lee was overseas before Pearl Harbor and his actions in the American theatres of War in the South Atlantic should also be told. He was overseas twenty-six months altogether. As a navigator of a medium bomber he saw action on low level and in the sinking of two German submarines. He received the Oak Leaf Cluster, which was made a first Lieutenant. He was inactivated from the Army because of his physical disability and has just recently been discharged from the Korn General Hospital in Palm Beach.

RECALLED TO DUTY

Lee was to do his apprenticeship training on Martha’s Vineyard and go on to receive his Bachelor degree and his Master degree. However, latest news received is to the effect that he has been recalled to duty, as yet unknown.

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