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B. T. C. Opens Doors

Open House Day Welcomes Students, Their Parents and Friends

Once again B.T.C. puts out the welcome mat for the friends, parents and relatives of its students, with its annual open house day to be held this year on November 12, between the hours of 3 and 5 o'clock.

It is hoped that despite transportation difficulties that a capacity number will arrive to be guided about the campus, through the training school, gymnasium, administration building, and Woodward and Tillinghast dormitories by charming and efficient student hostesses.

TEA TO BE IN TILLINGHASt

This year each student will be given two complimentary invitations entitling its recipient to attend the traditional tea in Tillinghast Reception room at which visitors may meet the members of the college faculty and enjoy a period of sociability in an atmosphere of music and refreshments.

It has been decided that no meals will be served in the dining hall this year and students are asked to sign up now regarding the number of guests expected.

ROOMS WILL BE JUDGED

Before Sunday the twelfth, rooms in the dormitories will be judged by a selected committee as to neatness, attractiveness, and functionality. The two rooms decided most deserving will receive first prize and honorable mention respectively.

COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

Committee chairman for Open House are as follows: General Chairman, Catherine McCrohan, Decorations, Dorothy Brooks, Music, Harriet Parsons; Helpers, Mildred Hacking, Food, Betty Connors and Betty Cate; Hospitalty, Marian Redcliffe, Woodward, Lorraine Porter, Tillinghast, Dorothy Belcher, Campus, Aids Costa; Equipment, Mildred Downing, Publicity; Eleanor Geary.

Glee Club Makes Afghan

Glee Club was sponsored recently by the Red Cross for its volunteer work on a bottled afghan made for servicemen. Madelyn Guzzie, secretary of the Glee Club received the following note from Assistant Field Director Mrs. Gerda Walker, at Camp Edwards: "This note is to let your Glee Club of the State Teachers College know of the beautiful afghan which they made and sent us through Mrs. Libby of the Camp and Hospital Council of the Red Cross. This is an especially attractive and well-made afghan, and we shall take pains to give it to some servicemen who appreciate something really nice. It was kind of you to think of us.

Among those who helped were the following: Eleanor Geary, Dorothy Morton, Mary Twomey, Mary Kemp, Helen Moir, Madelyn Reed, Claire Emerson, and Hazia Copons.

The audivometer test was given to the freshmen, sophomores, transfer students and the seniors on October 2, 1944 in the gymnasium. This test is not ordinarily given to sophomores but an exception was made since the test wasn't given last year. Results revealed only five cases with serious defects.

Miss Christine Higgins from the State Department of Public Health whose headquarters are in New Bed...
A PLEA FOR POLITENESS

Good manners are an indication of good breeding. If this be true, how discouraged most of our parents must be! It is strange that we who are so unusually critical of an occasional breach of etiquette on the part of others, seem to be so totally oblivious of our own quite frequent lack of courtesy.

We often think that because we are but one in a crowd our misdemeanors will pass unnoticed. However, in a recent Chapel meeting it was brought to our attention how very conspicuous each of us is to those on the platform. At one time or another all of us have been culprits, thinking that no one would notice the novel in our laps, the notes in our hands, the letters we were trying to write, the gum in our mouths, the yawns of boredom, or the conversations with our neighbors.

But, even this is not the worst. Imagine how the speaker must feel when he is faced with an audience of restless, whispering, bored, sleeping, letter-writing, note-reading, and jaw-gnashing individuals—when he can hear these audible noises of conversation, snickers, and rattling pages. He is far too polite to march off the rostrum and leave the campus with all possible speed. He must stand up there and address the air until released by the bell. But, even as he courageously proceeds, think of what must be going on in the back of his mind. Visualize yourself in his position. And don't think that he doesn't observe us as individuals; the auditorium is sufficiently small to make every single person in it unbelievably conspicuous.

Our Chapel officers have worked hard to give us interesting and worthwhile programs; the least that we can do is to show our appreciation with courteous attention.

Then too, must we have the wild deluge of incoming students that completely invalidates the attempts of the hymn-leader to secure attention, and, when the program has been completed, the unjustifiably disorderly retreat? From now on suppose that we enter Chapel with an appreciation of the relative formality of the occasion, and that we leave it in order of seniority: Faculty first, seniors, juniors, and so forth.

Let us, at least on Tuesday and Friday mornings, give the world some slight evidence of our maturity and our education!

B. G. M.

WRITING TO MEN IN SERVICE

While we are on the subject of all-round reminders—have you remembered to write to some of those boys who were once our classmates here at Bridgewater and who are now serving in the Armed Forces? Some of us might pass the suggestion off as being rather unimportant. Well—it is important, more important perhaps than we realize.

Do you know that probably all of those boys are just as much interested in what is going on back here at school as we who are here are—and that the only way that some of those boys can keep in contact with our school affairs is through correspondence with the students of this school? If you haven't been writing to our boys, why not begin right now? Letters mean so much.

AUGUSTA LINDEN

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THE MALE ANIMAL
The extraordinary number of service men who have recently invaded the B. T. C. campus have done wonder to relieve us of that oppressive "Ladies' Seminary" hang-over... Among our oldtimers were Mike, Bob Clemence, Charlie Remillard and Dick Mackurray (Eldon)... And we have heard from a most reliable source that Eddie Zion is most definitely NOT married. (Well, that's quite a relief to some of us!)

OUT OF GAS?
"My heart's in the Highlands" crown that Bonnie'll lass, "Maggie Machintosh," Tell us, Mutchie, does he really look well in kilts?

Dot Morton and Marion Radcliffe find the Scottish dancing most "footsy"—especially when it comes to swapping tickets... as long as we're on the topic of Stanich, Eleanor Geary's answer sweater is quite a comment-creating-creation... and orchids to Barb Kane to work magnetic miracles with that olive-drab. So the "he has too much gas" Mather? (We gave you credit for far more originality than that!)

FANTASTIC KISSER!
How about some fanfare for Franney Morrell, that paragon of self-extravortation! Fasciically gloved with talcum to virtue, Franney slyly confessed that she doesn't chew, smoke, drink, swear, or palaver—oh-so-Swedish!

We just managed to catch it in passing, but we were astoundedly asserting that "IT WASN'T ROMANTIC"—now we're really curious, "fan up" your recipe, Franney!

"CUTE STUFF" Clayman... huy kid!!!... Herhey bars aren't the only sweet things in Lynn, are they Ilia? (We understand that there's even a minister on call!) We have heard the most sensational rumors about Virginia Perkins' Sage mosaic... can't verify now. After all of that correspondence isn't Con nie Kenneck going to join the Waverly? We understand that those Salem grads have a superb line (oh-in reference to recruiting propaganda—convoy)

CONTROVERSIAL ISSUE
On campus the negotiators appear to comprise the most devastating of discussions, even obscuring the Dewey campaign. The most heated battles are being waged in favor of "capitalist," those who oppose the assertion that relaxing pedagogical are most unethical "visions"... JUNIORS "HIT THE ROOF"
A certain group of juniors spent a stormy evening at the theatre. The top of Diana Barrymore's head has actually been offered a job—teaching in the "service of God," and she has been besieging him with umbrellas—in

FROSHPARTY GRAND SUCCESS
Cats, witches and scarecrows guard ing the walls of Boydenn Gymnasium on Saturday, October 25th, failed to frighten away the Freshman class, for nearly every member was present to participate in the good time the attraction promised. FACULTY TRACK STARS
Fun began when candidates for class officers delivered campaign speeches simultaneously, rivaling an insistent musical background as well as each other. After this political rally, instructions on good old "Captain Jinks" were given, and eventually, this was directed to make way for the Elopement Race between Freshmen and faculty. Here the agility of track stars Mrs. Kelly, Miss Pope, Miss Decker, Mrs. Caldwell and Miss Morantz proved a thrilling competition for the students, who seemed tiger-like in comparison. "Brown" was eventually captained by Edwina Mem bough—especially that nite-life! .. Felicitations and public relations had promised. V.

The Chapel schedules this year have been changed to some extent. Speakers who were sent to the W.A.A. Conference; all the letters she gets at the same time. And when it comes to reaping in quantities, just ask Benny how many telephone calls the girls or Marie about all the letters she gets at the same time. Some people have all the luck! The Clutterers have been taking several extraordinary mid-week trips—home—for Eastern Star, they say. We have heard! We also were informed that several of these frequent bikes taken by the Gilders, Lopes combination. Don't tell us you're growing old, girls! Did you know one of the "Tilly" gals left to join the WAVES? Marilyn Allen did just that recently and with quarterly tests coming, we don't know but what we all might join, too!

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CONFERENCE—(continued from page 1)

After lunch, Mr. Daniel Kelly of the State Board of Recreation spoke on the topic, "What the Massachusetts State Teachers Colleges can do in the field of Recreation." He gave the aims and ideas of education added, "There are ample opportunities to promote physical activities for both boys and girls by making use of empty school buildings and our public buildings." With the impending blackout, fuel shortage and other limitations, he went on to say, all of that work was halted.

"However, the coming of the war may cause all of this work to be resumed, and in the meantime, we are not sleeping," said Mr. Kelly. "People in fields of physical education, recreation, and in positions where they have a concern in some use of the leisure time of both children and adults are being contacted. It has been proposed that we build stadiums for athletics similar to those in Germany before the war... in the days of the Olympic games. The equipment is to be supplied by the Army when Army camps are closed."

CIVIL SERVICE EXAMS

Mr. Kelly expressed the opinion that this would be a better way of spending the tax-payer's money, and that private concerns to buy the athletic equipment "for a song" and then proceed to sell it to the people. "These stadiums would be paid for partly by the government and partly by the townspeople." For the teachers in the playgrounds there will be Civil Service examinations, as there are today in many places throughout the State. In this way the physical well being of both the children and adults of the state would be taken care of, and a solution would be made to take care of leisure time profitably.

DR. JOHN HARMON SPEAKS

Next to speak at the convention was Dr. John Harmon of the Boston University School of Physical Education. In his talk he pointed out that "machines are today in many places throughout the State. In this way the physical well being of both the children and adults of the state would be taken care of, and a solution would be made to take care of leisure time profitably."

MACHINAGE MONOTONY

"God does not send us mean boys or girls," said Dr. Harmon. "We make them men. New-born babies are helpless animals but they have a tremendous capacity for learning, acquiring, and retaining ideas as they grow older. Some of these ideas are erroneous and must be changed. Their thoughts should be directed into new channels, and it is the teacher's job to change wrong ideas and to direct thoughts into the proper channels."

Dr. Harmon stated, "There is no situation in life comparable to that of having time on one's hands with no work for it, and that is no situation so monotonous as doing nothing. The purpose of recreation, he said, is to provide a recreational program for people of all ages, appealing to all types of people."

"The housewife is the forgotten woman," he continued. "Because she grows older. Some of these Ideas are ated by all who were present. We ex-

THE VANITY CASE

Hello again—the case is open for inspection. Shall we look?...

Those caged珍珠s, and pearls ef- fectually, with smooth hair do's in the fall list for this month and have be- come very popular. We've seen several girls wear the latter strings of tiny pearls and they really are attractive.

Popularity in color adds infinitely this fall chiefly in the rich fuschia, a green between olive and forest, cherry red, and the popular as ever black, all for dresses.

Sweaters are delectably soft in pinks, blues, greens, and subtle shades of brown.

Grey is one of the smarter shades this season in one or two piece wool dresses suits, or sweater and skirt sets. The effect may be either that of sub- duing the wearer, or dramatizing her—depending on the wearer.

One dress we like very much is a black crepe with a simple narrow dark neckline, and a large boxed motif of startling white extending from shoulder to waist on one side.

The very feminine sailor at one of our W.A.A. activities caught our eye. The hostess expressed the opinion that this was a fad, but undeniably it is different.

Rainy weather comes, so there is a great demand for raincoats, the very feminine sailor at one of our W.A.A. activities caught our eye.