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“Ghost Walk” Thrills At Hollowe’en Party

"What was that awful noise we heard?" "What noise?" "Where?"
"On the Ghost Walk". These were a few of the comments heard after the Hollowe'en Party that was held in the gym October 31, for boys from six to fourteen.

Excitement in Store for All

This was an exciting time for everyone. Prizes of defense savings bonds were awarded to the five children who had the best costumes. The boys scrambled and ran when they heard of the peanut hunt. Over one thousand peanuts were hidden, but in five minutes not many remained to be found.

Games and Stunts

Games and stunts were next on the program. Applebobbing, the ghost walk, pin the broom on the witch, tug-of-war, gumdrop race, and dancing doughnuts from a string provided laughter and enjoyment for all.

Movies Shown

Scarems of delight came when movies of "The Three Little Pigs" and "The Krazy Cat" were shown. Even the grown-ups who attended were amused by the antics of the cats.

Ice Cream, Cake for Refreshments

Refreshments of ice cream and cake were served to the two hundred seventy-five boys. The cakes were decorated by some of the women of Bridgewater.

Lions Club, Police Sponsor Party

The party was sponsored by the Lions Club and the Police Force with the help and advice of Miss Decker, Miss Caldwell, and Miss Medway. Many students worked hard and devoted much of their time to the affair so that a success. Some of the outstanding ones were: Virginia Shanley, Betty Donahue, Mary Sullivan, Sr. Dorothy Melick, Martha Nickerson, Dorothy Bartlett, and Carol Clark.

War Fund Campaign

This college is proud to be part of the community of Bridgewater. Therefore, we strive to do our best in all community activities. In the recent National War Fund campaign, November 6-10, the college contributed $539.25 which went to the Bridge-water quota.

Money is Distributed

This money is allocated as follows: USO, United Service's Service, War Prisoners’ Aid, Belgian War Relief Society, British Red Cross Society, United China Relief, United Czecho-slovak Relief, National American donors and Relief Fund, Greek War Relief Association, American Relief for Italy, Friends of Lusitania.

BRIDGEWATER, MASSACHUSETTS

Chapel Programs Present

Varied Topics and Interesting Speakers

The chapel programs this year have not been so numerous as last year but they have been both entertaining and instructive. The Bible reading by one of the senior girls, a hymn, a few moments of meditation while Miss Rand played an organ interlude, and the Lorbe's "Prayer" have continued as always.

Reverend Coke Speaks

Reverend M. W. Coke of the Congregational Church here in Bridge-water gave an inspiring, non-sectarian talk on October 27. The audience was attentive to his change from seriousness to amusement from pathos to frivolity, and from religion to politics.

Colonel Furlong Analyzes the Balkans

Colonel Furlong, on October 31, discussed the importance of the Balkans in the present conflict. He compared the position of the countries to the hub of a wheel, which proves to be an analogy worthy of further thought. The interest of the audience was shown by the numerous questions asked him at the end of his talk.

Topics of the Day Obtain Debate

Topics of the Day Club held an open meeting on November 4, at which a controversial discussion took place between supporters of the Democratic and Republican candidates. It was led by two outstanding politicians of this section.

W.A.A. Delegates Report

The W.A.A. delegates to the annual conference made a general report to the student body on November 7, telling of the unusual activities of the meetings held both at Hyannis and Bridge-water. A picture to which many of the former teachers colleges in Massachusetts had contributed was an added attraction.

Mrs. Whitbeck Reviews Latest Books

At the November 14 chapel period, Mrs. Mirtle Whitbeck, well-known librarian from Middleboro, reviewed the latest books of this fall, making particular note of some of the historical novels which were published recently. The reviews were especially inspiring since the work was recognized in annual book week, this year’s observation being “United Through Books”.

American Relief for Norway, Polish War Relief, Queen Wilhelmina Relief Fund, Russian War Relief, Yugoslav Relief Fund, Refugee Relief Committee, and U. S. Committee for the Care of European Children.

Amounts Fairly High

The amounts collected by division representatives were: Seniors, 62c; Juniors, 80c; Sophomores, 83c; and Freshmen, 67c.

CHRISTMAS CARDS ON SALE

Have you seen the display of Christmas cards every noon in the Rotunda? As one pig-tailed lass expressed it, "hit the spot." (as one pig-tailed lady expressed it), after a strenuous night on the dance floor. Prizes were awarded for the most original costume, and some of them were truly original, it was found.

Given By Religious Organizations

The dance was sponsored by the Catholic students, glee club, and the nurses. The refreshments, which consisted of doughnuts and cider, "hit the spot." The honored guests were the following: Reverend Mr. W. W. Cate, Father James Joyce, of Saint Thomas, Aquinas Church in Bridge-water. The guest of honor was Lieutenant Furlong, T. Leonard Kelly and John L. Devore.

Committee Chairmen

The committee chairmen for the dance were as follows: Edith Nolan, Dorothy Wells, and Hilda Berger, general chairmen; Lorraine Porter, entertainment; Dorothy Merrill, food; The Chaplet tickets; Dorothy Brooks, decorations; Grace Sweeney, hospital, and Dr. Rain, close-up; Berniss Miller and Phyllis Lawless, publicity.

COMMUNER NEWS

By Jean Crane

An Open House was held in the newly-decorated social room on Friday, November 3. Everyone was invited to view the new decorations which had been done by a committee consisting of the following: Louise Reilly, Tichina Lovett, Betty Sheehan, Bertha Mamer, Patricia Gwyn, and Louise O’Neil, working with Miss Crowler of the Art Department. The room is decorated in shades of brown and green.

“Hall Social” Gladly Relinquished

Refreshments were served, and the commuters gladly returned to the Social room for good, after having been "social" in the hall all the preceding time.

“Trotter’s Bits, a two-page mimeographed sheet has been published by the commuters. It contains news and gossip of particular interest to the traveling section of the school.

Meredith White President Pre-tan

Rose Bates, the President of Day Commuters, is serving as president pre-tan.

FARMERS AND FARMERETTES FROLIC AT LIVELY JUNGLARIE JIVE

Barn Dance Is Colorful And Informal As Pig-Tailed Girls and Mock-Men "Cut Th' Rug" By

Former Comment Editor Now Instructor And Pilot

Talented Perform

Colorful costumes, dances prevailing, were in evidence everywhere. Square dance, reels, and some fast interluder filled up some of the evening, while special entertainment was provided by the following: Band, Misses and Messrs. of the Bridgewater Congregational Church; Father James Joyce, of Saint Thomas, Aquinas Church in Bridge-water, T. Leonard Kelly and John L. Devore.

Costumes Are Original

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SALEM TEACHER RETIREES

Miss Caroline Porter, a charter member of the Columbia Scholastic Press Association, and general chairman of the committee of the Salem "Log", recently retired from her position as instructor at Salem Teachers College.

Miss Porter will be long remembered for her writing work on the school publications, as well as the "Log", which is known as the "Log". This paper, with Miss Porter in charge, received worthy recognition from the Columbia Scholastic Press Association for a number of years.

Studied at Oxford

Greatly missed is the Locality of Miss Porter, who has traveled all over the world, studied at Oxford College in England, and has a breadth in education unequalled by many.

B.T.C To Miss "Log" Adviser

Notable is the fact that each year representatives from Bridgewater who attended the yearly Columbia Press Conventions, were asked if Miss Porter for her helpfulness and hospitality. Bridge-water representatives, too, will greatly miss Miss Porter of Salem Teachers faculty.

CHRISTMAS CARDS ON SALE

Have you seen the display of Christmas cards every noon in the Rotunda? The School is selling them and the prices are five and ten cents. Come early and see the selection.
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STUDENT GOVERNMENT

Ever since the beginning of this year there has been a great deal of isolated background grumbling in regard to the inactivity of student government. Dormitory Council has been acclaimed as a respected and genuinely functioning body, while Student Council has been criticized as being a mere tool in the hands of an omnipotent "they"—a rather vague superior power. Many students have questioned the duties of and the responsibilities accepted by our Student Council. How much of the policy of our college is formulated, organized, and maintained by our own members?

Some girls have mentioned the possibility of a Student Forum, comprised of the entire student body, where problems, ideas, and innovations could be thrashed out. A more stringent alliance of students, their class representatives, and the Council has also been suggested. One of the best proposals we have heard up to date is that faculty members meet with the Student Council to discuss mutual problems. Requests for a Dean's List and a cut system have also been offered.

Are students willing to mete out punishments as well as permissions? You know, if the student body is to assume additional influence, it must also be prepared to shoulder the corresponding responsibilities. More freedom might entail a heightened degree of transgression.

Well, girls, it is up to you. Those long, confidential confabs in the dorm won't accomplish a great deal unless something material and practical is done to back them up. Publicize your complaints, and offer constructive alternatives. Fight for what you want, stand by your convictions, be willing to accept some compromise measures, and you might discover that the anticipated opposition to your plans is really non-existent. You would be amazed to discover what a large number of really grand people are included in that ominous "they".

In conclusion, such student government as does exist at present has been criticized by students at large as adhering too consistently to the Spoils System . . . the elected candidates have had a tendency to distribute the available chairmanships to members of a rather select clique. This is a very natural situation, of course, but let's try to be conscious of the fact that it diminishes the strength of our group as a whole. Let us try to offer positions of responsibility to the less conspicuous campus members, and give them an opportunity to display any leadership ability they might possess.

B.G.M.

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CLUB NEWS

STUDENT FELLOWSHIP
Student Fellowship held an enjoyable scavenger hunt on the evening of November 5. A community sing in the sanctuary of the Congregational Church composed the entertainment for the meeting on the evening of November 12. Helen Moir was in charge of entertainment for that evening.

NEWMAN CLUB
A short business meeting was held on November 8 to discuss plans for the November 17 dance and to determine the advisability for the members' purchasing Newman Club jewelry. The next meeting will be held on November 29.

DRAMATIC CLUB
The members of Dramatic Club voted at the meeting on November 6 to pay yearly dues. The understudies for the three Annual Weekend plays were chosen. Henceforth only one scheduled meeting will be held each month, on the first Monday. The purpose of the next meeting is to gather any talent which the members possess in order to consider the possibilities of arranging a U.S.O. show.

FRENCH CLUB
The theme of the program for November 2 was Normandy. Irene Sni alek was in charge of the discussion of the relationship of Norman to the present war. Gloria Olson, in the costume of a Norman girl, read a story about Normandy, which was enjoyed by all.

Menorah Club
The Springfield plan, an inter-faith social plan being sponsored in Springfield, was the issue discussed at the November 3 meeting of Menorah Club. While Hilda Berger is out training, Phyllis Werlin is president pro-tempore.

PRESS CLUB
A tea was given by Press Club on November 3. Annette Kerry and Thelma Parsons were in charge of refreshments.

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PROFILE

Eldon Lawson
MEMBER OF COAST GUARD RESERVE
By Mary Kennedy

Perhaps you've been attracted by his blonde hair with the deep natural waves, or do you unconsciously wander toward his sharp, yellow socks? No matter what attracts you, I'm sure all have taken notice of our 6' (exact­ly, according to Lawson) sophomore. He hails from the neighboring city of Brockton. Last year he committed, but this year he is living in the town of Bridgewater.

So Fetching In Blue
Boating is a source of enjoyment for Lawson. As a member of the Coast Guard Reserve, Eldon feels that he is doing his part and at the same time is doing something he enjoys. (And off the record, navy blue is very becoming to you, Eldon.)

A Caution to Canines
Like most of us, Lawson enjoys listening to records—modern of course. He has no special likes or dislikes, and incidentally, he doesn't care especially for dogs.

Eldon was born on May 29, 1925. He has blue eyes, blonde hair, and, as I have already stated, is exactly 6' tall.

Another Einstein?
As you might well imagine, Lawson is a math-science major. Perhaps in years to come, that is, when Lawson has made history in the science world, you will be able to say proudly, "Why, I knew him in B.T.C."

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**JUDGEMENT DAY**

**HUMBLE COED FLOORED**

Someone once said "The truth will always out" which is just a polite way of saying that small but necessary articles of good grinning (henceforth referred to as junk) eventually fall out of a bureau drawer or closet anyway, so why bother to put them away in the first place?

"Dorm Beautiful!"

At home your room was always in a state of turmoil, but your doting mother hopes that college has done something for you. Well, maybe it has, but whatever it did, wasn't good. Your room now looks like something out of a horror magazine.

Utter Imbroglio

Flowerman decayed, were once crisp and fresh hang limply, ting stained from the window frame. After all c'est la guerre (as if you needed to be reminded) so there are no conventions for a walk with sharp peaks on either side. Under the bed—real bed! We stumble upon grand array of pairings, peanut shells, candy wrappers, hair pins, animals, and more.

Close-up Open

No, not that close. Too late—for the damage is done. The closet door is open and the scent that follows is one that makes Fibber McGee desire.

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**A "Faux Pas" A Day**

Boners—we hear them every day—yes, even at Bridgewater!

Good student, one senior stated that the first reptiles were found in Wales during the Silurian Period. "Why, that can't be!" cried someone to the department declared with conviction.

"Do your say that you've studied?" asked a student in the library. After much puzzling on the part of the staff, it was discovered the girl wanted Joseph Lincoln's book, "Shaving."

We can only answer this vague request: "Will all those absent please raise their hands?"

A French student trying to compli ment a man made a slight error in pronunciation. He meant to say "Tous les hommes sont les zeros," but stated simply, "Tous les hommes sont les hero." (All men are more nothing)

Definitions are especially interesting. "Graves"—"Graves are arms beneath the knees." Polysemous—"The conveyance of pollen from the anther to the stigmatic of a flower." In a Greek geography class the students were asked to identify Piraeus—The answer was, "A disease of the mind."

One student wrote to a textbook company for the proof that prunes grow on prune trees. While copying statistics in a recent text manual was printed, the statistic was being suddenly bunt forth to "Oh dear, I've lost my figure!"

Boners! Boners! There must be many more but until next time this is all we have in store.
**VOX POP**

The problem before the house today is the question of dating in wartime. How do you feel about having less dates and being forced to date with comparative strangers? Perhaps you wouldn't think so, but the facts are that dates are coming out with some really beautiful ones: fur, fabric, trimmed or untrimmed. There are some smart new styles, and still smart classic styles that have always been with us in one form or another.

**W.A.A. HIGHLIGHTS**

The delegates to Women's Athletic Conference from B.T.C. gave a report of that conference to the student body this week. Outside of telling about their weekend, they also showed films made by the B.T.C. girls in the conference with a running comment given by Lorraine Porter, Virginia Perkins, Louie Kelly, and Virginia Perkins.

**Sports for This "Eight" Varied**

The new sport season has begun. The sports to be offered this eight are as follows: Basketball under the leadership of Virginia Shaub, Folk dancing, Avia Clifton, Modern dancing, Esther Rosenblatt, Bowling, Maida Pratt, Et cetera sports, Gloria Olson, Swimming, Edith Nolan.

**Hockey Tournament Well Received**

The hockey tournament has been received with deep enthusiasm in the members of the student body this year. There were 22 girls at all, as follows: Helen Whiting, Hyatt, Virginia Geofrey, Panel Discussion, Athena Linton, Business, Lorrie Kelly, speakers, Lorraine Porter, and Virginia Perkins.

JUDGEMENT DAY

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"Good things come in small packages" is the motto of the next heartbreak on the list. She doesn't like the present, or seems to be changing her mind, it is interesting going out with new acquaintances today because they usually come from such different environments. There is much to talk about, and each conversation is an education in itself. Still, you often have little in common with them. This little brunette has never tried going out with comparative strangers, but she believes it can all be right. She believes that after dancing with a fellow all evening, his character is bound to show itself. Oh, yes, girls, it will out.

"C'est La Guerre, Honey!" says the popular red, green, and black mod-thing in these days. Speedy Sparrow, the great favorite among the Sophomore "86" team. Congratulate day.

Second Lieutenant Joseph Dzenowsky, an ex-student and now infantry instructor at an air service command station in England, designed to bridge the gap between training in the United States and combat soldiering against the enemy in France. His service there will be one from which America's plans will cover our occupation of Occupied Europe. Before entering the Air Corps, Joe was a student at the college.

Recently promoted to the rank of second lieutenant in the Army, is Henry F. Woodward, Jr., former graduate of the college. Lieutenant Woodward entered the service in August, 1942, and rose to the rank of staff sergeant before being selected to attend Officer Candidate School at Fort Benning. Previously, he had been instructing infantry men at Camp Wheeler, Georgia.

Now serving in the South Pacific in the 11th Air Rescue Unit, is Lieut. (j.g.) Joseph J. Murphy, a graduate of the class of 1942. He was recently learned that the engagement of Miss Phyllis Le Duc to Lieutenant Murphy was announced. Miss Le Duc is also a graduate of the college.

Florette T. Coulbourn, Class of '44 is in the WAVES-Naval Reserve, Massachusetts School (WR), Northampton, Mass.

Jeanne M. Balbo, Class of '46 is in the WAVES-Wave Quarters D 2-28, Nebraska Avenue, Washington, D. C.

Russell P. Fears, Class of '45, is a Ph.M.2/c, U.S.N., serving on an LST, somewhere overseas.

1st Lieutenant Earl F. Bagnall, Class of '44, left in June, '42, to enter the Marine Corps Air Force. He became a dive bomber pilot and took part in service with a squadron known as "Alb Bobo and the Forty Thieves". This squadron blasted Jap installations in seven strafing and bombimg raids on Wake in the Marshall Islands. Lieut. Bagnall was credited with two confirmed victories, and flew a dive bomber over the Jap airfield without being hit. He logged a total of 600 combat hours flying from bases on Sanan, Funafuti, and Eniwetak in the Marshall group of islands.

Melvin D. Kurzer, Class of '38, is now serving as a major in the Armed Forces.

This column is compiled each issue with the kindredness and cooperation of Mr. Brenda Huns, former instructor at the college, and now resident of Bridgewater.

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**B.T.C.'S FIGHTING MEN & WOMEN**

With winter beginning to breathe its first icy winds across the continent, we turn to the apropos topic of winter sports. The girls are putting on some really beautiful ones; fur, fabric, trimmed or untrimmed. There are some smart new styles, and still smart classic styles that have always been with us in one form or another.

**JUDGEMENT DAY**

Why Not Give Swimming A Try?

**W.A.A. SYSTEM TO BE CHANGED**

A committee with Helen Whiting as chairman has been appointed from the A.A. governing board to overhaul the W.A.A. system. The results of their research will be reported periodically at the board meetings.

**Why Not Give Swimming A Try?**

With all the renovations being done at B.T.C., let's see what we can do to swim with. It seems that those pictures in the auditorium should have tempered the hearts of a few more of our spigglity mermaids. It is an old saying among many classes of people that there is no day for beach parties during the off season, or even on the beach parties during the off season, or even, if you don't want to hear the sound of the ocean, you can still enjoy it by sitting on the beach. You can sit on the beach and watch the ocean, or you can sit in the ocean and watch the waves. This is a great way to spend a day, especially if you are on a vacation. You can sit on the beach and watch the waves, or you can sit in the ocean and watch the waves. This is a great way to spend a day, especially if you are on a vacation.

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