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Campus Comment Wins Honors In N. Y.

Mary Cronin and Marjorie Philips left Providence March 20, at nine o'clock to attend the Columbia Scholastic Press Conference in New York City, where Campus Comment was awarded second prize in its class in a nation-wide contest.

The convention opened at MacMillan Theater, Columbia University, with Joseph M. Murphy, Director of the Columbia Scholastic Press Association, presiding over a General Meeting. Dr. Harry J. Carman, dean of Columbia College, gave the welcome. Captain William E. Haskell, Vice-president of the New York Herald Tribune, addressed them on the subject of "School Newspapers Today and Tomorrow." He stressed the importance of women in the newspaper world.

The meeting was then adjourned to the Low Library steps where the convention picture was taken.

Questioning Minds

A special feature of the convention was a panel discussion entitled "Is the U. N. the Answer to World Peace?" Miss Gretta Baker, director of the Radio Workshop at New York's famous Town Hall, presented four students in an off-the-air round-table discussion of this important question. The speaker represented the Student Division of two organizations, United World Federalists and the American Association for the United Nations. The audience took part in a question period following the program.

Tips For Editors

On Friday afternoon, a second panel discussion was held at Grace Dodge Hall. It was an associated teachers' meeting under the direction of student leaders who discussed publications from the following viewpoints: front page make-up, use of the feature, correct use of advertising, headlines and harmony, objective sports writing and pictures and the cartoon.

A business meeting was held at the Hotel Astor, Saturday morning, at which business and program planning were discussed. The climax of the convention was reached at a luncheon planned for all the delegates in the hotel. There was an estimated attendance of three thousand.

Noted Author Speaks

Joseph M. Murphy, director of the association, presided, while Dr. Frank (continued on page 3)

Department Heads Attend Convention

Miss Lois Decker and Miss Mary J. Moriarty of the Health and Physical Education Department represented Bridgewater at the annual Eastern District Association of the American Association for Health, Physical Education, and Recreation Convention at Brooklyn, New York. The Eastern District is the oldest and largest section of American Association of Health, Physical Education and Recreation.

Full Program

On Friday, March 28, Miss Decker attended the meetings of the Executive Committee Eastern Association of Physical Education for College Women of which she is treasurer. On Saturday, she attended meetings, of that same group, at Barnard College, New York, the theme of which was, "Meeting the individual needs of college girls through testing and motivation." On Monday, Miss Decker attended the pre-convention dance conference where Bessie Schoenoff and Jose Limon accompanied by Norman Lloyd, well-known accompanist, lectured and demonstrated dance technique and composition.

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SOCIAL CALENDAR

April 19—Junior Prom
May 2—Glee Club Concert
May 3—S. C. A. Semi-formal
May 16—S. Capades
May 28—Senior Outing
May 29—Senior Banquet and Prom
May 31—Faculty Reception
May 31—Senior Serenade
June 1—Baccalaureate
June 1—Commencement Class of 1947

13 Novices Test Field

The members of the junior class who began their eight-week practice teaching March 23 at the Training School are as follows: Barbara Talbot and Anna Gibbs, Miss Marks; Genevieve Powers, Miss Smith; Cynthia Jones, Miss Rogers; Margaret Green, Miss Allen; Carol Roche and Morton Tibbetts, Miss Thompson; Shirley Sedgwick, Miss Hollis; Ernestine Mills, Miss Sleeper; Mildred Downer, Mrs. Sprague; Sara Malina, Miss Borchers; Marie Henry, Mrs. O'Brien; and Ann Gloster, Mrs. Raymond.

Who Will Be Chosen Queen At Semi-Formal Tomorrow Night?

Under The Mortarboard

The senior banquet and prom will be held May 29 in the Salle Moderne at the Statler Hotel from 8:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m.

Plans for the senior outing, May 28, are in progress. Carl Lawson and Ann MacNamara are chairmen of this committee.

Payments for Alpha are due after April vacation.

Weddings in June are as follows: Jean E. Crane to Robert L. Richter; Grace Theberge to Paul Frye.

Positions for Next Year

The following people have accepted positions for next year: Irene Smialek, Sandwich High School; Muriel Glaser and Atherleen Hanson, Brockton.

Limon Guest of W. A. A.

On Saturday afternoon, March 8, W.A.A. presented Jose Limon, who is considered one of the best male modern dancers. Limon was a pupil of Doris Humphrey, and is not only a performer, he is a teacher and choreographer as well.

Dancing Expresses Country

Limon has named his type of dancing, American dancing, for it is here in America that it originated. It expresses, he believes, the great expanse of the West, the grandeur of the mountains, and the eloquence of the Grand Canyon.

Many Present At Exhibit

There were students present from Framingham, Fitchburg, Salem, and Worcester State Teachers Colleges and Rhode Island College of Education, as well as from Bridgewater. Jose presented and taught many locomotor techniques and stretching exercises. He also gave a lecture on the origin of the American Dance and the meaning of it, as well as a brief demonstration of one of his own dances.

After the demonstration, the members of the Dance Club and guests from other colleges, as well as Mr. Limon and his party attended a tea in Tillinghast Reception Room.

Junior Class To Hold Dance In Boston

The junior class will sponsor a semi-formal dance in the Crystal Ballroom of the Hotel Kenmore in Boston on Saturday night, April 19. About 120 couples are expected to attend. Dancing will be from 8-12 to the music of Bert Edwards and his orchestra. The feature of the evening is to be the choosing of a Queen and her two attendants who will reign during the dance. Although the Queen herself will be a member of the junior class, the two attendants will be chosen from all of the girls present. Members of the faculty will act as judges.

Faculty Represented

Patrons and patronesses for the evening are to be Miss S. Elizabeth Pope, Dr. and Mrs. John J. Kelly, Dr. and Mrs. Charles McMullen, Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Meier, Mr. and Mrs. Balfour Tyndall.

Committee Heads

Mildred Duggan, as President of the junior class, is general chairman in charge of arrangements. Assisting her as heads of committees are the following: tickets, Meredith Marks; hospitality, Estelle Potters; publicity, Ellen Galligan and Dorothy Adams; orchestra, Marie Henry.

CHAPEL PROGRAMS

April 29—Charles L. Stevens of Wilbraham Academy. Illustrated lecture on Iceland.
May 6—Newman Club
May 20—John Cronin, popular story teller.
May 27—S. C. A. Chapel.

S.C.A. Holds Last Dance Of Season May 3

Student Cooperative Association will sponsor a semi-formal dance in the Albert Gardner Boyden Gymnasium on Saturday evening, May 3.

The committees for the spring dance are as follows: Lenore Kelly, general chairman; Phyllis Jones, publicity; Jean Gillette, decorations; Kenneth Downey, equipment; Louise Wallace, tickets and programs; Jackie Killen, hospitality; Bill Alden, clean-up; and Claire Danis, refreshments.

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The Nucleus Of The Structure

The American child is usually exposed to the subject of civics during his Junior High School education. At this time he learns how his city, state, and national government function, the qualifications a candidate must possess before he is permitted to run for a specific office, an incite into the problems of a democracy, and a general knowledge of how the United States operates.

Many civic instructors teach their pupils the structural framework of the United States by a series of circles. The outer-most ring stands for the nation; the one inside that, the state; the next inner circle, the city; then the community; and finally the core of the diagram, the last circle in the center, represents the family. The teachers generally stress this last grouping as being vitally essential to the strength of the country for without a solid foundation, they explain, nothing permanent can be built.

It has been called to our attention many times during the past few months over the air, in editorials, and in magazine articles about America's concern about the breaking up of the family. With the attractions beckoning from the modern world that surrounds us the family is finding it more and more difficult to maintain a firm hold upon its members. Each person making up the group has added interests that lure him away from the home circle so that many times the home is merely a place to eat and sleep. No longer is it true that social life centers about the family. The component parts of the group find amusement at the theaters, night clubs, amusement parks, and local pool rooms.

Divorce rates in the United States are increasing, and families are decreasing in size. This represents an alarming picture to the student who has learned that the family is the nucleus of the democratic structure of our country. If it disintegrates then on what shall the building rest? One of the steps Germany took toward Nazi control was the abolition of the family bonds in her country. There is no reason why we should not profit by her poor example and do our utmost to preserve the sanctity of marriage and the family unit if we would see our country strong at its foundation.

And They Shall Have Music

The room in Woodward Hall that was formerly called Miss Pope's Office is to be renamed the Listening Room. It is for the use of those students who have an interest in music whether it be a creative sense or appreciative interest. A collection of records has been started to make up the musical library and donations have

B. T. C. Spring Is Unique

We don't need a calendar to know that March 21 has come and passed, or a thermometer to show us the mercury is rising; nor the sounds of a melody from the beaks of birds, and the vision of crocuses emerging into the light and the forsythia opening.

Nor is it because we shed our excess fur and run on greener grass, vibrating with the intoxicating fresh, warm air; nor the sending of our bundles of shoes to Greece, with instinct telling us the time is here again to be uninhibited, and wiggle our toes in the soft ground and let the mud ooze through our toes. Oh, yes, these are signs—harbingers of spring. Each year we hear of them, read of them, and see them. Everywhere they are known. They're most universal so long as there is fertile ground, plus a few other geographic conditions.

But it's not these much fanciful and worn signs that give us, here at B.T.C. the true knowing and comprehension that Spring is really here. Romance has been budding all winter, so that is meaningless. Yes, here on the campus we know (we dare not know) for the evidence is there everywhere we go—from dormitory to dormitory, from the gymnasium to the classrooms—there before us always—the thousand squashed worms upon the walks.

What Would Happen If..

Seniors didn't count the days to Commencement

The newspaper racks in the library didn't fall once during the day

There wasn't a line waiting to use the telephone in Wood

No one was late to seventh hour

Juniors liked Training School

The coke machines were always filled

All the sockets worked in the ironing room

Every clock on the campus was synchronized

A student was greeted at the door pleasantly after a one o'clock permission

The orchestras at the dances turned out to be as talented as Harry James'

No one cut chapel

Filet Mignon was served in the dining room

Pat Shortall stayed for a weekend

It wasn't Grimley's birthday

All the boxes in the mail room were filled at one time

Mass meetings were really as short as originally scheduled

Shake Hands With A Troglodyte

I am joining the third sex.
Not only am I immune
To the basic human emotions,
But with them, I am apart from
Their frailties,—yes, even their public vices.

I am to know and understand
All buds of humanity, and guide
In their metamorphosis to fruitful maturity;

Yet not because I've felt their growing pains
And hurts, and know them for my own:

Or not because the friction from a fast moving,

Inconsistent society had once burnt me
And my youthfulness and dreams.

Oh no,—for I was never young
And dreams belong with youth.

Yes, I am unique and complete.—Not me,

But the mass impression of me.
How thankful am I that I know
The superficiality of impressions,
And take them as such.

And thankful too, to earn the name.—
A teacher.

The Great Leveller

Death called the man but he was loath to go.

"I'm indispensable" he proudly
Cried, forgetting better men than he had died.

Death laughed at him and scornfully rejoined,

In the eternal scheme men are

No more than grains of sand

Upon life's shifting shore.

Wilrene Ash

Frosting For Cake

"Scholarship is less than sense,
Therefore seek intelligence."

Wisdom borrowed from the past;

'Thank the Lord, that some did last.

So much is spent of every day

In fruitless busy work.

And cause we see it as it be,

'They say our work, we shirk.

Little minds that hurry scurry,

For small prestige to gain.

How self inspection might reveal

Their journey from the sane.

To honesty, they put their backs;

Leaving jam upon the shelf

I wonder who they think they kid

Now surely not themselves.

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been made to supplement this existing collection.

The exact date when the Listening Room is to open has not been decided upon but as we go to press we are told it is to be in the very near future. The Room is for all students who are interested in music and for those who wish to learn to appreciate some of the finer things of life.



All will agree that there is nothing like our Campus in the Springtime and since that glorious season is here we feel we have a right to wax poetic. I guess all of us can truthfully say:

I'm glad the sky is painted blue
And the earth is painted green,
And such a lot of nice fresh air
All sandwiched in between.

Ogden Nash has a different twist to it all. He says:

I think that I shall never see
A billboard as lovely as a tree;
Indeed unless the billboards fall
I'll never see a tree at all.

Plays And Pins Merit Praise

Congratulations, Sunny, for doing such a marvelous job as director of "Dulcy," also to members of the cast.

Barb Talbot is mighty proud of that "frat" pin she's sporting. Guess that's the reason Ed. McGowan spent the better part of his spring vacation in Bridgewater. Best wishes, Barb.

Believe It Or Not

Most College girls are used to blind dates but one of the most unusual ones happened the night Lenore Kelly brought six men to the dorm and supplied them with dates. Funny thing about it though, some of the couples are still going strong. Ah, the charm of these Bridgewater gals!

Didn't someone once say the day we could write "man bites dog" that that would be news? Well, we haven't quite that twist to our story but we think Peggy Gray came close to it the day she stepped on a wee mouseie.

Senior training certainly agrees with Helen Killory. Has she been looking chic! If that's what training does to one, more people should try it.

Corn Along The Volga

Hillbilly music has entered the field of diplomacy. It went to work during a recent state department broadcast to Russia and it did fairly well for a start. Russian listeners said they liked the American music, especially "The Old Chisholm Trail." They were not so sure about an accompanying news broadcast and lecture on the U. S. form of government. The latter puzzled them.

In the face of strong opposition, the state department has scheduled a series of these broadcasts to Russia. Purpose: to get the truth about America to the Russians. At present these broadcasts have a very limited audience since highpowered radio sets are necessary to listen in. If each nation would voluntarily relay over a domestic network the public relations broadcasts sent out by the other nation, then every owner of a radio set in each country could hear from the people across the ocean.

Before long the contorted impressions that Russians get of us through their publications, and the misconceptions of them that we now have would dissolve. This would be truly a case of people talking to people.

The Russians need more hillbilly music, just as we need some cossack tunes on our hit parade.

(Daily Trojan)

According to the Daily Texan, the prof was asking the names of students in his class.

"And your name, son?"

"Jule, sir."

"You shouldn't abbreviate. Your name is Julius." The prof went on to the next student. "And your name is. . ."

"Billious, sir," replied the scared freshman.

Gym Rocks With Female Fetes

The biennial Gym-Jam, sponsored by the Women's Athletic Association, was held April 16 and 17 in the Albert Gardner Boyden Gymnasium. The performance on April 16 was presented for parents and friends of the student body. Educational leaders attended the Gym-Jam on April 17.

The committees for the Gym-Jam were as follows: Louise Bignelli, General Chairman; Natalie Hayes, entrance march; Carol Schneider, costumes; Eleanor Raleigh, light and equipment; Kay Kvale, programs; Frances McElroy, music; Edna Lahteine, and Mary Silvestri, organization.

CAMPUS COMMENT HONORS—

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D. Fackenthal, Acting President, Columbia University, presented the introduction. The guest speaker was Colonel Hans Christian Adamson, author of Eddie Rickenbacker and other works. His account of his own survival and that of the others on the famed raft made up Colonel Adamson's address.

The event was climaxed by the presentation of gold keys and special contest awards. Campus Comment was honored as the winner in its class of second prize in a nation-wide contest.

Commercialized Democracy?

Charges frequently have been made that the American radio has fallen short in presenting ideas of democracy to millions of radio listeners. The critics

DEPARTMENT HEADS—

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Speakers and Dancing

The General Session opened at 8:15 Monday night March 31 with greetings from John Wade, Superintendent of Schools in New York City and William L. Hughes, past president of A. A. H. P. E. R. Speakers and their topics were: Ben Miller of Washington D. C. on "Organization, a Life Line for a Profession," Lloyd M. Jones of Pennsylvania State, "Honor Awards," and Jay B. Nash, "Our Work is Here—Our Reward is Ahead of Us." The evening was rounded out with folk dancing by Elizabeth Burchenal.

Two Trains, Two Busses and one Taxi

On Tuesday, Miss Decker travelled to Amherst to attend the meeting of Massachusetts Elementary School Principals Association for two days. The conference centered around the New Curriculum Guide for Grades 1-3 to be used in schools next year. Miss Decker is chairman of the Health and Physical Education committee. On Tuesday, Miss Moriarty attended the Public School Section Workshop, the theme of which was "Standards of Instruction." Dance demonstrations at different age levels included rhythmic fundamentals for elementary school, folk and square dancing for mixed high school groups, and dance composition for college age and older.

explain that the intent is there but the methods chase listeners away.

Although radio men will agree that a 30-second singing commercial is better than a 15-minute sales talk, these men put on the air long, windy dramas praising tolerance and are greeted by nationwide dial twirling. A sound remedy for this inadequacy was voiced recently in the New Republic. It was suggested that radio should "get Fred Allen to blacken the KKK with his satire, the Lone Ranger to sell tolerance around a campfire and Dick Tracy to plug for the United Nations."

The intellectuals may not listen, but millions will. You can't talk tolerance and liberalism to people if you preach over their heads.

(Oklahoma Daily)

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CLUB NEWS

KAPPA DELTA PI

The monthly meeting of Kappa Delta Pi was held in Room 17 in the Administration Building, Wednesday, April 9. Richard Dorey acted as moderator for a panel discussion on "Our Foreign Policy in Greece and Turkey." Bernice Novick, Atherleen Hansen, Barbara Talbot, Margaret Murphy and Jack Herman took part in the panel discussion. The question was then opened to the entire group.

NEWMAN CLUB

Newman Club members attended Newman Club Federation weekend in Boston, April 12-13. It included a dance and a Communion Breakfast.

FRENCH CLUB

French Club sponsored a tea in Tillinghast reception room on Thursday April 10. It was for the benefit of the French war orphan the club has adopted.

DRAMATIC CLUB

Dramatic club members presented the play "DULCY" on Friday night, April 11, in the Horace Mann Auditorium.

K. P. CLUB

K. P. club held a meeting in Tillinghast reception room on Wednesday night, April 2. Mr. Edwin Nelson, Superintendent of Schools in Brockton, was guest speaker. He discussed what superintendents expect of teachers.

ALPHA PSI OMEGA

Alpha Psi Omega held a pledging ceremony in the Plymouth County Room Wednesday evening, March 9.

Seven new members were admitted to the National Dramatic Fraternity. They were: Margaret Thompson, Bernice Novick, Shirley Yerxa, Merelyn Tobey, Dorothy Fish, and Kathleen Liggett. Certificates of membership lettered in Old English were presented at the Dramatic Club production, "Dulcy."

Faculty members present were Miss Mary Crowley and Mr. John Davoren.

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W.A.A. NEWS

With the advent of Spring, the gym is quickly gathering cobwebs afternoons and sports enthusiasts are turning to out-of-doors, freckle-gathering activities. Although the tennis courts are still suffering from the ravages of a rainy and windy winter, Mildred Lappen, director of tennis, is putting her crew of potential Don Budge's into shape with strokes, form, and tape strategy on Monday and Wednesday afternoons. Long hours in the class-room call for relaxation of the body as well as the mind and softball seems to be just the thing (especially if it's co-recreational) under the direction of Gen Powers. Volleyball, always a favorite in any season is directed by Lorraine Lalibertie on Wednesdays and Helene O'Hara conducts the sport of arching on Monday.

Much Activity

With transportation facilities back to normal, Bridgewater has been extending its goodwill policy to neighboring colleges through a number of playday activities. Notable among these social workshops was the program put on by the Dance Club on Saturday, March 8, when they played host to Jose Limon, contemporary exponent of the art of modern dance. Dance Clubs from Salem, Fitchburg, and Framingham State Teachers Colleges, Rhode Island College of Education, and Rhode Island State College were invited to attend the lecture and lesson in dancing that comprised the afternoon program.

Seeing Is Believing

Mr. Limon conducted the groups in techniques progressing from basic to more advanced and lectured with demonstrations and answered questions on modern dance. Following this he performed for his audience a well-known, original composition. An informal tea was held in Tillinghast Reception Room following the dance. General

FROSTING FOR CAKE—

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If fretful minds would but repose
From the battle to be known;
And look within to see what's there
How much they will have grown.

1947 BASEBALL SCHEDULE

April 30	New Bedford Textile
May 3	*Suffolk University
May 5	Salem Teachers
May 14	*Durfee Tech
May 17	*Becker College
May 21	*Salem Teachers
May 24	Becker College
May 26	*New Bedford Textile
	*—Home Games

chairmen were Ann Ventì and Irene Bouley.

Host To Framingham

On March 15, the W.A.A. Basketball playday brought four class teams from Framingham. In the spirit of friendly competition and social participation, the sophomores and juniors at Bridgewater played hard and fast to Victory, the freshman teams tied, and the senior team at Bridgewater suffered defeat. Chairmen of the playday and tea which was held at Tilly following the game were Dorothy Lewis and Jean Campbell.

Girls Were High Scorers

On March 29th, Rhode Island State College again was host to Bridgewater Basketball players. During the fall, we travelled to Rhode Island where we lost a hard and fast hockey game by one point. The procedure was reversed in the battle of the hoop when Bridgewater won the game by cool-shooting Nicky Leonard's final shot which clinched the score with a 37-36 decision. Bridgewater was represented by its honor team; forwards Nicky Leonard, R. Loughlin, M. Moore, G. Powers, R. Roffe, Guards; E. Doucette, J. Campbell, M. Lappen, B. McDonnell, G. Gifford. High-scorer was M. Moore with 17 points and Nicky Leonard close second with 11 points. Following the game the girls were royally entertained with coke and cookies.

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M.A.A. NEWS

The annual M.A.A. Athletic Night was held on Wednesday, April 9 at 7 p.m. in Tillinghast. After the banquet, the men retired to the reception room for the evening's program. The following old and new captains of activities were introduced to the audience: basketball, Bob Teehan, 1947; Ed Zion, 1948; soccer, Dick Grimley, 1947, Bill Sides, 1948, co-captains.

Bob Clemence, master of ceremonies, introduced Mr. Meier, men's physical instructor, who spoke of the past season's basketball and soccer teams and of the coming baseball and tennis season. Dr. Kelly then took the floor and presented sweaters and letters to the players and managers of the soccer and basketball teams.

Awards Made

Recipients of sweaters were; Walter Gibson, manager of soccer team; Bob Clemence, manager of basketball team; Bob Teehan, captain of basketball; and Dick Grimley, captain of soccer. Letters were given to squad members of basketball and soccer teams. The guest speaker for the evening was Commissioner Daniel Kelly, former boxing commissioner, well-known football official, and Springfield College athlete. The evening was rounded out with films on the national '45 football season and on the Louis-Conn fight.

Baseball Season Begins

The future looks bright for our prospective baseball nine, judging from the afternoon performances on lower campus. The schedule which Manager Warren Kiernan and assistants Bob Driscoll, Bill Flynn, Bill Willard, and Mr. Meier have drawn up include games with Suffolk University, Becker Business College, New Bedford Textile, and Salem State Teachers, four being played at home and four away. Tennis, too, is having its post-war start with the men drawing up a tennis schedule with games against Brown, Nicholls and Suffolk University.

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