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# Campus Comment

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STATE TEACHERS COLLEGE AT BRIDGEWATER, MASSACHUSETTS

FEBRUARY 4, 1949

## Belcher Directs Orchestra Concert

Mr. Allan Belcher, sophomore and student director of the Bridgewater State Teachers College Orchestra, has been busy the past few weeks rehearsing the orchestra for its annual concert which will be held in the Horace Mann Auditorium on March 25, 1949.

As the feature attraction for the concert, the Varsity Club Male Quartet will be the guests of the evening. The members of this quartet are all distinguished soloists in their own right. This will be the second appearance in as many years for the quartet to this college. Clifton Johnson, first tenor; George Wheeler, second tenor; Ralph Tailby, baritone; and Walter Kidder, bass; are the members of the quartet. They will be accompanied by Earl Weidner.

## Young Howard Auditions Under Nickerson, Fox

Casting for Young Howard will start the week prior to the February vacation. Auditions will be held in the auditorium under Directors Nickerson and Fox. A complete list of the cast will be posted a week before the auditions with a description of the parts and the qualifications necessary. All men are invited to try out. The directors have endeavored in every instance to place the men in the positions they originally asked for. By this system they look forward to a smooth working crew backstage as well as front.

The orchestra, under Robert Casey, has been given part of the musical score and are starting practice immediately to be ready for the auditions.

Many of the specialties have been asked to start formulating a routine which will be in keeping with this year's production.

## Women Receive Bid to R. I. State

An invitation has been received by W.A.A. to compete in a basketball game at Rhode Island State College. The date set for the contest is Saturday, February twelfth.

In the past two years Bridgewater has triumphed in the game, winning by one point both times. The teams are evenly matched and the game should provide a lot of scares and thrills.

## Freshmen Plan St. Patrick's Day Dance



### POPULAR ORCHESTRA WILL FURNISH MUSIC

The dance season at Bridgewater will take another forward step when the freshman class sponsors its annual spring dance in the Albert Gardner Boyden Gymnasium on March the twelfth at eight o'clock. Dancing will continue until midnight. The committee has engaged a popular orchestra to furnish the music for the evening.

The theme of the dance will bring a little bit of Ireland to Bridgewater through the medium of decorations under the direction of Gary Nolte and Ernest Remondini.

#### Patrons and Patronesses

The members of the faculty who will act as patrons and patronesses will be Dr. and Mrs. John J. Kelly, Miss Elizabeth Pope, Mr. and Mrs. Balfour Tyn-dall, and Mr. and Mrs. Fredrick C. Meier. Also on the receiving line will be Charles F. McDonald, president of the freshman class and Rita O'Neil, vice-president of the freshman class.

All arrangements for the dance are being made by the following members of the committee: Charles McDonald, general chairman assisted by Rita O'Neil; Douglas Barrows, tickets; Nancy O'Connor, invitations; Jane Sprong, orchestra; Gary Nolte and Ernest Remondini, decorations; Elaine Patch, refreshments; William Sullivan, hospitality; Jacqueline Gaffney, publicity; Virginia Daniels, programs; William Lincoln, clean-up.

## Ruth Roffee Doing Boot Training At Great Lakes

On January third, the "Phys. Ed." division of the junior class lost an outstanding member as Ruth Roffee left to join the ranks of the U. S. Waves.

Ruth is doing her boot training at Great Lakes and from all reports, likes it very much.

In a recent letter to her roommate, Ruth described a daily program which (continued on page 4)

## Seven Girls Chosen For Cheering Squad

From approximately forty candidates for the B.T.C. cheering squad here are the campus queens who had all that it takes to fill the job, the fire engine red uniforms, and Boyden Gym with enthusiastic reverberance. This year we have an additional member on the squad for ease in formation. That gives us seven peppy gals to incite our college spirit. The lucky number seven and the vitality of the squad should prove sufficient inspiration.

#### Ruth Alice Henderson

Ruth Alice Henderson cheered three years for Attleboro High School and was captain of her squad in her senior year. A physical education Sophomore, she had the distinction of being the only freshman on last year's squad.

#### Marie Mulcahy

Marie Mulcahy gave St. Jerome's High School in Holyoke the benefit of a well-developed larynx for four years and in her senior year she was cheer captain. Marie is a promising new addition to the B.T.C. squad. She is a physical education freshman.

#### Marion Murphy

Marion Murphy, who used to cheer for Norwood High School, now gives Bridgewater her all. She is another new attraction to the squad and is an elementary major.

#### Joan Bull

Joan Bull of Springfield has been B.T.C.'s stalwart captain for two of her (continued on page 4)

## Student Fellowship Hear About Bulgaria, Sofia

Sofia is no longer just the name of a non-existent country to those members of the Student Fellowship who attended the January ninth meeting in the Central Square Congregational Church. In joint meeting with the Pilgrim Fellowship and Young Adult group of the Congregational Church they listened to the Reverend Kroum Jorden tell of life in Sofia and all of Bulgaria before and after the advent of the Communists.

Mrs. Jorden assisted her husband by telling some incidents which occurred in Bulgaria and singing some of the folk songs of that country.

#### To Send Package

The Student Fellowship plans to send a package to a family in Bulgaria known to the Jordens who are in unfortunate circumstances due to the present government of Bulgaria.

## Extension Courses Offered Second Semester At B.T.C.

Bridgewater Teachers College offers its second semester extension courses. The first class of the week will be held Wednesday afternoons from 4:30 to 6:15 p.m.; instruction will be given on "Art Principles for the Schoolroom" by Miss Mary Crowley. Following this course on Wednesday evening from 7:00 to 8:45 p.m. "Audio-Visual Aids" will be offered. The instructor is to be announced. On Friday evening from 7:00 to 8:45 p.m. Dr. Mary Jones will give instruction on "Remedial Reading." The last two courses of the week are offered on Saturday from 8:30 to 10:15 a.m. Dr. Harry Doyle will offer "Teaching of American History" and from 10:15 to 12:00 a.m. "English" (Dickens) will be instructed by Mr. Charles Foth.

## HONESTY ON TRIAL!

An "honor system" is being initiated in Woodward and Tillinghast Halls by the Dormitory Council and the students. The words, honor system, are elusive in definition but tangible in practice. Each girl will become more of an individual because she will develop a greater responsibility to herself, and yet become more of a member of the group.

Laying the foundation is the hardest part. We can't start by changing all the rules, but we can do our best with the rules we now have. That the rules are enforced to the best advantage of the group should be a personal responsibility. This does not mean "spying." Social pressure is the right-hand man of an honor system. Whether you are a listener or an active participant in the group, you, in the group, have an influence either directly or indirectly.

Make Dorm Council more a part of the student interest. Back the honor system with concrete suggestions. We have to solve our own problems and following the system of another college would be difficult because of local conditions. However, we can get ideas from colleges where the honor system has worked. Our honor system will work or not work depending on the attitude taken by the students, the Dorm Council, and the advisers to the Council.

## SWEAT, BLOOD, AND TEARS!

With all due apologies to Mr. Churchill, we have just passed through one of the crises that he was talking about. About three weeks ago the word was passed around that Mid-Years were coming up. Everyone began sweating under the midnight oil. It was a labor of love, to most, at least to those who loved their free time during the first semester. The fatal week came and went and the familiar words, "What does he want, blood?" were heard as the anemic came to no good end with pen and paper.

For the final cry we must wait for a few weeks, then it will be, "And their tears flowed like . . . ." when the results are announced.

This would be a good time to start thinking about the finals that are coming up in a few months and avoid that "all gone feeling" next time. All you need is an active index finger to turn the pages as you read and let the future take care of itself.

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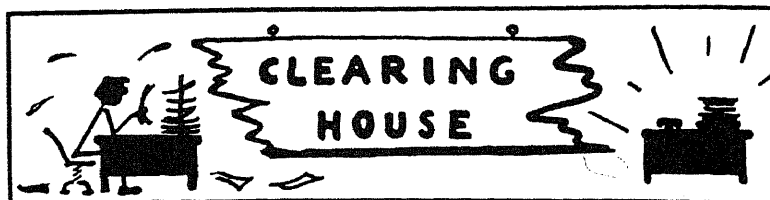
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Your Controversy Queen is back on the job again digging up potential "scrap" material in her customary effort to elicit stimulated discussion and sage utterances from her fellow B. T. C. students. This month's topic, "Do you think marks should be considered a criterion in the election of school officers?" is capable of raising numerous questions in the student's mind. Should Eager Everett be expected to possess a Don McNeil personality as well as his 4.5 average? Or should Gregarious Gordon also be required to pass physical science before he is elected president of the Bicycle Club? The following paragraphs will elucidate further the various phases of this weighty problem.

#### Everyone Has A Place

"Nothing higher than 2.0 should be required, as not everyone with a "B" average can also claim leadership qualities. Some "C" people would contribute more and do a better job for the college."

—BOB DRISCOLL

#### Aggressiveness vs Scholarship

"Ability and willingness to discharge duties should be sufficient criteria. Marks should have nothing to do with it."

—WARREN THOUTTE

#### All-Around

"I don't think marks should be used as a criterion, since all-around average students usually make the best leaders."

—GEORGE PAPPAS

#### Extroverts Wanted

"Some studious people are too busy maintaining their "A" averages to have much interest in campus affairs. Bookworms are no good for office!"

—DON MOREY

#### The "Chief" Theorizes

"Marks should not be the prime requisite in the election of officers. If a candidate is equipped for the job in every other way, his average is not important."

—ED SWEENEY

#### But Only Usually

"School officers should be elected on the basis of personality, social attitudes, and willingness to serve. Usually these people have a high enough average to be eligible anyway."

—PHIL CURTIS

#### Another Morrisonism

"Yes. Only the superior intellects should rule."

—WALTER MORRISON

#### Hurray For Our Side!

"No. Us dumber ones gotta have a chance too."

—WALLY GLEEKMAN

#### Personalities Enter Marks

"Since marks are often based on prejudice and personal opinion, I believe they should not be used in the selection of officers."

—BURNHAM MILLER

#### Who Let Her In?

"Since the acquisition and maintenance of superior scholastic averages is the primary goal of every young student at Bridgewater, the answer to this question is obviously in the positive. Certainly no comparatively unsuccessful member of the college would choose to utilize his time in fulfilling the responsibilities of office when he would rather direct his attention wholly toward striving to raise his quality point ratio."

—ABIGAIL ABSTINENCE

#### The Lady Says Yes

"I think they should be considered. If a person is unable to acquire a 3.0 average, how can he expect to maintain even a 2.0 after taking office?"

—JOAN DOHERTY

#### Equal Chance For All

"Everyone should be given a chance, regardless of marks. If the position means enough to the person, he will prove himself worthy in all respects."

—PEGGY BAINES

#### Obviously, Madeline

"A person without a 3.0 average obviously can't manage his own affairs, so how can he expect to take care of others?"

—MADELINE TOPHAM

#### Have An Onion

"Marks should be used! All you need now is a "B" average, but if they didn't consider marks a person would have to boast a sparkling personality, an overwhelming spirit of cooperation, a never-ending willingness to knock himself out for "The Cause," and two new front teeth to become an officer!"

—MARIE REPANI

#### Marks Secondary

"Marks should be used to a certain extent, but they are secondary in importance to such qualities as ability to lead, accept responsibility, and ease in getting along with people. Personality is also important."

—BARBARA JACKMAN



### Humor Amidst Depression

One of our well known History teachers took time out to laugh at something he saw on one of his mid-year papers. It read: "What footnote did you get this out of? Ye Gods, I thought I knew this stuff." This is the latest in our tabulation of why teachers get grey hairs.

### Of What?

Henry Hick's philosophy—The best things in life are free!

### Yes

A black cat following you is bad luck depending on whether you're a man or a mouse.

### Hear!

"A careless person is just an accident going somewhere to happen."

### No, Desperation

Mim Tenenbaum was seen giving a Bryant basketball player a sandwich made of pencils, paper, cigarettes and peanuts. Sabotage, huh Mim?

### Such As?

"Some books are to be tasted, others to be swallowed, and some few to be chewed and digested."

### Hear This, Willard?

One of the teachers at the training school was explaining to her children about the rhinoceros family. "Now children," she said, "name something that has horns and is dangerous to near." "Motor cars," promptly answered six children at once.

### All Safe

We notice everyone ran for the nearest exit when a policeman came walking through the "rec" room at Tilly. Everyone resumed their seats, though, when they saw he was with Ricky Sargent.

### Doesn't Show

We wish to congratulate the budding radio announcer Jack Kelly. We never knew there was such genius at B. T. C.

### Contributions Accepted Between 12:30 and 12:35

Lately R. Sargent and W. Ford have decided to save Planters Peanut wrappers (the empty ones that is) because with twenty-four wrappers and one thin dime and extra greenbacks it will buy one new seven piston air cooled engine which could help Ford's black mobile considerably.

### Words of Three Syllables

J. Gillette and M. Silvestri cornered a few lonely freshman males in the darkened corridor and pleaded for a generous loan for the Turkestion Relief Fund. Given the fund the two absconded.

### Men Honored

Ricky Sargent was wholeheartedly elected captain of this year's basketball squad by his teammates, and hopes to make this year a shining one.

## "Blue Beetles" Win WAA Basketball Tournament

Who won? What were the scores? Who made the most points? These are the questions to be answered now that the Official Book has been closed on W.A.A. basketball for the first quarter of the 1949 season.

### Blue Beetles

The fastest, classiest team on the court by far for the past eight weeks has been the "Blue Beetles." Winning over all their opponents for the second consecutive year, they scored 52 points to their opponents combined scores of 27. Fast and swift in their white and blue uniforms the Beetles out-played and out-classed their foes again with a team consisting of some of the best basketball players in the College, namely: Nancy Cordingley, Faith Dudgeon, Ginger Smith, Marie Quirk, Marty Cummings, and Jean Capelluzzo. These girls, without any substitutes, played every game to win, and win they did.

### High Scorers

They defeated the "Hell's El Team" and the "Tri-V's," the junior and senior teams respectively by identical scores of 9 to 8. These were the best games of the season by far with Miriam Osborne and Marjorie Knight outstanding on the Senior Team and Helen Kudlic high scorer for the juniors. Helen Kudlic, spark plug of "Hell's El," scored 32 points in five games to lead as highest scorer. Marion Osborne of the "Tri-V's" ran a close second with an average of 30 points in five games. Jean Capelluzzo, high scorer of the "Blue Beetles," the winning team, annexed third place.

### What To Look For

Basketball hit the top these past eight weeks and as the teams start out again on a new quarter, watch closely "Hell's El," the "Blue Beetles," and the "Tri-V's," Kudlic, Osborne, and Cappeluzzo, respectively. These are the teams and the players to look for. Who knows what a new season can bring?

## Phys-Ed Ski Trip Success Despite Lack of Snow

The annual "Phys-Ed" ski trip took place December twenty-seventh through thirtieth, at North Conway, N. H. When the train pulled out of North Station early Monday morning, the experts were predicting poor skiing conditions. This didn't dampen the spirits of the group however, wasn't there three inches of snow in Boston?

After dumping (and I mean it literally) their luggage at Sunnyside Lodge, the skiers took to the slopes. The aforementioned slopes were covered with snow, in spots. Tuesday there was even less snow. Why? Marie Mulcahey cleaned one slope with her ski pants and Kay McGaughey and Betty Manning helped in cleaning another. A mild blizzard was welcomed Wednesday morning and the skiing was excellent until the rains came! The downpour continued all day Thursday.

Monday and Tuesday evenings, ice skating and bowling provided diversion for the would-be skiers. One group of girls went up to Pinkham Notch on Tuesday and reported "good" skiing. If you are interested in making a survey of New England Colleges see any of the skiers, Bette Meagher for information concerning Springfield; Pat O'Neil, Brown; Eileen Tessier, Boston College; and Anne Fitzmaurice, University of New Hampshire. While you're about it, ask Miss Moriarty what happened to her mitten on the train. The theme song of the group was "So Tired," especially enjoyed at 3:00 a.m.

Despite the elements, everyone had an unforgettable trip. Others who went on the ski (?) sojourn were: Helen Kudlic, Ginger Smith, Terry Corcoran, Nancy King, Eleanor Paradise, Mary Letour-

## Engagements—Marriages

The New Year seems to have ushered a fair share of young romance into the Bridgewater campus.

### June Lindahl

To validate this statement is the engagement of June Lindahl, Junior class member, to William "Buck" Mahoney, student at Suffolk University. Both June and Buck are residents of Arlington, and during the war, Buck served for four years in the Marines. As a member of the 1st division, he saw a great deal of action overseas. Guadalcanal is included among his many experiences. Although no definite date has been set for the wedding, the couple has already engaged an apartment here in Bridgewater where they plan to live and continue schooling.

### Audrey Rosha

Next aboard the matrimonial train is Audrey Jean Rosha whose engagement to Richard Constantinos became official last month. Audrey and Richard both hail from Springfield, Mass., where Richard is a student at the American International College. After graduation, Richard plans to enter the ministry. During the war, he served two years in the Navy. No date has been set for the wedding yet.

### Natalie Sinclair

Word has been received of the marriage on New Year's Day of Natalie Sinclair to Robert N. Fletcher of Bristol, Conn. Natalie, a former resident of Springfield, was a Freshman at B.T.C. last year. She and her husband now make their home in Forestville, Conn.

neau, Lois Melville, Carolyn Lorman, Pat Mowbray and Miss Sally Mellow.

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## Spotlight On Jim Fox

Versatility is the keynote of any attempt to evaluate the career of a popular, young sophomore who was christened James W. Fox, when he arrived in Halifax twenty-five years ago.

As a co-director of that startling success, "Young Howard of 1948," Jim

made a most auspicious entrance into the social life of the college. He quickly followed up this ice-break-



ing episode by taking over the vice-presidency of M.A.A. and the presidency of the Men's Club in successive strides. Busy Jim is the core of many of the hard-working committees which keep undergraduate activities humming here at B.T.C. We are looking forward with eager anticipation to this year's version of "Young Howard" which will be presented early in May, as a product of the labors of that smooth team of experienced showmen, Jim Fox and Harry Nickerson.

### Likes Bridgewater

As to life at Bridgewater, Mr. Fox deplors the infiltration of the "gimme" concept into student attitudes, but on the whole he likes the "B.T.C. setup." Teaching in a prep school, after securing a master's degree is his aim. Inquiries about future plans brought an interesting (?) reply: "I am an eligible bachelor, who is looking—, and is willing to be caught."

## Camera Club Lectured On Contact Printing

At the meeting of the Camera Club on January 6th, Walter Morrison gave a very interesting lecture on developing and contact printing. Afterwards he delighted the members of the Club with a demonstrative lecture on enlarging.

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## French Club Entertained By Whitman High Pupils

The French Club held its January sixth meeting in room 34 in the Administration Building at 6:30 p.m. Leon Boudreau, president, presided.

Miss Evelyn Brega, the teacher of French at Whitman High School and some of her pupils entertained the club by a French skit, French songs, and a demonstration of teaching French.

### Ruth Roffee at Great Lakes—

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leaves little time for leisure. The day begins at six a.m. and ends with taps at 9:30. Sandwiched in between these hours are outdoor drills, marching exercises and classes in Naval History, Aircraft, Weapons and Ships. Ruth considers her instructors there to be very good and expects to obtain her first leave at the end of ten weeks.

Issues of the "Campus Comment" sent to her at camp, keep Ruthie informed of Bridgewater activities. Incidentally, she says that the "Campus Comment" was the first newspaper that she read upon her arrival at camp.

We hope that you will pay us a visit during your next leave Ruthie, but in the meantime you have all of our wishes for a happy and successful future.

### Cheering Squad—

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three years on the squad. Her efficient leadership is obvious when the gals go into action.

### Catherine Sala

Catherine Sala is the designer of those eye-catching uniforms worn by the squad. She is another veteran of the vocal chords and was captain of her Bridgewater High School squad.

### Ruth Anderson

Ruth Anderson is a physical education major from Norwood. "Chicki" is

## Here's What Izzy Knows

B.T.C. dropped a heartbreaker to Fitchburg 47-45 despite the efforts of Bodle, Teahan, and Kudera. The J.V.'s however wrought revenge on the invader's second string by clever maneuvering to score an easy win.

### The Victory Trail

Boston witnessed a fine display of college basketball as the locals matched points with an ambitious Suffolk University array. The ball game progressed with neither team able to muster a commanding lead, and it was tied up in a knot, 51-51, as the final gun sounded. The resultant five minutes overtime saw Bob Teahan and Joe Kudera tossing in some tricky baskets from the outside lane. Kudera's hook-shot in the final seconds sewed away the 62-59 verdict for our lads.

### Memories

Dr. Arnold's government class during the midyear exam broke the silence with clamorings when a plane swooped low making a tumultuous uproar, and causing the Demonstration Room to resound with whishing noises that seemed all too familiar to the veterans. Bob Driscoll was all set to dash out of the room, but with a grim laugh the vets relaxed and things quieted down; then the class energetically set themselves to the task, scribbling away trying to complete the exam on time.

### In Retrospect

Hats off to the fine job co-captains Bill Sides and George Pappas did during the 1948 soccer season. Despite

another newcomer to the B.T.C. squad.

### Virginia Knight

Virginia Knight is an experienced yell master. She is an elementary major and cheered for Salem High School. Ginny was a member of the Bates College cheering squad before transferring to Bridgewater this year.

strong opposition the mettle of the Teachers was aptly shown.

### Fading Lights

The B.T.C. varsity was unable to keep pace with the highly touted New Bedford Textile club, and succumbed to a last period splurge of twenty-two points instigated by Foy and Hayworth. Despite the efforts of Erick Sargent and Hap Mazukina, the Bridgewater zone defense failed to function adequately. Hal Bodle led the local scorers, but the decision was clinched 60-37 in New Bedford's favor.

### The Future

Bill Ford led a desperate second-half comeback which failed to overcome the opposing Jayvee's margin by just one point. A slow start caused by lack of familiarity with the elongated floor proved to be too much of a deficit, but our Junior Varsity turned in another tactful job of ball handling which gives us cause to look to the future despite their 41-40 loss at New Bedford.

### "Fatherly Advice"

Prior to midyears, one popular history professor offered quite benevolently his advice as to what material students should concentrate on in their preparations. The gem ran something like this: "The exam will cover all term papers, oral reports, lecture notes, and textbook assignments." Well, that certainly narrowed the field down, didn't it?

### Inside Gleanings

Everyone wants to know what happens during half-time when the team goes into a bull session with Coach Meier. No, he doesn't bowl them out or toss them around. Mr. Meier tactfully reveals the weaknesses most glaring, and diagrams and explains how they can be remedied. After this comes a pep talk, and off they go with hopes of victory.

In the conference during the New Bedford game, January thirteenth, the team was all set to gallop out; when manager Henry Hicks, Jr. got in their way, and held up his hand for them to stop. He was just about to be trampled when Coach Meier boomed out, "Listen to what the professor has to say," thus saving the day. (All Henry wanted to do was tell them to turn in their uniforms after the game.)

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