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Seniors Await Commencement Week

Adorned in caps and gowns the seniors will march at Baccalaureate exercises at two-thirty o'clock, May 31 in the Horace Mann Auditorium. The traditional march will begin the final week of college life for most of the students. Baccalaureate exercises will include addresses by President Clement C. Maxwell and Rabbi H. Bruce Athman of Brockton. Music and hymns will be provided by the Bridgewater Women's Glee Club, directed by Miss Jean Oberlander.

Commencement June 7
Following the various activities of the week, graduation will be held on June 7th at 4:30 p.m. on the steps of the Administration building.

Prior to graduation, church services will be held in the various Churches of the town followed by a breakfast at Woodward Dormitory. At 2:00 p.m. a luncheon will be served for the graduates and their guests.

Senior Dinner Dance At The Hotel Statler
The annual Senior Banquet and Prom was held May the twenty-ninth in the Georgian Room of the Hotel Statler in Boston.

The banquet began at six-thirty, and the menu consisted of lobster thermidor, swordfish and roast turkey. Immediately following the banquet, the Class Will and Prophecy were read. Both the Will and the Prophecy were drawn up under the excellent direction of Pete Emery, chairman.

Among the many surprises of the evening were the favors. Only four people in the entire class knew beforehand what they were going to be. They are something that every senior girl will cherish for many years to come.

Dancing was enjoyed by everyone, under the musical baton of Ted Benard, until one o'clock.

Guests of the Senior Class for the evening were President Maxwell, Miss Pope, Dr. and Mrs. Meier, and Mr. and Mrs. Tyndall.

The success of the Banquet-Ball may be credited to Mary Alice Carre, general chairman, and her excellent committees. Among those who have worked tirelessly to make this last Senior social event such a success are Jean Kirby and Carol Young, banquet committee; Claire Golden, Verdia Almquist, Francis Corran and Pat White, favor committee; Leo Mutchley, orchestra committee; and John Kelley and Ann Noyes, ticket committee.
Message From Seniors

Life lets the blows fall and the praises come and go at will. The past few years have been good years on the whole and the thing which stands out in the minds of those of us who are leaving is the cooperation that has been received by the retiring staff of your college paper. The experience gained and problems solved will continue to influence all concerned for many years.

As a parting shot, we who are retiring pass on to those remaining a job to be well done. New ideas, new approaches, new developments are the bane and the blessing of progress. May we leave a word with you as a guidepost for the future? A principle is something which is stubbornness in defending the right, is and has always been the policy need arises. Faith in your purpose, determination in your policy, and maintaining the high standards, and we leave knowing the work will be carried on. Good Luck.

Senior Memories . . . . .

With graduation rapidly approaching and our degrees within days of attainment, many of the Seniors are looking back on the four years spent at Bridgewater. This nostalgic look back into the years has brought to mind many recollections of undergraduate days and memories that will linger long after we have left Bridgewater. When asked what memory will be brought to mind when they start reminiscing about the four years at Bridgewater Teachers College, various members of the Senior Class gave the following as their most vivid memory or impression.

JOAN DOHERTY
That “feeling of belongingness.”

PAT WHITE
Playing tennis in the corridor with Edna, Ruthie and Verda. Definitely actions unbecoming a college student. We tap danced too!

JOHN KELLEY
All the wonderful girls I never knew existed until my Senior year.

BOB RICHARDS
Miss Pope’s Intro Ed. class!!

EDNA KIRSHEN
Suddenly realizing in my Senior year that we have a library.

JEANNE KIRBY
I’ll always remember the people I’ve met and the lasting friendships made at BTC.

WARREN CAHILL
I’m speechless. (Ed. Please see Miss Rhinehart).

U. SOUZA
Reading the book borrowed from Toni Minerva “How to Live in a Love Torn World” by Maladjusted!!

HARRIETTE ROWE
Giving a helping hand to the M.A.A., and conquering one of its members.

JOSEPH MENCH
Discovering the word “splendid” in the dictionary.

ED FERRITER
Trying to figure out the assignments in certain courses. Mon Dieu! C’est impossible!

JOANNE KILMAIN
Mopping the floor of Till B—’s.

NANCY DESMOND
Johnny Zoino’s Election Party. Guess Where?

OBIE
Vacations

DICK MENICE
The two nightstands of “Young Howard.”

CAROL TERRY
Trying to get in at 10:15.

BARBARA PATTERSON
The Fixtures in the S. P.

JOHN ZOINO
The growth of athletics which seem to indicate a general overall growth.

EVELYN ELLIS
Trying to get a cigarette in-between classes.

SALLEE TWICHELL
The “Freshman Dance” my sophomore year.

DICK WALLACE
While at Bridgewater I have acquired a fiancée, a love of sleeping late in the morning and a late appreciation of the “beauties” of the campus.

BARBARA ANDRADE
Sophomore year!!!

LEO MULREADY
I thought I had trouble before I came here!!

LOIS GNONG
T. L.’s splendid class on “How to make Bath tub gin.”

SAGAMORE LIL
The Junior Math. class and its illustrious teacher.

It is apparent from the preceding, that the memories of Bridgewater are many and varied. Some of them are of a social, others of an academic nature, but all are the memories that individual Seniors will cherish through the years.

Margaret Beaulieu, Larry Ware
Spotlight on Frank Souza

No one, I am sure, has trouble recognizing Frank Souza but there is much this modest senior would be loath to begin. It is the customary thing to begin with the birth.

Francisco "Frank" Souza was born in Fall River in 1925 and went through the school system of that city, leaving school in 1943 to join the Navy where he served with distinction aboard the submarine 'Trepang' which received a Navy Unit Citation for sinking 17 Japanese ships and damaging one Japanese "battleswagon." When our sailor returned to shore he completed high school by taking summer courses. This was in 1946 while he worked in a Fall River cotton mill. Frank married Bertha and became the parents of a baby girl whom they named Katherine. Since that time two more girls have arrived in the Souza family, Geraldine in 1949 and Margaret who is now three years old.

Finally in 1949 Frank decided to enter Bridgewater. The past four years he has been a successful Math-Science major.

As treasurer his second and third years and president his fourth, Frank has been one of the mainstays of M.A.A. His efficiency at the position which he held will present a challenge to all future occupants.

In sports Frank will be especially remembered for the superlative game of soccer which he played on our soccer field and on the baseball diamond where he played for two years.

But first and last, Frank will be remembered around these halls as a man with the courage of his convictions!

Good Luck, Joe

SCA Initiates Student Discount at Bookstore

Attention Underclassmen!

The bookstore is under the jurisdiction of the Student Co-operative Association. When you pay your fees, you become a member of the Student Co-operative Association. Therefore, you have the right to derive benefits from the bookstore.

At the SCA meeting on May 11, a new ruling was passed, whereby all students who pay their SCA fees during the first quarter of the coming school year, will receive credit toward purchases at the bookstore.

How will this system work?

On your budget book next year, there will be an additional page, or credit card. Until the end of the first quarter, each purchase of a textbook at the bookstore will be recorded on this card. At the end of the quarter, you will receive ten per cent of your total purchases as credit at the bookstore.

Take advantage of this money saving opportunity! Students who train first quarter—don’t worry! Your privileges will be extended through the first semester.

Why did SCA initiate this system?

Our purpose is to speed the payment of dues. Clubs, etc., have to wait until the end of the school year for their allotments, while the treasury department of SCA has to wait countless individuals, sometimes more than once, asking for their dues.

The discount system will be on trial next year, and it is up to you to pay your dues early so as to ensure its continuation. If enough students take advantage of the discount, next year’s Council will vote to continue it.

SCA Fees have to be paid anyway, so pay them during the first quarter and save money during the second.

Good luck on your experiment! BARBARA MORTARIY Treasurer, SCA

It Can’t Happen Here

The Michigan Daily, University of Michigan, recently reprinted a letter received by a student at Michigan Normal College. The student had missed a meeting called by college authorities to discuss scholastic standing and behavior of residents in the men’s dorms. Here’s the letter:

“I am very sorry that you failed to meet your 10 a.m. appointment on Tuesday morning March 17, 1953. However, because you did miss the meeting you are required to write a 1,000 word theme on the subject, ‘Ways of Improving the Men’s Residence Halls.’ This theme must be in President Elliott’s office by Friday noon, April 3, 1953, or you will have to be dismissed from school.”

The Michigan Daily: “Fortunately... it can’t happen here — or can it?”

At Swarthmore, A Battle For Privacy

Male students at Swarthmore college, Pa., once had the privilege of entertain­ ing female students in their dormitory rooms. This privilege has recently been withdrawn, and the whole affair is causing a lot of trouble.

The Harvard (Pa.) News expressed great concern for the males’ problem in an editorial entitled “Swarthmore’s Problem.” Said the News: “Swarthmore at the present time is engaged in a battle for privacy. They are allowed practically no privileges at all in so far as the problem of women in the dorms is concerned.

Previous to last year the men were allowed to have women in their rooms on Sunday afternoon for a short time. However, when a coed was caught in the rather daring act of rubbing a male student’s back, even this privilege was suspended.”

“At the present time, Swarthmore students are allowed to have one open house a year, in which the women actually may be in a man’s room.

‘Now it seems to us at the News that morals should be controlled, although not legislated. Swarthmore students, we feel, are entitled to at least some measure of privacy.’

How About Women In the Spring?

(From the Record, Western Reserve university, Ohio): 

‘... Spring, the season when according to popular legend “a young man’s fancy lightly turns to thoughts of love”.

This is unfair. Nobody ever bothers to ask what happens to a woman in spring. Does a woman’s fancy turn or doesn’t it? Or maybe it is turned all year long.

Nobody seems to know. What happens to all the young men with turned fantasies if all the young ladies are still as cold as winter? Let Ph.D. candidates ponder that one.

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Bridgewater Graduate Studying in France

Among the awards made on Honor Day last year was one presented by the French Club to the outstanding senior majoring in French. Amelia Leconte ’52 received this award along with the announcement that an assistantship had been granted her from the Institute for International Education in competition with students all over the country.

Miss Leconte left last September for Paris, France, where she was chosen from a group of forty students to act as interpreter during the weeks spent in orientation to their coming work. After this, she was sent to the Collège des Jeunes Filles in Romans, Drôme, south­ ern France to teach English to children of upper elementary age, and to attend courses in French grammar and history.

Her many experiences learning the customs and special holidays of these people have provided Miss Leconte with the opportunity to teach the children some American historical facts and special observances, for on St. Catherine’s Day, she was “capped” by the children, honoring her with the title of “spinster” on the paternal side’s birthday. She, in return, introduced them to Lincoln and Washington and their contributions to the history of the United States.

Not all her weeks were spent in teaching, however; for Christmas vacation was utilized by Miss Leconte to tour Alsace-Lorraine and Normandy, while her Easter holidays found her traveling through southern France to Nice, where she saw the Mardi Gras Carnival, the Riviera, Cannes, and Monte Carlo. Her latest travels included the island of Corsica, and Italy, where she touched at all the beautiful cities on the coast, including Pisa, Florence, Rome, Naples, and Pompeii.

Miss Leconte’s year of teaching and traveling in Europe will end in late August when she will leave for the United States to begin teaching what she has learned of France.
William Zeuch Gives Annual Organ Recital

The Aeolian-Skinner pipe organ in the auditorium was presented to the college in June 1940 as a centennial gift in the name of and as a memorial to Clara C. Prince who was a graduate of Bridgewater Normal School and a teacher of music and mathematics for forty years. Through the thoughtfulness of Dr. Bessie N. Page of the class of 1908, who was executrix of Miss Prince's will, and to whom Miss Prince had entrusted a fund for whatever charitable undertaking she saw fit to select, the beautiful Clara C. Prince memorial organ was presented to the college. Each year since that time, a recital has been given by some distinguished organist.

Many of the finest organists have played: Dr. Francis Snow, Carl McKisick, E. Power Biggs, William Zeuch, George Faxon and others. Music lovers have come to look forward to this musical treat.

This year the recital was given by William Zeuch, who is one of the finest organists in the country. The following program was given:

**Program**

- Sunday Afternoon — May 29 at 4:30 o'clock
- Prelude and Fugue in G Major, J. S. Bach
- Choral Preludes: "Miserere"
- “The Lord's My Shepherd”
- “Christ lay in Bonds of Death”
- What God ordains is Right

**Organ Concerto No. 1**
- Handel
- Laudetino
- Allegretto
- Alla Notturna
- Presto
- Canzona
- Chant de Mai
- Overture
- Organ Improvisations: "Kampf-Einsicht"
- O God Thou Holy Jerusalem (this verse)

**Honor Chapel**

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is given to a Senior member who has done the most outstanding work in the field of English.

The Senior Class, at this time, will present plans for an award to be set up in its name. The purpose of this award is to perpetuate the name of the Class of 1953, and also to bring recognition to the member of each following Senior class, who has contributed the most to his class during the four years.

The Senior Class cordially invites all underclassmen and faculty members to participate in this Honor Chapel.

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- Monday to Friday: 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. and 1 to 5 p.m.
- Saturday: 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.
Foreign Students Are Guests of Kappa Delta Pi

The Epsilon Iota Chapter of Kappa Delta Pi recently had as their guests two foreign students, Aparajeda Ray and Josephine Su who are natives of India and Manila respectively. The girls, students at Radcliffe College, appeared before a large audience in their native costumes. At present, they are doing graduate work as Fulbright scholars. Miss Ray is working for her Master's Degree in history and plans to teach in a liberal arts college.

Relates Indian Problem
She told the group of the problems and conditions confronting the women of her homeland. She stated that although the Indian women of today have made a marked progress, the continuation of many ancient customs and traditions is holding back possible further progress.

She also pointed out that in India, women have always been thought of with great honor, authority and dignity. The native Indian word means leader. Today the modern woman may take an active part in the social, political and educational work of her country. All courses except medicine are taught in co-educational institutions.

Miss Su, who is of Chinese background, is doing advanced work in the field of biological science.

Many of the problems that are prevalent in modern Manila were discussed by Miss Su. She referred to her home as a mixture of both Eastern and Western cultures. She stated that because of the attempts made by the Filipinos to nationalize the country, many of the Chinese people are having difficulty in obtaining work.

Clash Between Past and Present
Mention was also made of the inevitable clash between the past and the present and that here again there must be a definite social change before the country will reach a point of progress. She also pointed out the favoritism shown towards boys in the family, to the extent that the education of women is often neglected.

At the end of the meeting, the guests freely answered questions put to them by members of the audience. Refreshments were served later by a committee of which Mary Goggin and Janet White were co-chairmen.

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Mr. Richter Lectures On Postwar Germany

On May 12 the chapel program was the long-awaited lecture and films of Mr. Kenneth Richter. A native of Bridgewater, Mr. Richter showed an active interest in astronomy and at the age of eleven he was constructing his own telescopes. He bought the raw optical glass with money he made taking photographs with a 39-cent camera. These early ambitions in astronomy were fulfilled by his other field, as he has made his films the standard of perfection in the lecture and classroom fields. He has made educational releases for Encyclopedia Britannica Films and Coronet, and his still pictures have appeared in the leading national magazines.

Mr. Richter Widely Travelled

Mr. Richter believes the motion picture to be the most powerful and effective medium we have for interpreting peoples to one another, and the importance of such a medium in these times can hardly be exaggerated. In the course of his film work he has covered forty-five countries, and his platform appearances bring a skilled observer's insight into the lives and surroundings of other human beings in far-off, fascinating lands.

His superlative color films deal with Africa in "Two Tickets to Timbuctoo," with Greece and Yugoslavia in "Storm Over Olympus," with "Iran," and most recently with "The New Germany." Here are the people of these controversial countries, living their daily lives on what every historian feels is the world's stage. The subject matter of these films gives them a vital contemporary value, and they demonstrate again Mr. Richter's outstanding camera work and his analytical mind.

"The New Germany"

"Every person in Germany has his own massive personal tragedy...I never saw so many pacifists." So says Kenneth Richter, just returned from Germany with one of the most vitally important documentary films ever to be photographed. He has made a complete record, even including scenes of East Berlin taken with a concealed camera—a unique scope.

"Berlin is now really an island," says Mr. Richter, and from that island he has photographed significant and contrasting scenes: luxury shops in the West Zone and refugees from the Soviet sector; clearing up the rubble of a razed Soviet tank on the main avenue; rebuilding apartments houses, hospitals, and radio stations. Here is filmed Treptow Park, the Russian monument, the War Memorial—and the battle for men's minds at American House. One priceless shot actually shows East Germans watching American films!

But Berlin is not the whole story: Mr. Richter's film gives a pictorial synopses of Germany from her earliest beginning to the present time. Here is the geography of the country, from the geography to the conditions in different states which may well be the pivots upon which the future history of Europe will turn.

This Side of Music

Hello again music lovers. It's time to get together again and review the more recent happenings in the world of music.

Londoners recently crowded the Waldorf Astoria beyond capacity to welcome Johnny Ray with an uniquely enthusiastic crowd that awarded Frankie Laine an encore, while the powerful Ed Texas has also been winning appeal. These three freshmen, along with the veterans, have proved to be an air tight defensive unit that has operated at its best during the tight games. Other outstanding freshmen who have proven themselves almost fit for the major leagues are Andy Miller and Eric Benson at left and right field respectively and Paul Hickey as relief pitcher.

BTC Fielding Another Winning Baseball Team

The BTC baseball team which is coached by Edward Swenson and captained by the sparkling "Reese" Leavens, has compiled a commendable record of six wins and one loss. The brilliant play which has characterized the baseball team throughout the season has been led by the pitching of Don Mory, who, in the Boston Teachers' game struck out eighteen opponents, and the consistent hitting of Doc Blanchan, Ed Texas, Reese Leavens, Paul Sposi and Joe Bruno.

Freshmen Outstanding

This year's team is made up of five aggressive freshmen and four mainstays from last year's team. Freshman catcher Joe Fratianne is probably one of the most outstanding catching prospects that has hit Bridgewater in a decade. His strong right arm has prevented many a foe from reaching second base. At first base, Doc Blanchan has proved himself a good all rounder, while the powerful Ed Texas has also marked himself as an outstanding hitter.

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Within the last few weeks, lush themes from dramatic motion pictures have been monopolizing the "pop" list. Favorites are "Anna," "Ruby" from "Ruby Gentry," and the instrumental "Song from Moulin Rouge." In fact, not only the Sophus at a recent meeting chose this last number along with "Tenderly" as their class songs. Contradicting seasonal trends the Juniors chose "September Song." The Fresh responded to the song request by voting " Stardust" as the melody they enjoy most.

Background music from two high rated "T.V." shows is also claiming disc recognition. Red Buttons "He Ho" ditzy and the moody theme from the Jackie Gleason show are rapidly gaining popular appeal.

Well, that's the news for this month. Music fans, I hope to see you all around this corner soon.

Musically yours,

BOB FOREST