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CAMPUS COMMENT

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Draft Women, Says Fischer

Editor Would Call Female Lib-Art Grads to Teach

Young women graduates of all colleges should be drafted to teach school in order to meet the desperate teacher shortage, said John Fischer, editor-in-chief of *Harper's Magazine*, in a special news release datelined today.

Heart Fund

Dr. Samuel N. Sheinfeld, head of the English Department at BTC, recently served as chairman of the Heart Fund in Bridgewater. Serving as co-chairman was Mr. George C. Richmond. The American Heart Association designated Sunday, February 26, as Heart Fund Sunday throughout the country. On that afternoon volunteer collectors, wearing a Heart Fund identification tag, called at over half the homes in Bridgewater. Dr. Sheinfeld stated that the remaining homes were contacted by mail.

Dr. Sheinfeld wishes to extend his thanks to The Red Cross Club at BTC who were helpful in assembling the materials for the drive. Among those who gave their time were Miss Bouchard, Miss Alice Murphy, Miss Ann Scally, Mrs. Wilma Baker Schults, and Mrs. Theresa Smith.

FRESHMAN DANCE

Fantasy of the Sea

Friday evening, March 9, 1956, the class of '59 sponsored their first class dance. Music was provided by the "Hi Hats" and refreshments were served. Decorations carried out the sea theme and were very beautiful. A large crowd attended and the dance was a great success. We wish to congratulate the Freshman Class on their first class project.

3 Delegates Attend Columbia Conference

The Columbia Scholastic Press Association held its annual conference at Columbia University March 15-17. Three delegates from BTC — Editors Roy Cronier, Ray Fornier and Barbara Nanos — attended and reported that it was "snowy but a wonderful experience."

The annual parley brought together several thousand people who share a single interest — Journalism. Despite inclement weather, the delegates and their advisers roamed the campus, listened to guest speakers, talked over the problems of their individual papers and climaxed the affair with a luncheon at the Waldorf.

Dr. Fine Addresses Group

There was general agreement among the COMMENT delegates that the highlight of the conference was an address by Dr. Benjamin Fine, education specialist and columnist for the *New York Times*. Taking as his point of departure the White House Conference on Education, Dr. Fine discussed education today and turned in some quotable quotes. "The public schools need federal aid," he said, "but they won't get it. Federal aid has bogged down on the segregation issue."

About the future, Dr. Fine suggested that the big job in education would be done at the local level and that prospective teachers could best help by becoming community leaders in the fight for higher standards and adequate pay. "I agree

"Publicly (the teachers' colleges) would complain that the scheme would down-grade their professional standards," he writes in the April issue. "Privately, they would fight hard against anything which might loosen the present stranglehold of the teachers' colleges on our educational system. But the only visible alternative seems to be forty pupils or more to a classroom — a degree of overcrowding which damages professional standards at least as much."

The suggestion to draft other college girls was originally made in a letter published in the *New York Times* and seconded by Fischer in his article.

"To put the argument on the crudest possible grounds," he states, "better education is vital to the national security; and so far we have no blueprints for getting it. The various federal aid-to-education proposals would help cure the shortage of classrooms, but would do very little about the lack of teachers."

"It should not be impossible to work out a practical scheme for drafting women college graduates for a six-month course in basic training for teaching, plus eighteen months' service in the school. Such a system would not, of course, produce first rate teachers — but second rate teachers are better than none at all."

with Beardsley Ruml," he said, "that teachers' salaries should be from \$15,000 to \$30,000 a year."

On the whole optimistic, Dr. Fine pointed to certain heartening signs by way of justification. The influx of men into the profession — and especially into the PTA — he found to be good news. Also, a recent secondary-school survey indicated that ten percent of the upper thirty percent of the students — mark-wise — wanted to teach. Further, he emphasized the significance of the recent front-page placement in the *New York Times* of a story dealing with teachers' salaries. (A state gift of \$21 million to New York City was allocated to raise the salaries of the city's 34,000 teachers.) Such placement on page one means that teachers' salaries are a problem of national significance and public importance.

COMMENT Takes Second Place

On the second day of the conference it was announced that the CAMPUS COMMENT had won a second place award in the Teachers College division for its issues last year. This was a duplication of the honor won in 1954 in the same competition.

Among the Mass. State Teachers Colleges, there were no other papers that took second place although Rhode Island College of Education made the grade. Congratulations are in order for the Salem TC Log for an enviable first place award.



THE COMMON BETWEEN STORMS

SOPHOMORE SHOW

"Vaudeville Vagabonds", a musical variety show, was presented by the Class of '58 on Saturday evening, March 3, in the Horace Mann Auditorium. Its theme was old-fashioned vaudeville and it brought back old-time tumbling, dancing and singing.

After the finale Ronald Seguin, class president, presented gifts from the class to General Chairman Adrienne Wilson, Director Gloria Looney and Assistant Director Carol Xifaras.

Opinion around the campus is that the show was one of the finest presented by any class in a number of years. Credit for this goes to the aforementioned young ladies and to the enthusiasm and hard work of the entire cast.

Social Calendar

April 5 — End of quarter.

April 6-7. State Teachers College Faculty Conference.

April 9. Upper Elementary Cake Sale.

April 11. Day Student Style Show; another use of our new sound equipment.

April 13-23. Spring Vacation.

April 27 — Junior Prom; bring your best girl.

Foreign Diplomat Says Bridgewater Typical

In a recent campus interview Mr. Jafar M. Khayyat, Supervisor of Secondary Education at Bagdad, Iraq, said that he found BTC typical of the institutions that his government would like to establish. Here in the U.S. for ten days to visit vocational and other schools, his special interest was those that specialize in vocational agriculture. His government, which owns and operates all the country's educational centers, plans to open new schools in that category soon.

Mr. Khayyat had no special reason for visiting BTC, he said, but was acting on the suggestion of his temporary host, Dr. Charles Russell of Truro, Mass. The latter is the retired president of Westfield State Teachers College where he served for fifteen years. Mr. Khayyat explained that he met Mr. Russell last year during a program sponsored by the International Cooperation Administration of Washington, D. C. Later, he played host to Dr. Russell in Bagdad while he was there to help plan a scheme for agricultural education in Iraq.

Mr. Khayyat is a graduate of the University of California at

Snow Coats Campus

Near-Record Falls Disrupt Schedules

Twin blizzards struck BTC and New England March 16 and 19, piling snow to a near-record depth. Official estimate of the total was nineteen inches (US Weather Bureau at Logan Airport) but high winds (23 to 34 MPH) caused drifts much deeper than that figure would indicate. A third storm arrived March 24 and added six inches more to the snow blanket already on the ground.

This total of twenty-five inches of snowfall, most unusual for the month, makes this the second snowiest March on record. March 1916

holds the record with thirty-three inches, but the record all-time is only 35.7 inches (Jan. '04).

What these three storms meant to the college was that there were no classes held Monday or Tuesday (Mar. 19 and 20) because of the accumulation of snow; nor on Friday (Mar. 23) at the request of town officials who wanted to remove snow from the vicinity of the campus. Training School had an enforced vacation all week, along with the other elementary schools in Bridgewater.

As a result of the time lost, the administration announced on Friday that the third quarter was being lengthened by one week (to Apr. 5). At this writing there is no indication that this will affect the scheduled end of the semester.

Although the third storm deposited six inches and meant more shovelling for the individual and a real problem for snow-removal crews, most people were relatively unaffected. The greatest hazard was driving in it, and at least three state highways were closed, partially or wholly, to all but pleasure vehicles with chains.

BLIZZARD FAILS TO STOP "PAPA"

Despite high winds and drifting snow the Dramatic Club presented "Papa Is All" Friday night, March 16, in the auditorium. The storm-reduced audience was treated to some excellent portrayals as the cast — not without some last minute difficulty — successfully created the tense atmosphere of a Pennsylvania Dutch family in revolt against a tyrannical Mennonite father.

Patterson Greene's three act comedy saw David Terry and Janet Allison in the roles of Papa and Mama, Marlene Brady and Bruce Ellis as their children. Lucia Millet played a "worldly neighbor" and David Salzberg, a state trooper. The whole cast managed a difficult Dutch dialect with seeming ease.

Much credit was earned by the backstage crews who normally go unsung, but without whose efforts a production would never reach the footlights. From this group the efforts of one deserve special mention, Ann Chase, student director of "Papa".

New Salary Schedules

Three Cape towns have recently increased their minimum salaries for teachers by \$500 or more with two ends in mind: (1) to attract more and better applicants and (2) to meet the National Education Association standards.

The new Chatham pay schedule approves a \$600 increase for all base pay and a stoppage of payment for supervision of extracurriculars. The new schedule is built around a "step" system depending on extra study credits. For a BA or BS, there are twelve steps from \$3600 to \$5800; for an MA or MS, fifteen steps from \$3900 to \$6700; for an MA or MS plus one year's study, seventeen steps from \$4100 to \$7300; and for a PhD, twenty steps from \$4400 to \$8000.

Both the Falmouth and Bourne schedules give a \$500 increase over present salaries. For a BA or BS, the salary is now \$3500 to \$5200 and for an MA or MS, \$3800 to \$5600. To receive the maximum salary the teacher must have at least eleven years' experience and must meet the study and credit requirements.

CAMPUS MALE CALL

If you think you've been hearing male voices raised in song around the ad-building recently, you have. A male chorus — open to all men on campus — has recently been organized, and the group is on the lookout for more talent. "Group-singing is fun", they say, and point out that with the expected addition of a new faculty member in the music department soon, most program conflicts caused by meetings and rehearsals can be overcome.

Men who are interested can contact Mr. Mayo or Louis Perry Jr. (D-3b.) Watch the bulletin boards for more information. And, above all: Watch Out, Ed Sullivan!

ACE Delegates Chosen

The Bridgewater Association for Childhood Education (ACE) recently sponsored a successful spaghetti supper in order to send delegates to the ACE Spring Conference in Washington, D. C. Members selected Mildred Noe as their representative and Betty Schlimper as a possible second, funds permitting.

This Study Conference will be primarily concerned with children — providing them with enriching experiences and understanding their problems.

Conference delegates will tour the Capitol; visit child centers, foreign embassies, and ACE headquarters; attend lectures and exhibits; and engage in group discussions. They will also meet congressmen from their respective states to discuss both pending and proposed legislation expanding opportunities for children.

One-time Wave Swaps Uniforms

After six and one-half years of service as an enlisted Wave, former Bridgewater Student Ruth O. Roffe from Sterling, Mass., is currently a second lieutenant in the Women's Army Corps. Before going to Fort Dix to serve in the adjutant general's section, she completed the WAC officers basic course at Fort McClellan, Ala.

Although she comes from a family of sea-going personnel — she personally recruited two of three brothers now in the navy! — when asked which service she'd recommend, she answered, "They're both great."

Berkley and holds both BS and MS degrees in Education. He has also studied at the American University of Beirut, Lebanon. Though his visit to BTC was necessarily brief, he concluded that we have "a nice campus and nice people" and emphasized the need for schools like ours in Iraq.

EDITORIAL

The CAMPUS COMMENT has encountered a demand for items stressing student names and opinions. Such items will be published whenever they fill a purpose, clarify an issue or indicate sufficient change in student temper to be newsworthy.

Important events occur on a larger scale. Even individual-centered news generally draws its significance from issues beyond the individual concerned. Eisenhower on the golf course is news only because of the connection with Eisenhower at war or in government.

Compare the importance of a student's opinion concerning teachers' salaries with the importance of a news story detailing salary increases in surrounding communities. The first might serve as an outlet for feeling, but the latter may be a genuine influence on the prospective teacher searching for a position. The difference between the mature and the immature interest is the difference in point of view.

Maturity can be defined in terms of point of view. Like the Vermonter who told his son, "Beware of those southerners when you go to Hartford," we limit our understanding when we do not attempt to see beyond our immediate needs. Perspective is obviously essential to the development of sound values in art, politics, education and all other fields. Only interest and inquiry beyond the individual can lead to a broader outlook. "See You Later, Alligator" can be better appraised by those who know Brahms, Bach and Beethoven.

Acquiring a mature point of view involves the development of new interests. Though the start may be awkward exploration into new fields, it becomes easier and more natural as interests build on one another.

The pursuit of new interests leads away from the personal and immediate concerns of the individual to the more general and impersonal problems and accomplishments of society. Interest in the greater issues of the time changes point of view by placing the individual in a position to see himself from the standpoint of relative importance to the whole of society.

By seeing himself in proper perspective—from the outside looking in—the individual can realize himself and his interests because the broader outlook makes possible self-analysis and comparison. Personal inquiry and achievement assume direction when they are seen in relation to effect on any group.

The names of most individuals appear on surprisingly few significant documents after birth, marriage and death certificates. These are fundamental to the continuity of any civilization, of course; yet they stand witness to the fact that narrow individualism is shortlived and invariably absorbed by society.

At a special meeting March 14, in response to a student body petition, the Student Council voted to refuse a referendum and thereby keep the soccer jacket issue closed.

After a talk by the faculty advisor, a motion was made to hold another meeting to discuss the issue further. At this subsequent meeting (Mar. 15), the council voted overwhelmingly in favor of the referendum.

By this move, the council sidestepped its responsibility in settling the question. Performing the duties assigned to them, the representatives voted by discretion at the first meeting, and largely by mandate at the second meeting. By over-ruling their own decision at a third meeting, they revealed a lack of confidence in their power to make decisions.

Democratic government that makes no decisions is no government at all. It is a mere sounding board for debate, supervisor of elections, and custodian for eventual dictatorial methods.

Rule by representation is a practical democratic concept; it is designed to promote order, speed and efficiency in the handling of group affairs. Smooth operation of representative government requires confident and responsible individual leaders.

— R. F.

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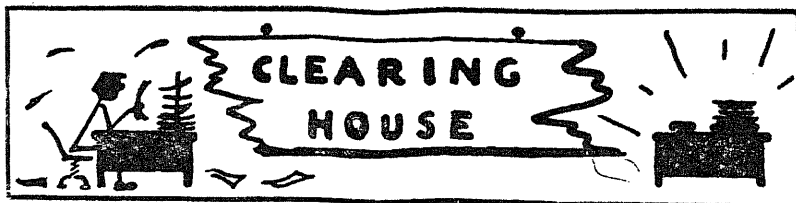
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THE INQUIRING REPORTER

The question of the month was: "What is your reaction to the recent student demonstrations at the University of Alabama?"

Anthony Peters, '56:

"The problem is the South's . . . that is for certain; but one for the nation to solve. The process of desegregation will be slow and painful but will brighten the horizon of basic American principles.

The situation at the University of Alabama was an unfortunate one. In this era when America must demonstrate to the world her democracy, such an incident seems to overshadow the "things" that we Americans advertise as ideal.

I will go on record as saying that mob rule or mob demonstration must be condemned as not compatible to a decent way of living. It seems to me that the student demonstrators and trustees at the University of Alabama should revise their courses in Democracy. I wonder if they have heard of the Bill of Rights, the Four Freedoms, and the Thirteenth, Fourteenth and Fifteenth Amendments?"

Janice Whitehouse, '57:

"I hesitate to condemn the seemingly unchristian actions of the students of the University of Alabama, since their actions are the result of life-long experiences far different from those of the people who have resided only in the North. It must be remembered that the relationship of the southern white to the negro differs greatly from that of the northern whites to the negroes. We cannot understand the relationship since we have not experienced it."

William F. Bennett, '58:

"I believe that the majority of students at the University of Alabama are willing to accept Miss Lucy into the college. It is only the minority of radicals led by one Leonard Wilson, 19, of Selma, Alabama, a pre-law student, who are causing most of the trouble. The students are also urged on by workers in near-by industry.

The students at the University of North Carolina have never put up any opposition to the acceptance of the Negro students living on campus.

Students at the University of Alabama have even signed a petition urging Miss Lucy's readmittance. When a student vote was taken, over eighty percent wanted Miss Lucy readmitted. These and many other factors only go to prove that the trouble in the Lucy case was started by a minority of radical college students."

Beverly Benders, '58:

"I don't think the students who started and executed the riot at the University of Alabama against Miss Lucy actually knew why, or for what substantial reason they did it . . . (other than that she belonged to a different ethnic group . . . a thought most likely implanted by the older generation).

If the southern clergymen worked together in emphasizing the evil and ill effects of segregation and racial crisis, I think matters would take a definite stand. As it is, Christianity is by no means being demonstrated in the South. As Jonathan Swift, the noted English writer once wrote: "We have just enough religion to make us hate, but not enough to make us love one another."

Virginia Ainsleigh, '59:

"The students of the University of Alabama, in resorting to mob violence, will gain absolutely nothing. In supposedly standing up for their "rights," they are actually going against the unalienable rights that our country stands for. No amount of protesting or demonstrating can cover up the ideals on which our country was founded. The matter of desegregation will take time for the people of the South to accept, but unless they intend to change many of the American ideals they must accept it. Perhaps they would change the pledge they have spoken since their childhood — 'with liberty and justice for all'; perhaps they want to add 'for all white men.' Is this democracy?"

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor:

I think that it is fitting that two people be given proper recognition for their untiring work which was so evident in the success of the biennial Mardi Gras this year.

It seems to me that somewhere in this shuffle of aftermaths, these two have been forgotten — at least from the point of view of public relations.

Maybe they are too modest and have requested their names and pictures to be left out of the journals of news, or — and this seems more logical — their unselfish work has gone unnoticed.

May we all join in with a very hearty "Thank You" to Marlene Brady and Polly Chase.

Sincerely,

Mike Duncan

Mr. Editor:

The refusal of \$225 in a recent SCA meeting to assist MAA furnish jackets for the soccer team has brought to light a pressing issue of policy. What is meant by the statement "for the benefit of the entire student body"?

The course of past appropriations has gone from most worthy causes for the benefit of the entire student body to those which appear to have been hasty, ill-advised and beyond the realm of student spending.

Because there will be future demands upon our student government for expenditures and grants, it is time they changed their haphazard and emotional approach to the issue. First, an *ad hoc* committee should be formed to clarify the statement "for the benefit of the entire student body" and determine a policy for future expenditures. Secondly, a permanent supervisory committee should be established to determine the necessity and valid-

Through the Exchange

by Lois Johnson

THE LUCY CASE

Following is a brief summary of student reaction across the nation to the Autherine Lucy case. Taken from the editorial pages of student publications, these excerpts were released in the ACP's Parade of Opinion, February 15, 1956.

From the University of West Virginia's *Daily Athenaeum*: "... As far as we're concerned the Alabama students only demonstrated their immaturity, indecency, inhumanity and perhaps inferiority . . ."

From the *Iowa State Daily*: "... It seems that for some years yet the Deep South will continue to have periodic outbursts involving the racial question. We hope that, ultimately, these generations of southerners will throw off these 'race barrier' shackles and be able to attend classes on a non-segregated basis."

From the Tufts University weekly: "The University of Alabama undergraduates have succeeded only in making an abominable mess of the whole affair. Suspension of all involved would not be too harsh for these contemptuous rebels."

From the University of Tennessee's *Orange and White*: "... University of Alabama students are not so different from other southern students, who, incidentally, have not rioted when they discovered a Negro in their midst . . . We do hope that either the state of Alabama or the Federal Government does something to break up the 'hard inner core of outsiders' and give the young men and women who attend the U. of Alabama a little time to think. If they are allowed to reflect . . . we think they will reach the same decision U-T and other university students have made."

From the *Minnesota Daily*: "... It would be a mistake, we believe, for Miss Lucy's lawyer to continue his insistence that she be readmitted. Desegregation will not be achieved through force . . . According to University officials about 150 (students) took part in the riot . . . out of an enrolment of 7,000. The rest of the 7,000 remembered to think rationally."

On the other hand, Leonard Wilson, a 19-year-old pre-law student at the University of Alabama, wrote this letter for the United Press: "It would be the greatest thing Autherine Lucy ever did if she would withdraw voluntarily from the University . . . The demonstrations show beyond a reasonable doubt that integration will not work. For the safety of herself and of all other students, she should not be admitted. I take issue with a report that the participants in the demonstrations have been 'outsiders.' There were probably some taxpaying citizens in the crowd. But in the groups I saw assembled there were more university students than outsiders. I don't think Autherine Lucy is responsible for what she is doing. Apparently she is being backed and pushed by the wretched National Association for the Agitation of Colored People. The only solution to the problem will be for Autherine Lucy to withdraw voluntarily and put an end to all connected court litigation."

(Ed. Note: For a European reaction to the Lucy case, see Belgian Citizens Would Finance Miss Lucy, elsewhere on this page.)

Belgian Citizens Would Finance Miss Lucy

Our correspondent in Belgium, Henri Dauby, retired professor, has written commenting on Miss Lucy's rebuff by the University of Alabama. He states that Belgium journals are condemning such discrimination, and that recently a committee was formed to provide Miss Lucy a free education at the University of Brussels.

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Creative Arts

Last night I dreamed . . .

The dream bade tread my own path;
Showed might along with Heaven's wrath.
From life I clutched all that I could.
No simple task. I forsook the good.
I claimed the world with palms of gold;
All those I touched turned green and cold.

The sky lit up as I recall
Vermilion like a fireball.
Such light the gods had wont to show
No time before. I woke too slow.
Too soon my pensive soul was numb;
Too soon the fiery chain took hold.

The scarlet vise that Satan chose
Bonded me to all of those
Who too late fathomed why he planned
No time for tears. I too was damned.
I fell to burn and brighten Hell;
I thought of what my dream foretold.

Tonight, I'll dream again . . .

L. I. Z.

If you would tell me what most grievous hurt
Bids you bow coldly as you pass me by,
Perhaps I could explain, and end this curt
And chilly silence, warm that scornful eye
That once held naught but warmth—indeed too much
For safety's sake—under its civil guise.
Then I will bow myself and, desperate, clutch
At any straw; lest something precious dies.

See, you! To save this I'll regret my past.
And call my happy hours cause for tears.
For anything that counts can never last,
Even what's treasured passes with the years.
If you no longer love me as a friend,
My love has come to no such paltry end.

THE ANSWER MAN

Last issue the Answer Man was vacationing in Florida and was unable to answer any questions. He assumed that all questions would have been answered on the mid-year exams, and it was a good opportunity for him to get away from it all. Evidently his vacation wasn't as good as he expected. He claims that it was so cold that the mink were wearing people . . . Anyway, now that he is back, here are some of the questions we have been receiving along with his answers.

Q. Do you think that a dog is really man's best friend?

A. Yes I would say that a dog is man's best friend, but a dog's best friend is probably another dog. There are some people who think a horse is like a dog . . . man's best friend . . . but who wants to come home and have a horse jump in his lap?

Q. Where did the yellow went?

A. To the Orient.

Q. I love Westerns and would like to know if Gene Autry is making any more pictures?

A. I'm not sure . . . Some west-

ern-movie actor just finished a film a few weeks ago. It hasn't been much of a hit, but I'm happy to say that the studios are making money with the films. They're cutting them up into small pieces and selling them for guitar picks.

Q. What is the best method for passing exams?

A. From hand to hand. (Thanks Jean).

Q. What do you think of television?

A. Not too much anymore. Every time I turn it on all I get is mystery shows . . . I really have nothing against mystery shows except that I saw so many the other night that when I got up to turn the set off I unconsciously wiped my fingerprints from the dial.

Q. Is it true that there is going to be a swimming pool at the new gym?

A. It certainly is. As a matter of fact, they originally intended to have three swimming pools, one with hot water, one with cold water, and one with orange juice.

Jacket Issue Still Unsettled

The soccer jacket question is still unsettled. A referendum vote, granted by SCA (see below), was postponed until further notice because of the snows at BTC. However, the week before the storms (Mar. 12-16) was an important one in the development of this story. Following is a summary of that week's events.

Tuesday, March 13

A mass meeting of the students was held. Approximately two hundred members were in attendance. It might be noted that over one hundred freshmen were taking exams and a Junior class was on a field trip in Boston.

The reason for the meeting was that both sides might be represented on the soccer jacket issue. This was the first time in the history of BTC that the financial status of S.C.A. was explained.

Both sides presented their views and a special S.C.A. meeting was set for Wednesday, March 14, 1956, to vote on a referendum on the soccer jacket issue.

Wednesday, March 14

The special meeting of S.C.A. was held in Room 17. A motion to allow off-campus students to vote on the issue was defeated. Another motion to allow Junior training-school teachers the right to vote was approved. This was based on the technicality that the training school was "on-campus". The motion for a referendum to cover the soccer jacket issue was voted on and defeated 23 to 19.

Miss Shea, remaining silent on the issue until this time, stated that she was disappointed that the referendum vote was not passed. She indicated that the willingness to give the students the chance to vote was the real issue and not the soccer jackets.

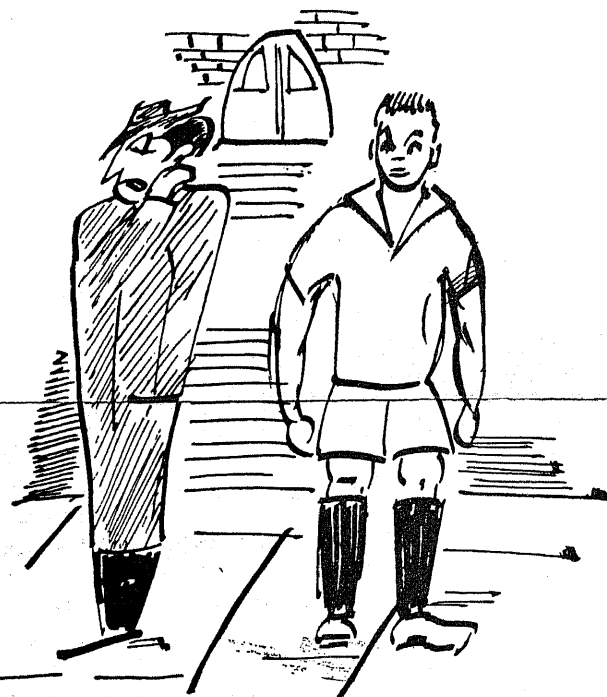
The motion was made that the referendum be reconsidered. A majority of 43-3 approved. A special meeting was set for Thursday, March 15, 1956.

Thursday, March 15

The motion was proposed to allow a referendum vote on the soccer jacket issue to members of the Student Cooperative Assn.

The vote was cast by Australian ballot and counted by the presidents of S.C.A. and the Senior class respectively. The final vote was 31 to 12 in favor of the referendum.

The issue was to be decided by a referendum vote, the decision resting with the majority of the voters. The vote shall be taken by the Election Committee, division by division, and concluded by March 22, 1956.



Psst! I can get them for you wholesale!

Theatre Arts

By GERRY CAVANAUGH

On Stage

Boston is on the tryout circuit for most of the future Broadway plays. Because of this fact, we have a chance to see many new stage offerings each season. Until now, however, we have had nothing professional—aside from the now-defunct Brattle Theatre—in the way of repertory theatre. But recently (Mar. 1) there opened at the Fine Arts Theatre in Boston what is described as an "off-Broadway" group, Lyric Productions. With Barry Frank, Grace Tuttle and Judith Barker at the helm, this group of young actors is now presenting four plays that have been seen here either not recently or not at all.

Opening with Jean Anouilh's "Thieves Carnival" (Mar. 1) which will run for two and one half weeks, they will follow it with Tennessee Williams' much discussed "Camino Real" (Mar. 22 thru Apr. 8). Their third offering will be Shaw's "The Devil's Disciple" (Apr. 12-29); their last, O'Neill's "The Great God Brown" (May 3-20).

Reasonable prices (starting at \$1.65) and student matinees make these presentations an opportunity that shouldn't be missed, especially since these plays may not be seen here again for some time. Watch this column for more about Lyric Productions in the future.

On Film

Also in Boston, the Keith-Memorial Theatre is currently playing one of the best motion pictures of the last ten years. I refer to "Carousel." Adapted from Molnar's "Lilium", with words and music by Rodgers and Hammerstein, it was an instantaneous hit on the stage. It now comes to life again on film with all its original warmth and gaiety.

In the role of Billy Bigelow is Gordon McRae—perhaps best-suited of all today's baritones to bring to life this great part. In the Soliloquy his singing is nothing short of superb. Shirley Jones, who—as Julie Jordan—is making her second film appearance, has the sincerity and sweetness of voice that are just right for the role. Barbara Ruick injects the right note of comedy as Carrie, and Robert Rounseville, tenor star of the New York City Opera, lends his fine voice to the role of Mr. Snow. Another operatic star is Claramae Turner of the Met who brings to the role of Nettie a large, warm voice and a radiant personality. Her rendition of "You'll Never Walk Alone" is one of the film's highpoints.

One of the tenderest parts of this wonderful movie is the ballet with Julie and Billy's daughter, Louise, and a young Carousel barker. In this sequence, Jacques d'Amboise of the New York City Ballet and Susan Luckley give a memorable performance.

The magic name "Carousel" makes this a must for everyone who can possibly see it.

Teacher Need Is Still Great

Whitewater, Wis. — (I.P.) — The widespread demand for well-trained teachers is reflected in the annual report of the Whitewater State College Placement bureau, which last year received 2301 requests for the 181 teachers available through the bureau.

Sixteen states representing all geographical areas in the U.S. sought to hire Whitewater graduates as teachers. The greatest demand was in the elementary grades. The bureau received notices of 1266

elementary school vacancies including positions in rural and state-graded schools. As the college had only 64 elementary teachers to place, the requests for teachers exceeded the supply in a ratio of 29 to one.

The bureau placed 117 teachers in high-school positions but the elementary teachers commanded the highest salaries with men averaging \$3850 and women averaging \$3435.

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Sports Comments

By BILL PEPE

The month of March is, as usual, empty as far as intercollegiate athletic competition goes; but there is much going on in the background.

Intramural basketball carried over into the first week of March and the Knickerbockers, full of spirit, clinched the championship with a 39-30 decision. Tennis players are working out in the gym and our track men are starting to get into shape. Managers are lining up eight more games for the spring athletic schedules.

BTC men have a huge task facing them this spring. With two varsity sports, two intercollegiate sports, intramural softball as well as Sportive Gentry, every man in the college will find a spot for his talents.

Basketball and tennis, the two varsity sports, always have a sufficient following, and this year should be no exception.

Track, introduced last year, picked up support when BTC brought home the track crown from the Southern New England Coastal Conference. With an expanded schedule and the return of many of last year's point winners, track should again be successful. However, a track team requires many men; there are openings in each event for those who wish to try out.

Tennis, Anyone?

Tennis practice is already under way, but it is not too late to try out for the team. With only four of last year's squad back this season, there are plenty of openings in the line-up. Early-season practice is being conducted in the gym.

Anyone interested in becoming a member of the team should contact one of the returning players: Captain Norman McGowan, Chuck Haller, Paul Svensen or Ronnie Seguin. Last year's team earned a commendable record . . . finished second in the Southern New England Coastal Conference. Our team will compete in the conference again this year.

Tennis enthusiasts say that interest and willingness to learn are far more important than previous experience. Why not give it a whirl?

O'Brien Elected Captain

Congratulations to Joe O'Brien, newly elected basketball captain. Joe is a junior and is well known throughout the college.

Joe has been one of Coach Swenson's starting five since his freshman year. OB's fine defensive play and steady scoring have been surpassed only by his outstanding rebounding.

In addition to playing basketball, Joe has been an active member of many student organizations and was also a varsity player on this year's championship soccer team.

This honor is well deserved!

WRA ACTIVITIES

The Women's Recreation Association announced recently that its fourth quarter schedule will include softball, archery, tennis, golf and badminton. The current quarter's activities feature folk-dancing and volleyball under the able tutelage of Vi Goodnow and Phyllis Armstrong respectively.

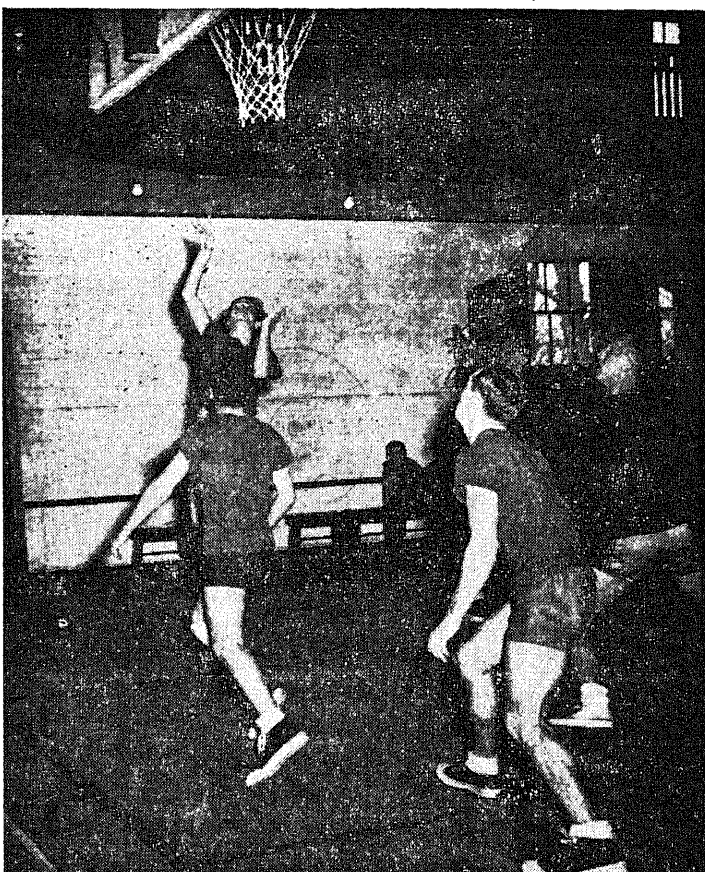
WRA sponsored a Playday, under the direction of Joan O'Connor on Saturday, March 10. Invitations went to Worcester, Boston and Salem Teachers Colleges and the Rhode Island College of Education. Following an afternoon of volleyball, ping-pong, badminton and deck tennis, a tea was held in the Tilling-hast reception room.

Intercollegiate Golf Returns

This year will see the return of golf on our intercollegiate athletic program (see Sports Comments). Eight meets have been scheduled for this spring. They are on a home and home basis with Rhode Island College of Education, Babson Institute, Lowell Teachers College and Willimantic (Conn.) Teachers College.

With freshmen Charlie Reed, Bob Wade and Don Ward, and varsity members Paul Sargent and Walt Murphy for support, golf is destined to have a successful future at BTC. There are still openings, and those interested should contact one of the above or Coach Swenson.

— Bill Pepe



Basketball and Intramural Friends

Farmington Game Boosts BTC Total to 10 Wins

BTC hoopmen closed the season by whipping Farmington TC, 99-80. Four of BTC's sharpshooters hit double figures, caging 70 points of the 99. Doc Blanchon, this year's captain, playing in his final game, paced the invaders with a total of 23 points. In the preceding game, BTC was downed by Salem 107-97. Paul Sargent, scoring ace of the '55-'56 campaign, dropped in the season's high—32 points—in a vain effort to keep BTC in the game.

The wind-up of this year's basketball season found BTC with a record of 10 wins and 6 losses.

Doc Blanchon, the only graduating member of the squad, deserves recognition for his fine per-

formance in leading his team through a successful season.

Paul Sargent topped the Bridgewater scorers with a 20 point average per game. Bernie Gilmeti and Don Ward, with averages of 14.3 and 10.7 points respectively, were second and third. These two first year men, along with Bob Rosenblatt, show great promise.

Joe O'Brien, a three season veteran, proved his worth on rebounds. Jack Tripp, Ed Denton and Rollic Dansereau also saw plenty of action.

Other varsity players included Jim Ruffini, Al Nuttall, Bill Garvey, Bob Wade, Art Dahill and Jack Andre.

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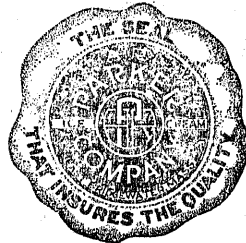
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SPRING TRACK

By JACK ANDRE

This year, our second with track, four meets will be held. Two of these meets are definitely scheduled; two are waiting final confirmation by competing colleges. The annual inter-class meet, initiated last year, will be held on April 23. All the men in the college are eligible to compete. Experience is not necessary.

The second meet, scheduled for May 8, is the second annual Southern New England Coastal Conference Track Meet. BTC, the defending champion, will put its crown on the line against four other colleges: Massachusetts Maritime Academy, Stonehill College, New Bedford Textile Institute and Duree Tech.

Al Readdy, the track manager, has been trying to arrange two dual meets to supplement this schedule. Massachusetts Maritime Academy and R.I.C.E. seem to be the most likely prospects. All that remains is to have these colleges confirm the dates. They will be held at Bridgewater Legion Field.

A Teachers College Conference Meet is being attempted. However, the meet may not be held due to scheduling difficulties.

If interest in track warrants it, a more extensive schedule will be arranged next year. It is possible that track will become a varsity sport here at BTC. Practice will begin early in April.

Golf, although present in the intramural program last year, was missed as an intercollegiate sport. This year, thanks to the action taken by freshman Bob Freyer-muth, it reappears on the intercollegiate program. Eight golf matches are scheduled for this spring along with the annual golf college championship. Bob deserves much credit making up the golf schedule.

Although he has a line-up of golf enthusiasts, there is room for any others who wish to participate.

Softball will take over the intramural program. If it draws as much interest as basketball did (we had for the first time, six intramural basketball teams), the season will surely be successful.

With this expanded program everyone in the college will find an opportunity to take part, either as a participant or as a spectator.

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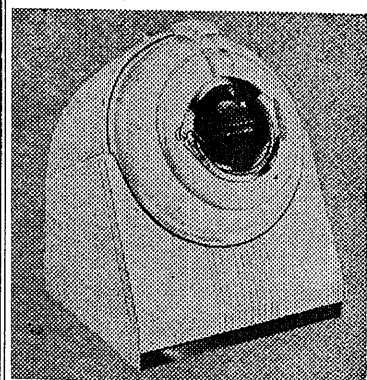
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