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New Gym Nears Completion, Says Engineer

Construction Crews Miss Target Date of Aug. 20th

"The gym itself is just about completed," Mr. Frank J. Johnson, State Engineer, said to our reporter recently. "Now we have only to wait for the central installation of equipment." When pressed for a final completion date Mr. Johnson said that much is dependent on manufacturers' shipping dates but he hoped that the gym could be turned over to President Maxwell in "two or three weeks."

When finished, this red brick functionally-designed building will be one of the most modern structures in the state, suggesting rugged strength both inside and out. A good deal of the interior is finished in tile, some in marble, and much in hardwoods. Its chief attraction will probably be the enormous swimming pool, forty by seventy-five feet and spanning in depth from three to twelve feet.

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EDITORIAL

Welcome, Freshmen!

You probably have already had this strange new experience of thinking of yourself and your classmates as "the class of '60". You will become accustomed to it, and for the rest of your lives it may be a secondary identification tag. The next four years you will give meaning to the term through academic, social and athletic accomplishments.

The college offers the opportunity to acquire knowledge, to mature and to enjoy recreational facilities; that is, to develop as an individual. Equally important is the potential you bring to the institution, for you will continue and enlarge the influence of Bridgewater in the direct proportion to which you realize your talent, ability and skill.

You must act upon this potential; that you can write or run, that you can score A's or dramatize, is of no consequence unless you do so enthusiastically and often. Your actions will be the measure of profit to yourself and the school.

The tag "the class of '60" is inevitable but the meaning it assumes depends upon individual participation and contribution.

— R. F.

Commentary

Oscar Handlin, in the September ATLANTIC MONTHLY, makes the latest contribution to the list of features and editorials aimed at exposing and remedying the teacher and classroom shortcomings. The problems of educators and Education are at last being aired through the powerful voice of American Journalism.

The current issue of Life carries a full-page editorial on teachers' salaries, notes some low ones and suggests teachers' salaries be doubled to bring them up to professional standard. Noted.

The Bay City experiment seems to be spreading, despite premature criticism.

We hear that a young vocalist named Presley was recently nominated presidential candidate of the Teen-Agers of America. His reply was: "I'm for Stevenson all the way. I don't dig the intellectual bit, but that man knows the most."

We wonder how many votes that will continue and enlarge the influence of Bridgewater ability and skill.

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President's Message

Today as in the past one hundred and sixteen years, Bridgewater opens its doors wide to those undergraduates who have already spent a year or more in the class-rooms of this classic institution; particularly does she extend her welcoming arms to those of you who have come to the college as Freshmen, choosing wisely and zealously the teaching profession as a way of life.

Teaching is not for the dilettante or for the selfish. Even those who have accepted its professional creed wholeheartedly will tell you how much courage, fortitude, determination, and a sense of vocation are required to keep them in the groove, to steady them when they falter, to combat the blandishments of easy work and lazy leisure.

All of you, new students and old, must begin the year with high purpose and full promise. Today tens of thousands of young people are being turned away because our American colleges have neither the facilities nor the faculties to teach all who would learn.

You Freshmen represent the best of nine hundred applicants. Six hundred would be Bridgewater students must make other plans. I ask you, therefore, to deserve the education which good fortune has placed at your disposal. If you but do that, your years here will be pleasant and your years hereafter in the schools of the state will be fruitful and rewarding.

You upperclassmen have a real responsibility to help develop right attitudes and firm intentions in the minds and hearts of your new colleagues. Let your light shine, your good example so teach, and your joy in your work so persuade that these new sons and daughters of Alma Mater may find inspiration and strength to develop their God-given talents for the profession of teaching. Careful criticism, impromptu advice light, offered, encouragement to laziness or avoiding may deflect those whom otherwise you might encourage to follow the gleam. It is better to "light a little candle than to curse the darkness."

The President's door is open to all of you. If and when I can aid you in any way, please be assured it will be my privilege and pleasure to serve you.

Let us all, then, faculty and students, pray as if everything depends on God and work as if everything depends on ourselves. This kind of program will make the college year of 1956 one of the brightest pages in Bridgewater's history.
Creative Arts

Normally this space is reserved for original poems, short stories and humor written by students. However, inasmuch as the editors have been devoted to new, original work—yours.

The time that marit the hour of my death, Is gone now, and the death itself is gone. I have no passion for the fleeting breath; I had the threns of life long since forsworn. There is a peace in this—certain ease— A silence that will make the merry morn. Convictions bending with each passing breeze, No longer prick my conscience like a thorn.

And thus I say that every time I die, I find it easier to pass this time. Soon will the sword of living have gone by And I, alone, will exit on the mime.

Though you have talked and argued, it still stands; I, alone, will exit on the mime. And I, alone, will exit on the mime. Soon will the sword of living have gone by And I, alone, will exit on the mime.

The final finding is in other hands.

Watch For the Following in Our Next Issue—
1. “So you think you know how to vote?”
2. Dean McMullen views education in BWI
3. Prospecting for uranium with Dick Bergeron.
4. Formal opening of new gym (if any when).
5. Meet your new faculty members.

Small College Advantages Seen

BRUNSWICK, ME. — (I.P.)—

“The small liberal arts college may be defined as a place where everyone who is next to be elected to Phi Beta Kappa, and who is next to flush out, and why,” according to Dr. James R. Cole, president of Bowdoin College.

“This enforced intimacy,” Dr. Cole declared, “actually gives a student a wider experience in human relations than he would otherwise have, for he can not limit his acquaintances only to men of similar views and beliefs to his own, but will have friends among men of widely varied interests.

“In many ways the small college has advantages similar to those claimed for the Institute for Advanced Study at Princeton; the intimacy of a small group, the advantages of close association, and the restricted use of relatively limited resources to those persons and projects able to profit most.

“The atmosphere of a small liberal arts college,” Dr. Cole asserted, “seems leisurely compared with that of the large university, but through that very fact, life is more contemplative and ideas are more thoughtfully received and considered.

“In recent decades educational leaders, and our leaders in commerce and industry as well, have recognized that man cannot live by bread alone, nor can he live on iron or steel, titanium or vanadium; nor can he live solely on poetry, art, or music. They recognize that there is a void in a nation whose people don’t worry as much about philosophy or literature as they do about where to park their cars. They recognize that while the attainments of science cannot wait for the systematizing of our understanding of social forces, neither can science continue its advance oblivious to these forces.”

Dr. Cole concluded with this advice, “Let us sell short neither the liberal arts nor the small college. On the contrary, let us all join in proclaiming its many unique virtues and contributions.”

Woodward Dorm Has New Housemother

Miss Ellen Shea, Dean of Women, announced recently the appointment of Miss Mabel Priestley as new housemother in charge of Woodward Dormitory, a Plymouth resident. Miss Priestley is amply qualified for the position. She has served in similar capacities elsewhere, and admits that she has “for years wanted to be a housemother in a teachers college”.

Miss Shea’s office also reports that the administration has an opening for an Assistant Dean of Women whose responsibilities would include the residence halls, supervision of the social calendar, and some teaching in the English department.

HELP WANTED

College newspaper needs four short young people to fill staff positions:
1. Sandwiching freshman editor (M. or F) to handle all fresh fresh news.
2. Typography.
3. Freshman reporter.
4. Interested parties may apply at regular weekly meeting of staff in Dome Room at 2:30, Tuesday, Sept. 12.

PERSONALS

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Sports Comments

BILL PEPE

The past two years Bridgewater students have enjoyed great success in many sports. The men have worked hard to provide many successes and to inaugurate competition in sports new to this college. Bridgewater now stands at the head of the teachers colleges in variety of athletics available.

The BTC varsity and intramural sports include soccer, touch football, basketball, baseball, tennis, golf, track and softball, boxing, bowling and this year we hope to add hockey, tackle football, swimming and volleyball. The completion of the new gym will make possible the addition of still more sports activities.

The maintenance of such a program requires the participation of many. The schedules were devised to provide every man with the opportunity to participate in his favorite sport with the team of his choice.

The upperclassmen have already displayed their interest in these sports, but freshman support is essential to the continuity of the program; we are sure they will turn out in large numbers to support the athletic program.

The college is proud of the past two seasons which have brought to BTC three soccer championships, three track championships, one in baseball and one in boxing plus winning seasons in all sports. We invite the freshmen to help us maintain and even improve this fine record.

The soccer team faces its heaviest schedule this fall. In the past, the secret of the BTC success has been the ability to continually substitute fresh players who are able to maintain a steady offensive pressure. To do this over the long schedule, the soccer team must have a minimum of three full teams (33 men), if possible. This means that there is an indefinite number of openings on the squad. With the free substitution rule and with Coach Swenson's policy of taking full advantage of this rule, everyone on the team will see considerable action.

Intramural Sports

Many colleges finance their intramural programs, however, at Bridgewater the program is organized and operated by a student director and supported by the Men's Athletic Association.

This is not the ideal situation; our program is often hampered by the lack of experienced guidance and by the shortage of funds for equipment and incidentals.

Only enthusiastic support from the participants will provide an effective, active and beneficial intramural program.

This Fall we plan to start with six-man Touch Football, then switch to Basketball in the Winter and Softball in the Spring. Plans are also being made for Intramural Golf and Tennis tournaments to be held in the autumn and spring.

The new gym should bring added interest to Intramural Basketball, Swimming and Track. Further information concerning the program will be posted on the men's bulletin board.

Soccer At Sandwich

Sandwich High School has invited Bridgewater to play an exhibition soccer game against a local college. The game will be played at Sandwich in mid-September or early October. BTC is anxious to demonstrate and help popularize soccer in this area. At present an effort is being made to find a suitable opponent whose schedule will permit the game.

BTC To Compete in Two Conferences

BTC's soccer team will again compete in both the Southern New England Conference and in the New England Teachers Conference. The team will play fifteen games this season.

In both conferences Bridgewater will be putting championships on the line. The past two seasons BTC has won the Teachers Conference title. Last year Bridgewater was the New England Coastal Conference champion while competing in soccer for the first time in this conference.

Coach Swenson is now faced with the task of filling the positions vacated by graduation. Hardest hit was the defense. With only a few of last year's players returning, the coach will be looking for support from the men who haven't competed before. He especially hopes to see a strong turnout of freshmen.