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SPECIAL ELECTION
DEC. 18
by Scott D. Bennett

BRIDGEWATER—A special election will be held tomorrow, December 18th, to select a representative from this college to serve on the Advisory Board to the Board of Trustees.

This Advisory Board, in turn, will elect one of its members to serve as the Student Trustee to the Board of Trustees, which is the first time in the United States that a student will serve as an equal member on a governing board of a public college. Paul Kosciak, President of Bridgewater's Student Government Association, pointed out that it was unfortunate that the election had to be held in such haste, but it was a unanimous decision of all the State Colleges that met in Framingham to amend this rule so that it was imperative to get a student on the Board as soon as possible, namely the January meeting, so an election first and the college council shall be held December 21st. The state level would have to take place.

The qualifications are first that the student should have a background in state-level student government and second, that he must be a full-time undergraduate student.

Students interested may pick up a nomination card in the Division of Student Affairs and turn it in to that office before 4:00 P.M. on Wednesday, December 16th.

The results of this election tomorrow will have far-reaching consequences and are very important to all students.

B.S.C. CAROL PROGRAM

The International Carol Festival, sponsored by the B.S.C., Hispanic Society, was held Sunday evening, December 14th, in the reception room of Tillinghast Hall. The program was introduced by Tim Canavan, President of the Society, who pointed out to the large group of students, faculty, and the townpeople that it was significant that at a time of such confusion and disruption on American college campuses it was a hopeful sign that students could get together and sing Christmas carols.

A European buffet was served after the carol singing, and Baroque music was played from records supplied by the Society. The program, which lasted over two hours, was conducted by Professor Colguino in Spanish and Mrs. Reiden, also of B.S.C.'s faculty, conducted the Russian and German card singing.

"This was really a marvelous occasion," one of the guests was quoted as saying, "and we all enjoyed it greatly." The program was a huge success, judging from everything running smoothly, and peacefully, along.
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Letters are welcome, but should not be longer than 500 words typewritten, double spaced. Name, telephone number and address must be included, although name will be withheld upon request.

The following letter was written by an anonymous reader.

To Mr. David Wilson,

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Good luck again, Dave, and keep the faith that I know you possess.

Sincerely,

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WE STAND TOGETHER

What really seemed to come out of the Framingham conference held this past weekend was that now we, the ten State Colleges in Massachusetts, intend to unite together to work for our mutual benefit rather than go it alone. That wasn't the announced intention of the conference, but it certainly seemed to be its greatest accomplishment. Boston State entered the conference upset and angry, and left, with everyone else, in a spirit of unity. We stood behind Boston State and they will stand behind us, as will Worcester, Westfield, North Adams, Lowell, Fitchburg, Framingham and Mass. Art. A large amount of the credit for this belongs to the man who controlled the conference, Greg Gallagher of Framingham State, and the individual Delegation Chairs and College Coordinators, such as Paul Kosciak and Scott Bennett from Bridgewater, who worked behind the scenes and in the various conferences to soothe tempers and settle disputes. It was a fruitful, productive conference because now, for the first time, we stand together.

TIME FOR UNITY

The Bridgewater State College campus seems to be returning to normal. The battles and frustrations of the last two months seem to be either resolved or forgotten, and the threat of the student body being divided into two armed camps appears to be ebbing as the Christmas holidays approach. The State Colleges have come together, and perhaps we can too, and totally eradicate the threat of division. It is the position of the COMMENT that Paul Kosciak has proved that he is an able, dedicated and hard-working President of S.G.A. We hope that the student body will turn out in tomorrow's meeting for the vote of confidence and give Paul their support and we further hope that this unifies the student body.

MERRY CHRISTMAS!!!

We, the Editorial Board and staff of the COMMENT, would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone affiliated with the entire Bridgewater State Community a very Merry Christmas and the happiest New Year!

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with economics. As far as the
involved in the stud e nt
idea happens to be Dean Shea ,
not any stu den t actively
half truths . He gives this council
footbridge , attendance policy ,
and not by any formal action of
individuals here at Bridgewater
this coun c il. Som e of these
representation yet. Student
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"THAT TRUST DOESN'T

I want to state that yes a College Community can exist at B.S.C. but that only one shadow of one exists now. The fault for
this is evenly divided among
amongst students and people in the other segments
who care more about not
making waves than helping the
students. The Student Press group really
helps the college.

SUPPORT
FOR KOSCIAS

It is vital to the welfare of the student body in the student
government 's some form of
be maintained in the
succession of the council's
leadership. The council body in which the power of
the students has been vested. Through this power, the council claims that it
represents the students on matters affecting the
college. Is it right to deprive the
council the right to make crucial
decisions in the times of crisis?
If the students refuse to
recognize this right, and if they
refuse to express, in force, their
confidence in the council, could
not some other group within the
college community begin to
make decisions without
consulting the student
government? As a result of this
they would be left out on key
issues such as the student union
building, student press, and
student funds. Can we afford to
pass these up?

Besides the question of the
right of the council to make
decisions on behalf of the
students is another serious
question. Can we afford to lose
a man like Fusi Romanelli
who has assumed the
monumental task of making
student government work for
the students, a man who has
worked hard to ensure a student
voice in every facet of college
life. Can we afford to lose a
leader like that?

It is a very good and ideal
situation to have all questions
referred back to the students,
but Bridgewater is progressing
and expanding too rapidly.
Questions and problems arise
which need immediate answers
and solutions. If the council is
left again without leadership,
the administration will not only be
able to make decisions without
the students, but it will be
forced to. Although the college
community may not desire this,
it is a very real possibility. We
haven't time to argue amongst ourselves while more pressing
issues pass us by.

William J. Morse

REPLY

Dear Normie, a friend ,
Neither am I going to tear
branding me an "ass" because I
am aware of a distinct lack of
opinions because I feel that you
does not make me any less a
average teen-ager will
like, however to offer my

Dear Normie, who decided to leave,

"that knowledge I gain here I
will never have anywhere else.
When, and if I receive my
B.A., I will value it not for the
courses which were dumb, but
for those few which made me
grow together more.

I do not expect to remain here
does not make me any less a
human being" than you are,
Normie, who decided to leave,
and I feel that you are unjust in branding me an "as" because I
don't.

Sincerely,

William J. Morse
Nicholas Tillinghast

by Dave Wilson

ED: NOTE: This is part of a series of articles concerned with the history of Tillinghast's history who have been instrumental in its growth, and who have. been honored by having buildings named for them. Tillinghast Hall, women's dormitory on the main campus, is named for Nicholas Tillinghast, this school's first principal.

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