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The Mayor of Bridgewater, England, Mrs. Irene A.T. Tester, together with her husband, Councilman Charles Tester, and Alderman and Mrs. Herbert Joseph Ayres are visiting on the campus of Bridgewater State College today, Wednesday, April 12. This afternoon, they will tour the campus and be interviewed by the press at an English style tea to be served at 4 p.m. in the Student Union Green Room. The mayor and her party will be the guests of honor this evening at a program to be presented by the Verse Choir. The performance will be given at 8 p.m. in the New Library Lecture Hall.

In 1966, Mr. Les F. Nourse, local town accountant, and Representative David Flynn visited Bridgewater, England for the celebration of the 56th anniversary of the Mayoralty of that English town. The population of Bridgewater, England is approximately 26,500. The Mayor's visit is a return visit.

Bridgewater, England and Bridgewater, Massachusetts share little in common other than the fact that their names are pronounced the same. If you observe the spelling of the English town, it is spelled without the "e". The history of Bridgewater, England is quite a bit more involved than that of its counterpart here in the United States. Although Bridgewater, England has a mayor for only 600 years, the community dates back to the time of William the Conqueror. As is usual with many towns both in England and the United States, the settlement grew up at the crossing of a river. However, it was the bridge rather than the water that gave the town its name. After 1066, the community was called the "Bridge of Walter" (Walter of Douay). Local pronunciation corrupted the name to Bridgewater (without the "e"), used in the U.S. Bridgewater.

Like Bridgewater, Massachusetts, Bridgewater, England has a college -- a technical college. The town also features an art center, opened in 1946 by the Arts Council of Great Britain. The center has a small modern theatre, which, through two dramatics chains, sponsors an annual Youth Drama Festival and the renewal of Original Plays. Altogether there are twenty-four local societies connected with the Arts Guild.

VERSE CHOIR TO PERFORM

Mayor of Bridgewater, Tuition Battle Reopens
Eng. B.S.C. Guest

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Tuition Increase Anticipated

Again this year, the General Court has been swamped with dozens of bills dealing with increasing tuition in the state supported colleges and universities. Public hearings on the bills began in March 3 at the State House in Boston. It was rumored that the most important legislation to be filed by Governor Francis W. Sargent. According to sources on Beacon Hill, the Governor's package may prove to be the most appealing to the General Court. The Governor's bill, which has been recently modified, called for tuition based on the income of the student's parents. Students whose parents earn less than $6,000 per year will pay no tuition, those between $6,000 and $15,000 will pay the $300 now in effect, and those above that will pay $600.

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Where Do We Go From Here?

Where do we go from here? Our principle product is no longer in demand. What alternatives does a college like Bridgewater State have? We'd like to offer several suggestions—food for thought as our year of self-study draws to a close.

Perhaps a de-emphasis of Bridgewater's education programs or at best a "tell it like it is" orientation session for prospective education majors. We find it rather difficult to agree with the "who knows what the job market will be like in four years" philosophy. Our technology is sophisticated enough that an accurate prediction can be determined.

Perhaps an increasing emphasis on the liberal arts, aspects which in our opinion has been sadly neglected, in the past. We offer the Placement Service as an example. BSC's Placement Service which all Seniors are required to subscribe to, is titled "Teacher Placement." This is misleading. It is 15 to 16 percent of the graduating class not interested in the teaching profession. And what assistance is offered to the student interested in Graduate School? In our investigations we have been advised that the Division of Student Personnel at BSC is available for these people to turn to, but this is a sideline for these people. The Liberal Art Student is discriminated against at this "liberal arts college for the preparation of teachers."

If Bridgewater cannot de-emphasize its education programs then we suggest that Bridgewater consider throwing out its present education curriculum and build a new, modern, innovative curriculum. To lend substance for thought we offer the question: How is the Bridgewater graduate any different from the S.M.U.; B.U.; B.C.; or any other graduate from the education program? When we put this question to an area superintendent he answered there is little difference from one institution to the next. The course titles may be different but the content is basically the same.

It could prove a challenge to the community here at BSC to develop a curriculum so outstanding that a superintendent cannot no longer make that statement when a Bridgewater graduate is involved. Bridgewater has an outstanding opportunity to revise its curriculum in connection with the new teacher preparation facilities. We feel it would be educationally suicidal if our outdated methods and practices now practiced at Burrell School are carried forward to the new facility. We sincerely hope that a new curriculum will be developed around a new laboratory school rather than a training school.

Lastly, and in connection with our above statements we'd like to call attention to a change in attitude. First on the part of the faculty and secondly on the part of the Education Department we may be unfairly generalizing. How much contact does Bridgewater have with its graduates? And of what type is it? We would like to relate one example of one type of contact. Bridgewater undergraduates and graduates are comprised of the same faculty generally. And a majority of our graduates are recipients of Bridgewater Bachelor degree. Yet when a BSC professor teaches a graduate class it is not uncommon for him to knock the public school teachers for the methods used in the public schools. Now, where did the majority of the public school teachers receive their training—Bridgewater? Who are the professors knocking them? Indirectly and probably unconsciously of course, the training the public school teachers received at Bridgewater. Keeping this in mind, we think that a call for a change in attitude might be in order. Bridgewater, you are knocking your own graduates and therefore yourself.

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The COMMENT April 13, 1972
Baseball Season Opens

BRIDGEWATER—Baseball. To ready themselves for their most American demanding schedule members of pastime! Well, it's alive and well the baseball team that are at Bridgewater State. No strikes, winter-like spring vacation right no $100,00 crybaby ballplayers, no room on the BSC "golf" campus, unfairly team, Coach Lehmann. The baseball and new. So far there will be more baseball for the workouts (for their squad and Bridgewater State baseball teams) that attended as they scrambled this spring than ever before. Yes, Brandeis and Plymouth State.

The Bears are slated to play 28 games in 29 days, including 13 open season doubleheaders with 6 of these picked up Westfield State, Wor- coming in the last six slates on the North Adams State and Eastern New Hampshire. It'll all start today with a Nazarene. Coach Lehmann doublebender against Westfield State pointed out in an interview with the State College at nearby Legion COMMENT.

Field. So if you're reading this story now Wednesday, April 11 in the newly formed Main. State chances are that you if you break down College Athletic Conference as well Route 18 you'll be able to catch a few minor New England few innings of one of the games. Conference. With nine MASCAC teams and 37 Sunday and four SCC. A sage that's from Webster, competitors; listed some, of BSC's Mass. has received the nod to start non-conference opposition will be on the mound for Eastern Connecticut State in the first game. While, State, Rhode Island College and Steve Smith, a freshman from nearby Stonewall College.

Trainees is slated to hurl the second game for the Bears.

1972 Bridgewater State College Baseball Schedule

DATE

TUE. April 12

WED. April 13

FRI. April 14

SAT. April 15

MON. April 17

WED. April 19

FRI. April 21

SAT. April 22

MON. April 24

TUES. April 25

SAT. April 29

MON. May 1

WED. May 3

THU. May 4

WED. May 10

THU. May 11

SAT. May 13

WED. May 17

FRI. May 19

SAT. May 20

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MAY 31

WEDNESDAY NIGHT: GREEN AND BLUE GAME FOR PRIDE, SPIRIT AND PRIDE.

SCHOOL

Westfield (3)

Stonehill College

At Boston State (2)

At Eastern Mass, Univ (2)

At Lowell State (2)

At Rhode Island College

At East Conn. State (3)

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At Western Mass (2)

At Framingham State (2)

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BRC Rail
Senior Prom 1972
Dinner & Theatre
at the
Chateau de Ville
Rte. 9, Framingham
Tuesday evening
April 25
(No classes for Seniors Wednesday, April 26)

Tickets - $25 -
available at the
S.U. Information Booth
(Deadline for tickets- Friday, April 4)

(dancing after the show)

Fiddler on the Roof

Semi-formal/Formal

dinner menu -
fruit cup prime rib potato
salad vegetable dessert