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Christmas Program
By Dramatic Club
Now Being Planned

"Why the Chimes Rang"

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

Calendar, 1935

January 2, Wednesday ... College opens after Christmas recess.
January 25, Friday ... First semester ends.
February 28, Monday ... Second semester begins.
February 25, Monday ... College opens after winter recess.
April 5, Friday ... Half semester ends.
April 12, Friday ... College closes for spring recess.
April 22, Monday ... College opens after spring recess.
May 30, Thursday ... Memorial Day.
June 9, Sunday ... Baccalaureate.
June 14, Friday ... Commencement.

Freshman President
Is Lawrence Hanlon

Xmas Sale Stressed
At Class Meeting

Those anxious moments have now passed and everything is settled for the freshman class. Their officers are all elected and they are ready to get under way in any duty which may call them. Those elected were Lawrence Hanlon, D2, from Quincy, as president; Polly Kuchmeister, D1, from Winthrop, as vice-president; Eleanor Campbell, D5, from Bridgewater, as secretary; and Magda Bor- gati, D1, from Bridgewater, as treasurer.

The four officers agree that they think the class of '38 is fine and eager to get under way in their work. They have the best possible group of freshmen boys and are confident that the freshmen class has been well represented so far in sports and hopes that this will continue.

Faculty Party

According to Gertrude Stein "a rose is a rose is a rose"—and according to Miss Thompson, a surprise party is a surprise party. (Repetition for emphasis.)

The Faculty Christmas party is to begin with a banquet at 5:30 in Tillinghast Hall, on Thursday, December 20. The estate for this year's performance is:

Steen Virginia Cochran
Uncle Bretel Donald Welch
The Old Woman Elizabeth Maynard
Holger Elise Johnson
Priest Ruth Mannion
Angel Jane Carroll
Haughty Woman Irene Kidd
Young Girl Barbara Schmelz
Cousier Dorothy Gleason
King John Nolan
Old Man Cecilia Perkins

Men Entertain with
Amateur Night

The presentation of "The Old District School" and "The Sweet Family" featured the Men's Club annual Amateur Night held Friday evening, December seventh in the Horace Mann Auditorium. An additional attraction was the performance of the Burlington Dramatic Club presenting a version of "The Littlest Student". The cast for this year's performance is:

Mr. and Mrs. John Smith, Jr.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

S. C. A. is Sponsor
Of Formal Dance;
An Annual Affair

The first formal of the year, sponsored by the Student Co-operative Association, will be held on Friday, December 14, in the Albert Gardner Boyden Gymnasium, from eight until one o'clock.

A novel idea for decorations has been worked out by Ruth Anderson, chairman, with the help of other members of that committee. The motif used is that of the American Indians. The lanterns will be decorative symbols used by various Indian tribes. An Indian wigwam with all the "feathers" will be placed in the alcove. The traditional monk's cloth for wall hangings will be superimposed by Indian blankets. Oak and pine boughs will complete the typical Indian picture.

Stephen Lovett, chairman of the music committee, has secured Vernon's orchestra, unfamiliar to Bridgewater, but very well known in the vicinity of Providence.

Greetings

The college will close next week Friday, December 21, for the Christmas vacation.

Because of the vacation, the Campus Comment will not be published two weeks from today. The next issue will be Thursday, January 10, 1935.

The members of the staff take this opportunity of extending the season's greetings to each and every reader.

Delegates from W.A.A.
Attend Conference

Many new suggestions and ideas were brought back to W. A. A. by the Bridgewater delegates at the Annual Physical Education Conference of Massachusetts State Teachers Colleges at Fitchburg. Miss Decker, Miss Caldwell, Arlene Kellner, president of W. A. A., Barbara Greenwood and Harriet Robinson, junior and sophomore delegates, respectively, represented the college.

One of the important decisions reached through the discussions was that the point system does not affect membership in the club. Regardless (W. A. A., continued on page 4)
EDITORIAL COMMENT
CHRISTMAS CAROL

"Adeste fideles, laeti triumphantes,
Venite, venite, in Bethlehern."

As the Christmas season draws near again, we begin to hear the Christmas songs and anthems here at college. It seems as though some word should be heard in appreciation of the music.

We have the beautiful selections sung by the choir in chapel, which cannot help but put us into the spirit of the time. Then we, too, have our own part in the singing, with our Friday morning devotion to the old familiar carols. Each year they are repeated, more to him who is interested in his work and does it for no material gain, but to gain knowledge to be used in interpreting not only his immediate situation, but life in general. Like a social heritage, all the knowledge is forming a background, which allows for the statement that the keener a person is, the more he will be interested in the worthwhile, and life will mean more to him.

Let the other person spend his time doing the advancement of the so-called "course-crafter" men by the law of diminishing returns the critic's tip the required techniques and methods customary to your school system. However, that they always sing to us from the balcony, so that their voices seem part of the atmosphere, adds in an appreciation of the music. However that may be, it is anticipated with more than a deal of pleasure by all.

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-Kathleen M. Höfferty

MORt ABOUT CHAPEL

Nothing can be done to improve our college chapel services except under one condition.

The chapel committee and the student council, together with President Scott and interested members of the faculty, are anxious to make constructive revision of the present plan; but their best efforts cannot carry beyond a certain point. Whether attendance be voluntary or compulsory, with cuts or without; whether chapel be every day or less often; whether the program be long or short; whether the time be entertaining, instructive, or inspiring—these things will count only when offered to a group somewhat more than half willing to support them. The student body must be in the spirit of the system, ready to see purposes and to expend effort for any real value offered.

Of course this does not excuse a poor plan. No student will be conscientious about an exercise that is not worthwhile. The best ideas of the committee are needed now, and will be in the future. Yet if the college is given—and a fine gift it would be—an opportunity to make a success of a daily, voluntary, worthwhile chapel service, it must be considered an opportunity more than a natural handicap. It certainly will help if active incentive is part of its program.

-G. A. J.

ANSWER TO "SO WHAT"

To the Rotunda:

The prompting of a "So What?" from the associate editor in regard to George Jacobson's dissertation on the "course-crafter" and his critic, incites an answer.

On the face there is the "course-crafter" and there is he who decrees such worthy efforts. But is not the "course-crafter," if such is the term attributed to him, to be admired? Perhaps Plato, Aristotile—or Shakespeare, each in his respective time and under similar conditions would be subjected to this same terminology. I do not mean for an instant that our "course-crafter" disseminate sparks of genius.

No thoroughly sincere student is detoured from his scholastic pursuits by mere verbal denouncements. He is an individual and practically speaking, a keen thinker (not memorizer) one who is interested in his work and does it for no material gain, but to gain knowledge to be used in interpreting not only his immediate situation, but life in general. Like a social heritage, all the knowledge is forming a background, which allows for the statement that the keener a person is, the more he will be interested in the worthwhile, and life will mean more to him.

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SOPHOMORE OBJECTS

To the Rotunda:

In an October issue of the Campus Comment the editor argued prolificly check a diagnostic test? Is your

...A Sophomore.
CLUBS

The Kindergarten-Primary Club entertained its members with a Christmas party in the kindergarten room of the Training School on Thursday, December 6. A short business meeting preceded the program, which began with the reading of a Menu for Christmas by Evelyn Laffey. The members then sang Silent Night; Virginia Cochran read a selection entitled Christmas Spirit, from the Readers Digest. Barbara Albreit, accompanied by Carol Griffiths, played two violin solos.

A Visit from St. Nicholas was the recreation given by Carol Farri, after which Miss Marks read a story recalling the origin of the poinsettia and its relation to Christmas. Eliza Morris then read a poem, Christmas Bells, followed by general singing of Christmas carols. At the end of the program refreshments were served, adding a final note of gayety to the occasion.

TOPICS OF THE DAY
Miss Olive H. Lovett was the guest speaker at a meeting of the Topics of the Day Club held on Tuesday, December 4. France was the key topic for discussion.

Miss Lovett’s talk centered around the internal affairs of France. She pointed out the fact that France has to be internally strong before it can take an important part in the affairs of Europe in preserving peace. France is at the present time an exponent of the status quo in Europe. She is now attempting to reform her constitution since she is passing through a difficult period.

The conditions in Yugo-Slavia will be under discussion at the next meeting.

CAMERA

Some slides depicting “Life on the Campus” were presented on the screen in the Horace Mann Auditorium by the Camera Club, Wednesday evening. Pictures of the various buildings were shown. A few depicted activities indoors. Pictures of individuals or groups in interesting poses were also shown.

Since Mr. Huffman’s associations with the school store and other outside work has kept him from assisting in his position as advisor to the Camera Club members, Mr. Reynolds has very generously offered his services. Mr. Reynolds has brought many new ideas and suggestions to the club and the club members are anticipating a successful and interesting year under his guidance.

PERMISSIONS GRANTED

At a recent mass meeting Miss Pope announced that all girls who have their parents’ written consent may go home after formal dances. All seniors, juniors, and sophomore may use their ten o’clock permissions in order that they may leave campus and come back to the college after a weekend visit. The freshmen are to be allowed one Sunday night ten o’clock permission a month for this purpose only.

Ousamequin Clubs Hold Annual Dance

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In the receiving lines were Mrs. Vernon Pierce, president of the Senior Club; Mr. Vernon Pierce; Mrs. Albert Hunst, vice-president of the Senior Club; Dr. Albert Hunt; Mrs. Joseph Keith, advisor of the Junior Club; Mr. Joseph Keith; Miss Mary Campbell, president of the Junior Club; Mr. Paul Hill; Dr. and Mrs. Mansfield; Mr. and Mrs. Loring Jenkins. Arrangements for the dance were made by Eleanor Campbell, Marjorie Moore, Caroline Packard, Caroline Carroll, Margaret Deane, Marion Cushman and Dorothy Cushman.

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DORMITORY RULES HAVE UNDER DISCUSSION

“Home work problem” is the key topic for discussion. Of the A class in journalistic writing expressed varied opinions on the amount of homework required at the State Teachers College at Bridgewater.

The members range in opinion from those who feel that home study is required in unreasonable amounts to those who advocate no homework. They find that the work required does not prove to be too great a burden at all.

One senior feels that she is unable to prepare all of the work required of her, especially with her FERA work. “Even not considering my FERA work, I find the assignments too long to get from them the fullest value,” she believes. That with shorter assignments, she could apply herself better to any one assignment and really derive a great deal of benefit from the work. She suggested fewer courses with heavier work required in the majors.

Another presented a startling view: “I think we should be more lenient with lower-classmen but strict for the freshmen.” said an officer of Student Co-operative Association and a dormitory student for three years. She believed that, with shorter assignments in all subjects—with no additions during the week.

A well-known dormitory student has sufficient time to do all the work required satisfactorily and to take in outside activities also.

“I do more work in the subjects in which I am most interested, of course, and I get all of my work done.” (Study, continued on page 4)

WOODWINKS

Woodwinks wishes to welcome back all juniors who have been training for the past nine weeks and also Christine Martin who lived with us during her freshman and sophomore years.

Two third floor sophomores, Louise Eldridge and Thelma Westering, were hostesses Sunday, November 18, at a tea in honor of our newly acquired dormitory, and to be with us during their sophomore training period. Guests included Katherine Bramley, Virginia Cochran, Marion Chambers, Olaf Paro, and Cornelia Sullivan.

The equilibrium of Woodwinks was somewhat disturbed one Sunday afternoon by the appearance on the campus of three energetic northeastern students. Excitement calmed when one of them expressed the feeling that they were here to secure signatures of Miss Pope, Veronica Bingle, Pat Holmes, Eileen Lloyd and Madel-ine Underdown. Having visited our campus, the entire stunt a part of their fraternity initiation at Northeastern.

Woodwinks wishes to challenge the Tattler across the way one more by inquiring if among her football fans she has any who clip and mount newspaper articles concerning their particular hero of gridiron glitches. Second floor in Wood has one to offer.

And there was the surprised person who came to escort his friend to the movie only to find the congregation ready to accommodate them too. And how they did!

Paper Experiments in Novel Make-up

The tendency toward experiment continues to dominate the policy of Campus Comment, as shown by several of its current activities.

The present issue of the paper, marking the holiday season with an unusual feature in the line of make-up, is a definite example of the trend. Staff members will be interested to hear the comment of readers on the appearance of the sheet this month; some of the changes may become permanent if met with general approval.

Another novelty is that freshmen are to have an important part in the activities of the paper this winter. An unusually large number of freshmen have joined the paper this year, and their faithfulness is to be rewar ded by an opportunity to substitute for staff members while the latter are training. A freshman will also be among the group delegated to the annual convention at Columbia University in March.

Meetings—to cite one more change of practice—are to be abandoned altogether. Committee meetings are the bane of existence, the staff is convinced.

Miss Henderson regrets the originality of third floor people who, tiring of the old saying, have advocated a new—namely—”Tax marks the spot.”

Arlene Kallager, Barbara Greenwood, and Helen Robinson were guests at the annual conference of the Woman’s Athletic Association held in the ways back from Massachusetts, over the weekend of November 17.

Helen Webber was guest at a birthday spread after the movie benefit, Wednesday night, on first floor. Those attending were Carol Enckel, Harriet Hulstrom, Mary Salo, Carol Griffiths, Louise Eldridge, and Kay Gavitt.

Wilma Quinn and Avis Brown were guests of Lois LaCroix of Parnassus club, New York City, over the weekend of November 18. The Army-Notre Dame game, touring of New York City, and attending an informal tea as guest of Lucy Thomas, daughter of Professor Dean of Chemistry at Columbia University, were highlights of the weekend.

Bearing the torch was too much for Len Smith for she fell upstairs from the fire drill with a lamp in her hand.
SPREAD ENDS SEASON

The Fall Spreads are soon to be followed by the winter program. This year, however, the college administration is extending the bus service in order to encourage students to enjoy the winter season. The students are being encouraged to sign up for winter sports as soon as possible in order to ensure their participation in the upcoming activities.

MISS CALDWELL SPEAKS

In order to determine the winning team, each group chose as its representative the girl who had earned the highest score; for this reason, the honors for her team with 137 points.

Awards in Hockey

Honorable points were awarded this term in only one sport, hockey. These points are awarded on a fourfold basis: health, scholarship, sportsmanship, and technical skill. Of the hockey enthusiasts, the following seven girls were selected by a committee comprised of Miss Decker and Miss Caldwell, Bernice Ludden, and Beatrice Renzi, as measuring up to the honor standards: Phyllis Ryder, Carol Coulter, Rebeny Fairvue, Mary Murray, Catherine Godsil, Edna Royster, and Phyllis Ryder. All of the girls were appropriately dressed in character, the costuming occasioning shrieks of laughter from the audience.

The Sweet Family portrayed the dear talented family of a "poor widow" and her seven sweet daughters, all of whom had some great talent, except the youngest—"all she could do was giggle". Daniel Holmes was the proud mother of the accomplished daughters, Harold Brewer as the "very dramatic" Elizabeth Eliza, Richard Dwyer as Arminta Ann "who has such a beautiful voice", and Ed-ward Skahill as Frances Fedory "who has had such an unfortunate love affair" starred in the production. The tiny colored boy who had to be placed on a chair so that the audience could view him and his saxophone won the hearts of the entire auditorium with his selections during the intermission. The program included piano selections, a sailor's hornpipe, tap-dancing, clogging, and piano and saxophone duets.

STUDY—

(Continued from page 3)

Looking Forward

With the fall season definitely ended, the winter program offers its attractions to W. A. A. members. Basketball and bowling will be among the major activities this term. Of course, current events and health rules will be as popular as ever.

Interpretive dancing classes started last Wednesday afternoon when Miss Decker coached both beginning and advanced classes in the fundamentals of rhythmic interpretation. Classes will be held weekly during the winter season.

Heads of winter sports are: Virginia Prario, hikes; Catherine Graham, bowling; Phyllis Ryder, basketball; Barbara Schmals, health.

W. A. A.—

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of the points awarded the girls interested in sports will participate.

All the colleges agreed that mass participation is more beneficial than varsity teams and that this is the type of competition called out now in the different W. A. A.'s.

The girls found that Fitchburg also advises the use of color teams in after-school competition. At this college the whole school is divided into two color teams. Just as Bridgewater has red and white teams in basketball, Fitchburg has orange and black teams in all sports. A girl will be on the same color team for her four years at the college.

After the afternoon conference, all met in costume to attend the County Fair. Turtle races and skits made up the program.

The conference ended in a hockey game on Saturday. Next year's meeting will be held at Bridgewater.

DORM RULES—

(Continued from page 3)

students indicate by their lack of respect that they are not in favor of the rules as they now stand," she concluded.

"It is my humble opinion that students should not have to use their ten o'clock permissions to be able to return Sundays at nine," emphasized Olive Hosford, vice-president of Dormitory Council.

"Permit decisions to go to the movies on the weekends should be lengthened to eleven-thirty, too," a senior dorm student continued. "Seniors should have one eleven-thirty permission a week anyway if they want to go to Brockton. If they just want to go down to the Princess Theatre, they ought to be in at ten-thirty. The length of the permission should be determined by the distance. However, Brockton should be the limit.

"I also think we should be able to go home after formals if we have a written permission from home.

"In spite of Dr. Scott's speech, I still think the State should give us the opportunity to smoke here if we want to—I am pleading not for myself but for those who want to smoke. If we go to the State enough times, they'll eventually make smoking permissible here, I believe," she concluded.

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