Novel Program to Feature Mardi Gras

The past weekend proved to be a social success and the men of the college are to be congratulated. The presentation of the humorous, rollicking play on Friday night by the Men’s Club and the holding of the formal by the Men’s Athletic Association on Saturday evening were gala occasions. The latter gains our attention.

To low, sweet music, beneath dim blue lights, couples, girls in colorful evening frocks and men in tuxedos and business suits, danced in a rustic Vermont burning lodge scene, carefree.

(Men, continued on page 3)

Dramatic Club Sees Cornelia Otis Skinner

In keeping with the aims of the Dramatic club, which is to see one important play during the year, the members were fortunate in securing tickets at the Schubert Theatre matine on Saturday, January 25, to see Cornelia Otis Skinner in “Dramatic.”

The Dramatic club was thrilled to see Miss Skinner’s superb execution of her dramatic technique.

Part one of the performance featured the charming Miss Skinner in three monologues which have been made famous by her. “Home Work” (Skinner, continued on page 3)

Rooting Section to Accompany Basketball Team to Fitchburg

Tonnite, five buses will convey a rooting section with the basketball team to Fitchburg, to see the game of the year. It is this time that the rivals, traditional opponents for years, will play to win the Harrington Trophy, which has been in Fitchburg’s hands for three years. However, Bridgewater’s hoosiers intend to bring it home with them.

For the first time in Bridgewater’s basketball history, a cheering section will travel away from home with the team. This is largely due to the success of the rally sponsored by Campus Comment and held in the auditorium.

This gathering, to which an admission price of ten cents was asked, showed, through their enthusiastic cheering and reception of the program, its co-operation with and loyalty to the team. All profits will be returned as bus expenses. It meant that each student, who signed to go to Fitchburg, will receive transportation and admission to the game for seventy-five cents.

The team, its manager, faculty and students, and the hundreds of students who travel to cheer and back the team to victory, with such ardent support, and loyal co-operation, and enthusiastic cheering, how can Bridgewater lose?

Innovations Made by Alpha Staff

The name Alpha, the college yearbook, is revered by students, with greater zeal by the seniors than any other classes, and well it might be, for within its pages are indelibly recorded their victories and their defeats.

Just as fashion changes for the best, so has Alpha. This year, poetry will be entirely omitted from the yearbook. All write-ups will be taken care of by committees, not by individuals as has been the custom in the past.

The aim is to introduce the modern arrangement in the yearbook. This will be taken care of by the “cups,” used as headings in the departmental groupings and pictures, and the pictures of the graduates, not in caps and gowns, but the women in dresses and the men in business suits.

This year the dedication will go to Miss Frill Beckwith, retired, and Mr. Harlan F. Shaw, instructor, for the help, kindness, and co-operation which they have rendered to the members of the senior class.

Another change will be the omission of the business section. Perhaps the most marked improvement will be the use of up-to-date pictures of the campus and its surroundings.
A New Bridgewater Tradition

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A Fitchburg game always means a great deal to our boys and to the college, but tonight's game means more than another victory, which everyone hopes it will be. It means the beginning of what we hope will become a custom—a Bridgewater tradition—that of sending a good, hearty cheering section to all outside games.

The team has no more ardent supporter than Dr. Zenas Scott, president, and it is largely through his efforts that the trip has been made possible for the students.

During the past few weeks we have all been made "college conscious"—as we read the history of the Civil War and the Revolutionary War, saying the same thing. People who live in history making periods are on the whole, guilty of insensibility toward the forces at work. Perhaps many of the mistakes the students, and because the committers are given a chance to perform.

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ON TO FITCHBURG!

Dance Groups Attend Lecture

Several students including members of the Little Dance Group attended a lecture by Martha Graham, famous American modern dancer, at the Pauline Chaillu studio in Boston last night. Miss Graham is as interesting a lecturer as a dancer. Tonight, several students are planning to attend Miss Graham’s dance recital at the Repertoire Theater. This will be her first appearance before the Boston audience in several years.

VICTORY FOR BRIDGEWATER!

PERSONALS

Woodward Dormitory is glad to welcome Clara Holtz, '39, who has been ill since Christmas with appendicitis.

Genevieve Courant, '38, has been operated on for appendicitis in the Goddard Hospital, Brockton. She is a resident of Woodward Dormitory.

Alice Blanchfield, '37, proctor of Woodward, has been ill since the Christmas vacation. She was operated upon this week for appendicitis.

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CAMPUS COMMENT

Senior Promenade Plans Progressing

Plans for the main event of Senior Week, June 8-12, excepting graduation, are progressing under John Ryan, chairman of Senior Promenade.

The hall committee, headed by Rita Cassidy, has decided that the prom will be held at a hotel because of excellent accommodations offered. Bids have been received from hotels of greater Boston and the committee has selected three best suited to the purpose. The committee will inspect these chosen during the winter recess and select one of the three.

The committee on favors, Cornelia Sullivan, chairman, has received bids from fifteen jewelry concerns and appointments have been made, during the month of March, to view the samples their salesmen have to show. A straw vote concerning choice of favors was taken yesterday at the monthly meeting of the upper class.

Also, during March, the program committee, under Barbara Greenwood’s chairmanship, will keep an appointment to view sample programs.

French Table Holds Discourse

The French table was a good representation of the Tower of Babel, the other night, when two guests at the table added their bit to the conversation in German. (The guests were Miss Irene E. Graves and Marie Von Bergen.) Even, occasionally, one of the French students added a word or two in das Deutsch, but the result was not always exactly gratifying, to say the least. In spite of the mis-understandings that were bound to ensue from such a mixture of languages, it was reported that no one left the table hungry.

MEN— (Continued from page one) fully executed by William Nolan, of music of the University, presented a choral program at the evening services at the Methodist church in Bridgewater on Sunday, February 2.

The three young people from the town of Bridgewater appeared on this program: Anna Louise Toenges, Simon Gesin, and Morrill Martin, son of the minister of the Methodist church.

Dr. H. Augustine Smith, director, gave a short address on The Music of the Bible and the Singing Church. Dr. Smith said that incidents in history, in fact all of life, is depicted in a hymnal. Said Dr. Smith, “If you think a hymn book is a dead thing, you are wrong; you are the one that is dead. A hymn book is a very live thing.”

The choral program included among its numbers, a motet, founded on a Negro spiritual and three Christmas songs. The soloists were Margaret Stewart, G. Townsend Coward, and Carmel Squires. Walter Abbott was the accompanist at the organ.

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CAMPAIGN CORNER

Camera Club Holds Gala Week

If you encountered during the past weeks any members of Camera Club standing on their heads about the campus—don’t regard the situation with alarm—they were merely ardent enthusiasts in a recent contest sponsored by the club, and were endeavoring to get an unusual, modernistic view of the buildings. Or, if you are a celebrity at B. T. C., perhaps you were asked to pose, or you may have been taken off guard in a natural mood for cameras were clicking at all angles.

At any rate, Alpha will reveal the results, for the contest was held in the interest of Alpha, whose keynote this year is modernism with a tinge of the unusual. The first prize of three films went to Harriet Robinson; the second, to Emanuel Taitz; and the third, to Wilma Quinn. Have you been keeping out of their focus?

B. T. C. RAH! RAH!

VALENTINE— (Continued from page one) The decorations will be “heart-y” and the music “soulful.” Patrons and patronsesses for the dance will be Dr. and Mrs. Scott, Miss Pope, Mr. — Kelly, Miss — Beal, Miss Nye, and Mr. and Mrs. Tyrall.

The committee chairmen are: Hospitality, Dorothy Turner; decoration, Marjorie Hollembiek; tickets, Olga Skerston; refreshments, Anna Palmisano; publicity, Isabelle Walsh; music, Veronica Gaynor; cleanup, Ruth Penley; general chairman, Ida Leino.

On to Beat Fitchburg!

Students Think Boyden Hall Afire

As dormitory students were on their way to breakfast yesterday morning, they were thoroughly astounded to see fire trucks outside of Boyden Hall, the school building. Firemen ran up the steps with the hose up.

As the girls could discern no flames or smoke, they continued on to breakfast, which seemed more important at that moment.

Investigations proved that Mr. Denton, school janitor, had noticed a short circuit in the fan belt and as smoke had risen had called the school fire department. The latter had called up the town department. Thus, all the excitement!

As “Ned” Denton said, “An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure” and so had called the fire trucks.

CAMPAIGN CORNER

Camp Puss Comments

And there is the cure for water on the Knee—wear pumps.

“Doll!” Cronin—Did a woman ever make a fool of you out of yours? Gullible male—No.

R. C.—Well, who did?

Did you know the reason why bald men are successful? They come out on top.

Then, because of the smooth line some of the males have, we believe oil’s fair in love.

“Fiddleties!” said the violinst as he struck a sour note.

“High ho lackaday,” said the “prof” as he wrote “Late” on the report.

Heard in senior Journalism Class: Bring your Hydes to class tomorrow morning.

Senior answer for “unprepared”; I didn’t have access to a textbook.

Mr. Arnold to class: As you go out, leave your Beard’s on the desk.

Our idea of a really clever guy is the ping pong player who leaps out the net to congratulate his victorious opponent.

Then there was the absent-minded professor who ate the roll for breakfast and had names on the tip of his tongue for the rest of the day.

Architect:—“Now, here is a room without a flaw!”

Prospective buyer:—“My gosh, what do you walk on!”

“The world is full of water!” said the Hunchback of Notre Dame, "while I go and gar-jole!”

Heard in the tool chest, “I hope I don’t hurt you awl.”

TEAM: TEAM! TEAM!

SKINNER— (Continued from page one) was outstanding in appeal to the audience.

Part two presented the actress in a six act play which she herself has written. Her dramatic power and character delineation was unexcelled in this story of a famous mansion, with its successes and failures.

The Dramatic club enjoyed and gained much from Cornelia Otis Skinner’s excellent performance.

RALLY— (Continued from page one) Ernest Bazinet were the lucky winners.

With roof-raising cheers the rally ended.

The committee in charge consisted of: Mortel Eyres, general chairman; Ernest Bazinet, publicity; Bill Nolan, programs; Peggy Cassels, Rita Cushings, Mary Connell and Charles Medrisky, cheer-leaders.
Bridgewater
Drags Out
Dull Victory

On Wednesday, January 21, Dean Academy visited Bridgewater for a return game.

While B. T. C. did not hand out the swamping it intended, they scored one point more difference than in the first game, winning this time by nine points.

This game was almost a repetition of its predecessor—a drill brawl which amounted to little more than a long succession of jump balls.

Bridgewater took an early lead by Daley's two opening baskets and never trailed throughout the whole game. Leading 5 to 4 at the quarter, 14 to 11 at the half, and 23 to 19 at the opening of the final period, it did not receive much effort on Bridgewater's part to take the game, 34 to 25.

Dean's men for the most part were contented football players, and in a few instances the conversion had not progressed very far. Players of both teams flung one another all over the court on held balls, spending so much time on this that only the briefest flashes of real basketball appeared.

VICTORY TO BRIDGEWATER!

Team's Road Trip
Proves Disastrous

On Friday, January 24, Bridgewater was royally entertained by the Teachers College of Connecticut at New Britain.

T. C. C. took an early lead, but B. T. C. followed closely, trailing 2 to 3 at half time. A few minutes into the second half, Bridgewater took the lead 23 to 22, but unfortunately proved there undoing, for it so aroused their opponents that they began to sink baskets from all spots and angles on the court. Most mortifying revealed that T. C. C. had 46 points, B. T. C. 31.

Outstanding for the Connecticut team was Utter, a forward who contributed 27 points. Some of Bridge-water's fans may remember him as one of the important factors in Bryant and Stratton's victory here last year.

On the following evening, Saturday, January 25, Bridgewater travelled over to Newport, Rhode Island, to play the United States Naval Training Station there.

This game had hardly begun when the Navy grabbed the lead and held it throughout the game. B. T. C. played up, but could not seem to recover from the effects of the previous night's encounter. Navy on the other hand, played fast aggressive ball throughout and took full advantage of the opportunities for bodily contact which were allowed, and these were many, for while the referee did not allow the game to get away from him, he let both teams play up to their basketball. When the wrecking was cleared away, it was revealed that N. T. S. had won 83 to 30.

B. T. C. Wins Over
Dean at Franklin

On Friday evening, January 17, Bridgewater's varsity, travelled to a rather routine victory, at Dean Academy in Franklin. Augustin opened the game with a basket for Bridgewater, but this, plus a point on Long's foul shot didn't look like much when Dean soon led 12 - 3. However, B. T. C. slowly closed in and by half time was leading 18 - 17.

The second half had not gone far when the home team regained a slim lead, but the visitors matched them point for point and finally scored thirteen points in rapid succession to take a lead which was never lost and which finally put Bridgewater on the winning end 38 - 30.

The outstanding feature of the game was the atrocious playing conditions. Lines were temporarily drawn on the playing floor, so that they soon became smeared and indistinct. The bankboards were loosely mounted, so that they bounced and rattled each time they were struck by a ball. The basket at one end was set flush on the wall, preventing in-close shots while the player was moving with any speed toward the hoop. The floor itself, however, injected real comedy into the game for there were numerous "dead spots" on which a dribbler would have to bounce the ball with much force in order to cause it to rise to normal height, then suddenly, as the ball was passed, the unwary player would continue to slam the ball down, only to see it bounce away from him and over his head.

Another factor which slowed the game was the refereeing. Childish fouls were called while flagrant violations went unnoticed, chief among these was the manner in which men jumping for a rebound were ridden into the brick wall.

Teams Competing for
Basketball Awards

The basketball enthusiasts of W. A. A. are in full swing. There are ten teams competing for the basketball awards this year. The freshmen contributed four peppy teams with unique names such as the "Fal-lies", implying that they play most of their games on the floor, "White Heat" meaning, we imagine, that they are very fast, "Diesel" being very powerful and we have to figure out the significance of the "Buttercups" — perhaps it is the suits.

Have you seen the "C" men or the "Green Flash Plugs" in action? These are the two sophomore teams, the latter leading for the awards. The "Junior Jim" maybe accounts for the reason there is only one, Junior team, but leave it to the Seniors! Three full active teams — we won't say how they are doing — but anyway they are enjoying themselves.

The season will end February 21 with the annual Red and White game. Leading up to this we are having a Red and White "foil" contest to see which team knows the most about the game.

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