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Welcome Freshmen

Gala Reception
Planned For Frosh

"Should zduld acquaintance be forgot?"
No, and neither should you postpone makin
ning new friends any longer. The Annual Acquaintance Social, under the di-
rection of the Student Cooperative As-
sociation is to be held, September 23, in
the Albert Gardner Boyce Gymnasium.
There will be dancing from 8-11:30, and
a few "not too bashful freshmen will en-
tertain with their talents."

Glady Dobson is general chairman of
this first informal dance of the Bridge-
gewater social season. She is assisted by
Barbara Wallin, in charge of hospitality;
Mary Moore, in charge of publicity;
Barbara Taylor, in charge of entertain-
ment; Jane Austin, in charge of tickets;
and Danone Lea, in charge of the clean-up committee. Ruth Strange has
planned novel decorations to enliven the affair, and Nan Purcell promises
something delicious in the way of refresh-
ments. Whether you like your music fast and hot or slow and slow, Clement
Daley has arranged to please your every mood.

So come along, freshmen, and meet
the faculty, the seniors, the juniors, and
the sophomores; and uppers, come on and welcome the freshmen and
initiate them into the social affairs of Bridgewater. Your ticket of admission
is just a friendly greeting so that a gala
time may be had by all.

N. Y. A. Department
Plans Year's Work

The United States Government ap-
rroppropriates a sum of money each year to
the Teachers Colleges to be given to
students who are unable to meet all ex-
enses without assistance. This comes
under the head of the National Youth
Administration, known to students as
N. Y. A. A student in need of pecuniary
aid must interview President Kelly or Miss
Pope, Dean of Women. It is a re-
striction the need is justified, the stu-
dent is assigned to a member of the faculty for employment. He is given a
definite number of hours per month at
a regulation wage of $30 per hour.
Each department of the college has
N. Y. A. helpers. You will find a girl in
Miss Pope's outer office at all hours of the
school day ready to help you or make
an appointment for you. In the Inter-
cultural Garden on a warm afternoon,

Character Development
Is Stressed By
Dean John Davoren

I am happy to welcome you to four
successful years at this, your college.
My wish for you is that your investment
of efforts, earnestness, goodwill and loy-
alty may merit for you the appreciation
and approval of your fellow students,
teachers, and yourself. May it cause in
you a genuine interest in the greatest of
all interests, the formation of the char-
acter and mind of America's future citi-
zens. Endeavor to make many friends
among people of your age for they are
the leaders of tomorrow. Take all
the college has to offer you. Try to
contribute something of value.
This is what Bridgewater has to offer you.

Opportunities and
Advantages of B. T. C.
Stressed by Dean Pope

We welcome you to Bridgewater with
enthusiasm. Our hopes for you are high.
You are entering knowing that the task
which lies before you is not an easy one.
Today you are barely more than a name
to us—one name among 157 others.
Before long that name will begin to
take on significance and will be associ-
ated with a known person with known
character and mind of America's future
students. To be President of S. C. A. is
the highest office that a student of Bridgewater
and all positions are worth striving for.
To be President of S. C. A. is the highest
office that a student of Bridgewater can hold.
The Association supervises certain phases
of the social activities and all other clubs
and organizations are subject to the rules
set forth, such as elections and the point system. Clubs have an Inter-
Club Council, composed of the Presidents
of Clubs and their faculty advisors, to
discuss problems with S. C. A. officers.
Finances are all taken care of by
means of the budget system, each stu-
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CAMPUS COMMENT
State Teachers College, Bridgewater, Mass.

NOT TO BE MINISTERED UNTIL BUT TO MINISTER

EDITORIAL
The bewildered freshman may have experienced an empty feeling of doubt and wonder upon his first acquaintance with Bridgewater but it took him little time to realize that of one thing he was certain. This one certainty which he was assured of, was the genuine feeling that he was truly welcomed at Bridgewater.

The smile and the welcome prove the success of life's most puzzling choice - that of profession. Every hour brings with it surprising choices that demand instant decision but none so great as the one which brought you to this institution of learning. Most important of all, you have laid the foundation for your future, chosen the challenge to adventure and if the wisest choice, warranted all its costs. With your decision go a sense of self-sacrifice and self-sacrifice. The critical point in your choice is felt if each choice were to bring a feeling of triumph, of unmixt joy.

Youth hungers for many things: but, life is full only if it leads the way of sincerity, service and success. Of one thing you may be certain, this college tries the aid of its faculty and its student body can do no greater service than to lead them that way.

ADVICE TO FRESHMEN
In this issue of Campus Comment you have been welcomed officially. In this column you will be advised editorially. Your editor may be a novice at writing editorials but he is a veteran at giving advice. So don't find this drink from this fountain of hard earned knowledge too bitter. It is for nourishment. It is for growing. It is for a strong start. It is for building. Now take a good quaff.

"Electives" are those things you take and required are the subjects you get. But since the required subjects are necessary for a B. S. in Education, in addition to getting them, really take them.

"Spare" are free periods which they help cut down the number of "light cuts" you will have to take and a "spare" before a certain class has helped many students pass to safety of on and not to shine. Avoid the use of spare for deep gossiping, tennis, eating, or shopping.

The library, as you will learn in your Library class has many books and magazines on varied subjects. Use the reference desk, ask questions and also many of the students have learned under awful circumstances, is not the place for idle chit-chat, or deep philosophical discussions. However there is not a great need to elaborate about the library rules because the librarians will, without doubt, call rules to your attention not once but many times.

Now for a last reminder. College life, so make the most of it. Have a good time here.

Heritage of Bridgewater
Challenges Student Body

Of all the teachers' colleges in the United States, Bridgewater is one of the richest in traditions and historical background. After the tergiversation of Horace Mann and others a century ago, the General Court of Massachusetts consented to the experiment of opening three schools for training teachers. Founded in 1840 with twenty-eight students, Bridgewater has continued without interruption to live up to its ideal of sending forth educated, well-trained men and women as teachers. In 1838 the first Normal School building in America was erected on the present school grounds. Although the first Normal Schools, of which the general institution is a part, have disappeared, many important developments have been initiated in a variety of fields which concern itself with the training of teachers, such as the normal school, the high school, and the kindergarten. Psychology so rapidly developed that the thesis of the science of psychology, the study of the mind, its development and function in its relationship to the body, has come to be considered as one of the great achievements of modern science.

Faculty Facts for Freshmen

Mr. Kelly: The gentleman with the smile. Our proxy too. Co-ordinator of the Relations Between Faculty and Students is a title we upper-classmen use to bestow upon him, and rightfully so. We award him the honor of being the best-dressed man on the faculty.

Mr. Doner: He has to split his time with Salem and Fitchburg too. So you see, he concentrates extra hard on your writing the days he is here. And if he doesn't take the knots out of your writing and give you that clear Spencerian, no one will.

Mr. Rend: The most important college professor because he gives you the grades. The teacher with the baton. She has set herself the herculean task of developing our aesthetic sense in music. And she is succeeding.

Mr. Stearns: A board and a pair of glasses can't hide those twinking eyes. He can pull a mean weed and go to town on that hobby horse with everything from a gardener's hat down to stamps.

Miss Pope: The smile across the room. For you. The sounds of the school, the chattering of the students, the outdoor activities of the college are all her music.

Miss Bradford: The purveyor of the sight of triumph. She is always the master of the science of psychology. I might add that she is a master of the science of psychology. She can "Parkinsonian" and insist on an "autie Wie- nerman" before you can "Jack Robinson."

Miss Nye: She sells art - everything from Matome to pottery. Her daily ensemble is a lesson in aesthetic appreciation. We award her the price as best teacher of the Stuents on the faculty.

Miss Hill: She needs beauty. We challenge anyone to a better literature teacher. She carries a mighty wealth of information on the literary arts. I again challenge anyone to teach as well as she.

Dr. Arnold: The rotund gentleman with the bulk of Durgin and the Southern smile. The outstanding gentleman of our faculty. And the author of enough books of the sciences to sink a gunboat.

Miss Carter: The white-haired lady upstairs. One of two reasons why our library keeps running smoothly. And the other reason why our state has a good supply of well-trained school librarians. Miss Lawton: If you are a reader, you've learned to examine your college library's holdings of your book of the week. Miss Meade: We bet 99% of our coders envy the energetic stride of this gym instructor and she has a lightness on her feet that even Asteria could benefit from. Just follow her advice if you want to be healthy.

Mr. Durgin: Curly gray hair and a chrysanthemum in his eye. He has a merry combination of thorough mathematics and classic virility. That's Dr. Durgin.

Miss Bell: Tall, dark and striking. A deep interest in education and an ability to throw herself with kids from kindergarten to college seniors.

Mr. Halpin: "Vining: Sayuh? You're in the library now. And here is the young lady who presides efficiently over the reserve section of the books, and our study Sue. Sayuh?"

Helpful Hints Given To
Helpless Freshmen Men

I was asked to write this article for the help of the freshmen men in spite of the fact that all freshmen men and the advice that the experienced upper-classmen are so willing to give. However, if any of you freshmen men should chance across this brief treatise he might find something worthwhile.

Tabulated in order of their importance these hints are:

1. Remember that B. T. C. is a place to study and not a country club.
2. To gain the most from college you must discover the proper relationship among studies, athletics, extra-curricular activities, and social life. None of these should be disregarded, each should be kept in its proper place.
3. All extra curricular activities are of great value to the undergraduate except when carried too far. Too many men have discovered that the academic freedom has tripped them up when mid-years and finals come around.
4. Go to the upperclassmen and professors for advice. They positively do not bite.
5. Read the notices posted upon the bulletin boards frequently.
6. Become familiar with the traditions of the college and live up to them.
7. Chapel attendance is necessary, so do not go absent.
8. Wear your freshman cap and tie and even if you are the smartest young man that the sophomores are looking for, you'll probably become the first, upstanding young man that the upperclassmen (soph­ omores) are.

Enthusiastic Freshman
Taken On Extensive

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Time - Saturday, Sept. 17, 1938, 9 a.m.

"Hello, freshman.

"Are you looking for somebody or something?

"I'm looking for my big sister and for the business office. I don't know my direction.

"I'll be glad to show you around the campus now if you have time. Maybe we can find your big sister at the same time.

"What is her name?"

"She's a sophomore."

"Do you know her?"

"Well, yes. That's my name. You're talking to the President of the General Court of Massachusetts con-
FROM THE TOWER

Freshmania

Swing has memorized "em it's nothing but a jitterbug looking for a reason to dance," so I show my knock-knees and risk pneumonia with doll hats and upward hairdo.

The campus pond is used and, with my coming of age, it's up to me to see him walking about the campuses in Mr. Stearns' old orchard.

At the tennis courts in the person of Miss Nye, monia with doll hats and upward hairdos.

I find my haven of peace a second State.
A C A M P U S  C O M M E N T  

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Thrills and Surprises Planned for Freshman Class by Sophomores

"Letting the cat out of the bag", as far as initiations are concerned is really unnecessary. Therefore, we can only give the faculty and students a tiny peak into the future -- and maybe drop a hint or two as to what the members of the fair sex of our freshman class will be wearing and doing next week which will be initiation week.

Probably the student body will wonder first whether or not the initiation committee has gone a bit "haywire" when they see the "gropes" of the freshman girls. However, the committee promises a hilarious and entertaining week for both freshmen and upperclassmen.

One place with which the Freshmen will have to become acquainted before the beginning of the fall semester is the school store. There they will find, conveniently located, all the material which they will need: books, paper, pencils, pens, ink, rulers, and all the other articles necessary for good studying.

All books which the students need are kept in the store, but as they are all not on hand at all times, it is necessary for students to order their books. These orders will be taken in the store.

While you're ordering your books and buying your art supplies, browse around the store and you will notice a very interesting and amusing birthday cards on display, and the many other greeting cards for all occasions. And don't forget to pass around in the classroom. It will be kept on hand at all times, it is necessary for students to order their books. These orders will be taken in the store.

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From sign-up sheets which teachers may have on hand in their classes, students can order their books, and remember that yours isn't the only order in that class. While you're ordering your books, don't forget to order some birthday cards for all occasions, and the many other greeting cards for all occasions. And don't forget to pass around in the classroom. It will be kept on hand at all times, it is necessary for students to order their books. These orders will be taken in the store.

We're feeling a little like a millionnaire, you might peek at the college rings and pins which are there to be admired and ordered.

The store is more than merely convenient; it will save you many a penny through four years of classes. As we go straight ahead, and Mr. Kelly's to the left (Miss Pope's to the right. Let's enter) "Notice especially these two In this room. Next is their social activities."

It is very evident that he had a large circle of friends when he joined us last June. Gertrude A. Twohig, vice-president of the board of S. C. A. Each class is organizing its own initiation of the fall semester. S. C. A.

FACULTY

Mr. Huffman: Short, well-dressed, and ready to accept all your sales. He always claims to be as old as you are.

Miss Smith: She is returning after a Tour to Europe. And do we welcome her! Her classes are for workers - but you have something when they're through with them.

Miss Caldwell: A youthfulness about her that makes her seem one of us. But - - but wait until next Monday morning.

Miss Graves: The wielder of the scalpel and master of the biological hear that there will be no excuse for not being in the gymnasium tomorrow to make the initiation even more fun.

Miss Lute: A teacher with a strong social interest. Her classroom exhibits are one of the outstanding features of our campus. A few lessons with her and you are thoroughly imbued with the desire to teach.

Mr. Reynolds: An artist on our staff. His paintings, sketches, etc., are objects of admiration from all of us. And the excellent art bulletin board maintained by him and Miss Nye on Boyden's second floor corridor is a weekly moza for those of us who would be cultured.

Mr. Tyndall: Tall, dark-haired (what there is left) and with the gift of gab.

Miss Low: Our faculty author. She has written everything from children's books to novels. And as to pubs - just take some of her courses (of course) and you'll find out.

Mr. McGurran: Tall, portly, with a solemnly serious. A fine chemist with a major interest in astronomy.

Mr. Meier: Blond and curly-headed that is all we can tell just now, because Huffy bicar cambric bonnets, hick! stockings (who could ever forget them?), and large toys. The year before these terrace seats and the year before yellow aprons and bows.

Green being the class color of this freshman class, the costume will be green and consist of green colors and hues imaginable; in fact, an original and exciting. Last year it was "for knowledge", this year it's "for knowledge".

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