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**STATE TEACHERS COLLEGE AT BRIDGEWATER, MASSACHUSETTS**

**FEBRUARY 16, 1940**

**Cupid Empties His Quiver At “Ball of Hearts”, St. Valentine’s Semi-Formal**

“The Ball of Hearts”, the Sophomore-Junior semi-formal, was attended by several members of the CAMPUS Comment Staff and Miss Olivia H. Lovett, the faculty advisor of the paper. This is an annual conference and covers all fields of school newspaper journalism from elementary to college level.

After the opening exercises, group meetings are held and delegates may attend the meetings in which they are most interested. These meetings continue throughout the conference. On the last day delegates choose the topics of their own particular groups—junior high, high school, teacher’s college, etc.—and discuss problems which are most important to that group.

The social side of the conference is not overlooked for a moment, a dinner dance, a banquet, and such entertainment is all part of the program. The conference ends on Saturday afternoon, March 16 with a banquet at one of the well-known hotels. Speakers from various newspapers, and prominent writers are guests.

Joseph Murphy, a graduate of Bridgewater, is in charge of this conference. Mr. Murphy has always been interested in journalism and organized an association of Southwestern school newspapers. After attending Columbia he organized the Columbia Scholastic Press Association.

**Day Students Stage “Swing-a-Song” Social**

With “Swing-a-Song” for its theme, the day students’ annual social, held at the Boyden Gymnasium Friday evening, February 9, provided entertainment for faculty and students alike. Novel decorations in black and white carried out the modern theme. Dancing to the melodies of a popular orchestra was enjoyed from 8 to 11:30.

The general chairman of the successful affair was Jean Lindsay, president of the Day Student Council. Other members of the committee were Marion Spencer, decorations; Eleanor Walsh, hospitality; Berry Parent, tickets; Mary DeCoste, refreshments; Florence Bradshaw, publicity; Juliette and Harriette Noel, cleanup; Winifred Taylor, music.

**COMING EVENTS**

Feb. 2 Sophomore-Junior Prom
9 Day Student Social
16 Winter Reces
26 Return to school
Mar. 1 Sophomore Social
8 Men’s Glee Club Concert
15 Orchestra Concert
22 Good Friday
29 B. T. C. A. A. Formal

**Athletic Associations Unite To Plan Alumni Sports Day**

The Women’s and the Men’s Athletic Associations are combining their efforts toward an Alumni Co-recreational Sports Day scheduled for Saturday, March 9. Invitations have been sent to alumni as far back as 1926 who were interested in athletics while at Bridgewater.

The program is planned as follows:

7:00 Co-recreational activities under Elma Filippone limited to invited guests.
6:00 Dinner in Commuters’ Room in Boyden Hall for W. A. A. Board, M. A. A. Board, invited guests and such faculty guests as President and Mrs. Kelly, Miss E. Elizabeth Pope, Miss M. I. Cray, Miss L. Deger, and Mr. Frederick Meier. There will be a fee of fifty cents for the dinner.
7:30 Alumni-Varsity Basketball Games followed by games and dancing in charge of Margarette Savaria.

General chairman of the activities this year is Virginia Bolling. Doris Bolling has the support of the following committee heads: afternoon program, Elma Filippone; evening program, Margarette Savaria; food, Phyllis Jacobsen; and hospitality, Betty Milne and Frederick Martin.

**Chapel Committee Releases March Program Schedule**

Highlighted by S. C. A. elections and student productions, the tentative March series of assembly programs as released last week by Chapel Committee are expected to win continued support and popularity.

Spiritual contents are expected to begin soon for the all important elections of officers of the Student Cooperative Association for 1940-41. Under the direction of Elections Committee the program will be held in Chapel on March 1, and the highly-anticipated regular program will take place a week later on March 8.

Postponed from its original January date, Sophomore Chapel Program will be presented during the month. Extensive plans which have been long in the making will probably not be announced prior to the actual presentation. An enjoyable program, however, is promised by the committee which is under the general chairmanship of sophomore class officers.

Coming so late in February that it might well be considered a March program is the student travel session planned for the last Tuesday of this month. According to the present plans of Ruth Small and her Chapel Committee, the following students will discuss their travels: Winifred Swenney, on South America; Helen O’Leary, on France and the Philippines; and John Henry Fitzgerald on his hitch-hiking trip to the West Coast.

Miss Bertha Page of Boston will be among the outside speakers to address us in March.

**March and June Plans For Centennial Celebration Released by Authorities**

Some of the Centennial Celebration plans for March and June have been released.

Miss Ruth E. Davis, principal of the Training School, is chairman of the June pageant plans. The theme of the program will be "Freely ye have received, freely give." Bleachers will be arranged about the quadrangle in front of the Administration Building, while the pageant, which will be half spoken, will be enacted on the steps.

Mr. Frederick Meier is in charge of the Science Conference on Friday, March 15. At two o’clock on that day a Science Fair is scheduled. Applications to present science exhibits have been received from two high schools already and Mr. Meier expects twenty schools to enter with four to fifteen pupils representing each. Regular proceedings in the day there will be a group conference in which members of the science faculty of the college will participate. Meanwhile there will also be a student group meeting to explain outstanding experiments.

On Friday evening Mr. William L. Beneschamp, professor of secondary education at University of Chicago, will speak. He is outstanding in teaching science in the United States, a member of the United States Survey of Secondary Education and author of various books and pamphlets on teaching science.

**Faculty Honors Miss Beal With Parting Appreciations**

Final farewells have been given Miss Beal by Bridgewater’s occupants. The faculty entertained their co-member in unique ways before the left.

On Thursday, January twenty-fifth, Miss Beal attended a faculty meeting at the President’s House. Regular proceedings were carried on until the meeting was turned over to Mr. Tyndall, the chairman of the Committee. Miss Beal was surprised with a gift of a desk set awarded to her for her work in the office. In her response she made use of a clipping entitled "Mrs. Roosevelt’s Rules for Public Speaking" which had been handed to her when she first arrived at the meeting.

A faculty party was held in Cambridge by Miss Mary V. Smith on February third. Invitations stipulated a ticket of admission consisting of a hat of anything but hat material which was to be considered for a prize for the most "chic" affair. Miss Beal carried off this prize with an amusing and becoming combination of a green rubber plunger trimmed with red sponge flowers, and a chain with two red stoppers on it. Also adding to the entertainment of the evening were the photographs each was asked to bring of himself or herself at sixteen to eighteen years and wearing a hat.
CONTROL OF CLASS MEETINGS

Unruly class meetings in which there is much talking done and too little actual business carried on are usually the fault of the presiding officer. The responsibility for guiding and controlling the meeting falls squarely on the presiding officer—he falls in his duty when he allows the group to take unbridled liberties in argument. Having placed the guilt on the presiding officer, the teacher must in the proper situation suggest that officers develop a little more backbone, that they are in a position of leadership, rather than vacillating with the will of the mob. No respect will be paid any officer who shows he is unable to restrain the action and oratory of out-of-order members. Can we expect any officer to command respect when by his hesitancy, by his timid comments, he manifests a lack of confidence in himself? Such confidence must spring from an inner conviction of what is right, and what is right in a class meeting or any group meeting is based on what is parliamentary. It follows naturally then, that the presiding officer must know, and know thoroughly, his parliamentary procedure. This is the only foundation that allows for democratic participation and time for thoughtful judgment.

There is no question about the matter, presidents and presiding officers must control their meetings. Neither they nor their groups can afford such criticism as has been levelled at some of the recent meetings.

COMMON SENSE RULES

The material for the character of Bridgewater Teachers College isn’t at all a discredit to the institution, but our own student government tells us that we do need a bit of sensible adjustment of it. Ourardly, character is expressed by appropriate dress and actions as they are governed, not only by what is customary in Bridgewater, but also by what is customary in other comparable institutions of higher learning and the world outside. The proper tone of the ordinary when we progress naturally and carefully to our surroundings. But once we reach the auditorium and continue conversational mumblings until we finally shovel down to a detected looking indifference, we have certainly impressed our surroundings accordingly. S. C. A. says we have to decide about gum-chewing ourselves; that we ought to know by now how distracting

CLUB NEWS

TOPICS-OF-THE-DAY CLUB

Students who attended Chapel Feb­ruary 16 were surprised to hear the voices of Dorothy Thompson and President W. Rodger about their talk on the radio on May 10. Many of the parts have been assigned. Evelyn Allan will take the part of Mrs. Bennett and Arnold Oliver the part of Mr. Bennett. The three sisters Elizabeth, Lydia and Jan will be played by Leona Gregory, Nancy Hatch and Gen Doherty respectively. Dave Lev­erson will take the part of the villain Darcy. Francis Callan will be Bingley and the part of Mr. Collins will be taken by Mr. Kears. Wickham’s part will be played by Lawrence Birch Others in the cast are Ruth Stane, Lil­lian Morris, Doris Hedden, Helen Fiske, Eleanor Murphy, Mary DeCoste, Eaviley Riley, Anne King, Lillian Warren, William Costello and Lee Fleming.

GARDEN CLUB

After twenty years of an all-female membership, it has been discovered that two sophomore men wish to join the Garden Club. This evolutionary situation has not yet been cleared up. The decision is now in the hands of Miss Pope.

ORCHESTRA

The orchestra, in charge of the Club program for February, played the work of the famous ro­manesque church of the opera Bohemian Gypsy. Request numbers were asked from the students and the assembly sang these to the accompaniment of the orchestra.

The orchestra is now holding re­hearsals for its concert to be given early March. The tentative program in­cludes a Strauss waltz and part of a Haydn symphony. Mr. Tulin, a theremin player, will serve as a conductor. This theremin is a relatively new instrument, and played by the motion of the hands and the vibrations of the body.

FRENCH CLUB

Loretta Dupre has been elected presi­dent pro-tem, and Jean Bاثto, vice­president pro-tem, for the next ten weeks. Edna Dholter has been ap­pointed to the committee for the amend­ment of the constitution.

An Anthology of American Verse

Has Poems by B. T. C. Student

A SHOOTING STAR

At first point, A mere pin-prick of light In all that vast blue space of night, A streak. A sudden line of sparks And gone. The eye its path still So quick! So brief! Its whole life-space is spent. So life—is but one flashed event.

This poem is taken from a collection of modern American poetry, and its creator resides in room 222 of Til­ling­ham Hall. Gertrude King has been a writing poetry for many years. Some of her poems are published in the newspaper of her hometown, Haydenville. Just recently she won a poetry contest sponsored by the Avon Publishing Company, in whose annual publication of American modern poetry two of Miss King's poems appear. The other is entitled "The Wind's Edge." (continued on page 4)
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RETURNING SENIOR TRAINEES REPORT AMUSING CLASS INCIDENTS

That "all is not work" in the realm of senior practice teaching has been proved by several members of A-1 who recently experienced some of the more humorous aspects of the modern class room.

Jordan Fiore who taught in the high school in Fall River found one of his classes very fascinating—said class being made up entirely of girls. Jordan was only a little bit older than most of the high-schoolers and as a result the members of the faculty found it very confusing. Poor Jordan was often reprimanded by monitors as he proceeded to go down "up" stairways and was continually being told to report to his instructor and given ten hours detention for running through the corridors.

But the most amusing of all Jordan's adventures happened in the school library one morning. Jordan seized himself at the desk for provided computers and library monitor appointed him, eyed him critically, and remarked, "Well?"

"I'm going to the library," he answered Mr. Fiore.

"That desk is for teachers only," was the next approach.

"Fiore: I know it.

Monitor: "Well!" (tapping her foot)

"Fiore: I was called to the principal's office today and was given ten hours detention for running through the corridors.

But Helen says her prize answer occurred in her geography class recently. The pupil said, "After the glacier left, the people went into the desert." Helen thought probably the pupil would say something about Indians. The reply was, "You mean what president?"

"Gerry" Wardwell had many amusing experiences in her brief career as a teacher. She was especially impressed by the many fantastic versions of her surname which her pupils originated. Besides being called "Miss Wardwell" (once in a while), Gerry had to answer to Miss Ward, Miss Ward, Miss Wardmore, Miss Quadrille, Miss Vaudeville, and Miss Wardsworth. Other names have been furnished for Gerry in the form of answers to test questions. In answer to one question Gerry was given this answer: "A mammal is a person from Mammalia." These odd bits of humor should prove somewhat encouraging to those who anticipate senior training with shakiness. Of course, teaching always means work, but as the A-1's say, "There are plenty of laughs in every class room."

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MARIE RUDD WRITES OF HER STRUGGLE TO PROVIDE EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR COLORED CHILDREN

By now practically every student at B. T. C. appreciates the admirable work Marie Rudd, graduate of Bridge­water, is doing down South. Those of us who were here before she graduated are proud to have known her; those who know her only by reputation are proud to know that B. T. C. is her Alma Mater.

In a letter received at the college recently, Marie Rudd has much of interest to say. We feel that what she writes would be of value to us all. Some points we wish to repeat are:

"We try to keep our school plant and grounds spotlessly clean and well­tended so that when our children pass through the school, they will catch the spirit of those who have served before them. We try to give our children as broad a range of opportunity as possible.

In the program of school activities we sponsor a number of clubs. For the high school girls, athletics for grades three to seven boys and girls, the elementary school programs. I also teach the fourth grade."

In the individual classrooms we keep pictures of Negroes who have started from a disadvantage in background and yet have been successful in life—often surpassing the achievements of whites. They discuss with the children the lives of these men, and discover why they accomplished what they did and how the children can try to be equally successful.

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SIGNPOSTS from W. A. A.

What has happened to the upper-classmen? Has this age of modern conveniences made them softies? Note the honors go to Lois Smith, Lea Hearn, Mary Fiorentini, and Marguerite Harding.

minded lately. Practice for the Salem school and after school. Vie never saw such spirit like that!.

Says O'Byrne went through quite a session one day, too, trying to explain the Junior's system to Mr. Cameron. Bowling, however, Margaret Mader was more enthusiastically supported this year than has been previously. Every Thursday afternoon the downtown alley simply swarmed with B. T. C.'s anxious to break records. Per Burns, it seems, it hit the high score of 220 in one game.

Something new and different—folk dancing in the training school gym. Probably you have seen or will see some of your own classmates interpreting their family's particular turn-of-the-century, step; for globe-trotting nationality are given opportunity to perform for the rest of the group. These leaders will be selected by President Decker.

Something to look forward to—Miss Louise Kingman, popular instructor of physical education at Framingham Teachers College is due to make a personal appearance at B. T. C. soon. She is particularly interested in dancing; and plans are being made for her to appear over our noon-time gym session and show us the steps according to the rules. Speaking of dancing—those sophomore girls are "right in the groove" these days.

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ANTHOLOGY

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THE WIND RISES

The wind rises. And with it rises a gust Of tiny cast-off things that haunt No name. It hurts them at most any post. In dark at night, one hears This wild and unseen ghost, and feels Its sound. Forbodes the ills of future years. No elfin is this thing So simply called "the wind". It sings A song. Of rattling windows, doors that swing.

The wind rises Beware! Let all beware! Leave no thing loose in places, where riding winds For quickly it will find them there.

Women's Athletic Group Plays To Fourth Annual Salem Playday

"Welcome Salem," said the decorations in the commutors' room to those girls from one of our sister teachers colleges and their faculty advisors who were made to feel right at home here in our many victories.

The squad expects to come out on top in the remaining tilts and a victory over Becker would please us no end. It would be a great thing for competition if a Teachers College League were formed. This would be a good plan if worked out.

The intramural league has not been functioning too well. Some say that 4:30 is an inconvenient time for the commutors, as they have to be home for supper. "Food before fun".

Foul shooting contests are held at different times at various gymnasiums, and recently one Western cager dropped two points in thirty seconds! Too bad! Anybody could make this.