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Dear Students:

President Kelly Urges Support of Democratic Institutions in Greeting

By JOHN J. KELLY
President

If we are to maintain our democratic institutions, our coming citizens must grow up with the capacity to understand the spirit of our laws and with the desire and the will to obey them. Our public schools and colleges must teach and train to this end. At the same time our schools and colleges must put forth every effort to develop in these young citizens independence, initiative, and originality—qualities essential to leadership. As far as may be, each citizen should be prepared for leadership. He may be destined to become a leader in his home, in his church, in his community, or in the nation. Our nation will progress only as in each community there are thinking men and women awake to every opportunity to improve community and national life.

Responsibility of Schools

The maintenance of the highest standards of government in a democracy is dependent upon the largest possible development in every citizen of those qualities which are essential to following or to leading intelligently. It is necessary then that its citizens think straight and act wisely. The responsibility for equipping the next generation for efficient, democratic citizenship rests heavily upon the schools.

PRESIDENT KELLY—Who choossed democracy as his theme.

Every educational program should make careful provision for fulfilling this duty in the most concrete and detailed fashion.

Let us, the members of the faculty and student body, redouble our efforts to make our college render ever more efficient service in support of our cherished democratic institutions. May I extend to the faculty and students of Bridgewater cordial greetings and may the year ahead be for each of you one of happiness which comes from the satisfaction of work well done.

Be Loyal, Be Tolerant, Be Strong

Advices Dean of Women

By S. ELIZABETH POPE
Dean of Women

A creed for living recently given in an address by John D. Rockefeller, Jr. continued these words: “I believe that every right implies a responsibility; every opportunity, an obligation; every possession, a duty.”

Our college offers us rights, opportunities, possessions; can we assume the responsibilities, the obligations, the duties?

Democracy, which gives us so much, asks that we be loyal to country and to the right, that we sacrifice when it is necessary, that we be honest and tolerant, and that we be active in service.

This college of ours is a functioning democracy and demands that each individual contribute with all his might. The United States needs such service now more than ever before. Be loyal, be tolerant, be strong.

S. ELIZABETH POPE—Challenges students in her annual message.

Defence Makes Class of ’45 Smallest In Recent Years

‘HELLO FRESHMAN’

And just how do you like being a freshman during these deflating initiation weeks? Read ‘Data from the Diary of Dora Freshman’ on page two . . . you will understand how she feels about the whole thing.

Acquaintance Social Fun For All

The annual Acquaintance Social held last Friday evening added another rung in the ladder of successful socials held at the Boyden Gym, according to student officials.

Newcomers and incoming freshmen were relieved of any shyness whatsoever, and with the aid of upperclassmen joined with all others in the festivities of the evening. For the upperclassmen new friendships were made, and old friendships renewed.

Esther Boyden In Charge

Revelments were served following the dancing. Esther Boyden was in charge of the affair, and credit is due to Miss Boyden and her committee for the capable manner in which the social was handled.

Miss Crowley Takes Over Vacant Art Position

Miss Mary Crowley, formerly supervisor of art in the town of Agawam, is the newest addition to the faculty of Bridgewater and has taken up her duties as art instructor with Miss Ruth Nutter.

Miss Crowley is filling a position left vacant by the departure of Miss Nye, who is now at Massachusetts School of Art. Miss Crowley is certain to impart helpful knowledge to students here, because of her talent and professional abilities.

T. S. Supervisor Named

Miss Nutter has accepted the post of art supervisor at the Training School and her duties will begin as soon as the trainees have been placed in their classrooms.

M. S. T. C. A. To Hold Fall Meeting Here

The annual conference of the Massachusetts State Teachers College Association will be held Friday, October 31, and Saturday, November 1, at Bridgewater.

It has been planned to devote most of the time to the elementary curriculum which is in the process of being moderately revised.

Faculties of all Massachusetts Teachers Colleges are expected to attend the conference, as well as some teachers of (continued on page 4)

Teacher Shortage Aids Graduates

Creation of lucrative defense positions has probably been the direct cause for the decrease in number of students registered at the college for the 1941-1942 school year, according to a survey made among college officials close to the problem.

Approximately 96 women and 15 men comprise the incoming freshman class which is the smallest in recent years. Upper classes have also felt the call of defense work, bearing the heaviest loss of members. Some cases, however, are due to transfer of students to other teachers colleges and liberal arts colleges.

Deferment Proposed

About two-thirds of last year’s graduating class of 126 have secured teaching positions with many members still unplaced, field reports indicate. This large number of placements, unusual in late years, is largely due, it is said, to the increased number of teaching positions made available by both the trend to defense industry and the increased need for teachers.

Soph-Fresh Social To Come Late

Latest information on the latest Soph-Fresh social is that a tentative date, October 2, has been set. According to Bob Clenence, president of the sophmore class, the event is to be just as unique as the fancy of his classmates will allow.

The date is usually earlier, but owing to the uncertainty of initiation activities, it was thought best to extend the date. In the past, this event has always been pleasuring and original, and this year’s social promises to be a none-the-less fitting introduction of Fresh to Bridgewater’s social life.

Hedlund, Pothier Head Student N. Y. A. Work

Students seeking N. Y. A. work for the coming school year will have opportunities to do many jobs, according to the new N. Y. A. heads, Doris Hedlund and George Pothier.

Besides fitting members of the faculty, the N. Y. A. students will have ample opportunity to work on the grounds, do painting, carpentry work, painting and many other odd jobs around the campus.

Applications are still being accepted in room 17, and work will begin in the near future.
ANSWERING, 'WHITHER, BRIDGEWATER?'

According to the great number of educational conclaves conducted during the summer recess, greater support is currently given to the important place of education in shaping the life of the whole nation. From this general principle stem nearly all other accepted beliefs. Foremost, of course, is the fact that a college dedicated to preparing teachers necessarily stands in the front line of the struggle for democracy both in and out of peace-time. That is an integral part of a teachers college life and preeminently a part of Bridgewater because their teachers-in-training are to prepare in turn the children of the country to live and succeed in this democratic nation.

The rich wealth of historic contributions to United States life made by our college is something of which we should all be proud. To look at one contribution: From Civil War to Blitz War Bridgewater has opened its fall terms almost a score of years on the panorama of war secure in knowing its sons were in the nation's war forces. And it is significant that the three major conflicts of that period were waged fundamentally for that system of government only under which Bridgewater and like institutions can serve.

It is just this entwining of the threads of government, schools, democracy, and teaching which made such a significant note at nearly every conference on education in the past few months.

Incoming freshmen still have to understand, appreciate and practice this idea expressed familiarly as "education for and in a democracy." To know it and not practice it is disloyalty. More so, as we are slowly realizing, it is treason to that better life we all hope for.

We were, moreover, considerably impressed by a recent seminar. A speaker went a step further cautioning against too narrow an interpretation of the teacher's task. He recited the need of realizing the importance of international mindedness. We must, he said, inculcate that idea into the children we shall teach. While this is no new theory to the educators, it is a new theory to the practitioners. And so, we feel, as Bridgewater begins her one hundred and second year, she should raise her voice more effectually than ever before in support of teaching pupils not only how to live in their own democracy but also how to preserve a brotherly respect for others.

If we can begin sending this broader aspect of education's purpose out into the field now through our lecturers, supervisors, trainees, and graduates, we shall be once more actively in the van of democracy's work after this war is over. For most men are now coming to the belief that our country and the British Commonwealth must give up certain of their privileges no longer inherent with either if we are both to form a long-enduring combination based on international friendship to actively secure peace for the world. Our share in these plans must be to prepare for the broader program of international defense than for what is now incorrectly called "national defense." It is only in that way that education gains its full meaning.
Greetings Chums,

And especially to the charming freshmen who are brightening our steps. We hope the freshmen realize how fortunate they are in having such kind-hearted sophomores and such a lax initiation. (baby bottles excluded.)

Candid Campus Capers:
The upper classes quickly realize the abundance of female punctilios in the new class and beginning pursuit immediately. Those who got off to a flying start were Joe Murphy with petite Ann Houghton, Vernon West with Connie Ide, Stella with Stella, and Bob Bruni with Adrienne Garrity. Some of the fair bodied of the freshman class whom we predict will blossom into smooth seniors are Jean Nicoll, Mary Westmorland, and Mary T problematic. We are anxious to see what delectable hairdos the Soph women have thought up for their underlings. Ruthie Carlson's infection is in the library. Vincent Salvatore defying Regini trying to stop acting like the one and only in the Navy. Bob Nis has left B. T. C. to enter the field of physio-therapy. Vincent, Thomas is enrolled in the U. S. Air Corps. He expects his future years will be filled with angelic duty.

Thoreau Enthusiast

Members of Miss Lovejoy's senior composition class were recently given an informal talk by Mr. Walter Harding, a graduate of Bridgewater, class of 1919, who told of his experiences and collections of books and articles referring to the late great naturalist, Henry David Thoreau.

Mr. Harding started his collection when a student at Bridgewater and at this writing it is still growing. The collection contains works of and about Thoreau. Mr. Harding is now secretary of the Thomas Club which includes all those men and women who are interested in the great naturalist and writer of Concord.

Students Report Varied Vacation Work

Many who were fortunate enough to receive their degrees worked somewhere and are eager to relate experiences concerning their summer jobs. And practically no one has been without a good-weather vacation. While serving as life-guard, William Russell served three young patients at his post. Mrs. Henry Hope served as a swimming instructor in New Bedford. Edward Barry worked as a paint sprayor's apprentice at Fore River and had to wear an oxygen mask in the course of his work. Arthur Otten found interesting work in a jewelry factory in Attleboro.

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College Makes Band

Bridgewater Teachers College gave Perley White his first break, revealed the bandmaster in a recent interview at the Raynor-Phaynor hall room in Boston where his band was playing that of Harry James. He played his first engagement three years ago in the Albert Gardner Boyden Gymnasium at a Valentine's Dance.

RETIRED CUSTODIAN—Leaves Bridgewater after 21 years.

Chicks, Grandchildren Fill Denton's Life

Done is the hearty hand shake and the cheery "hello" which greeted returning students to B. T. C. No longer will the men be privileged to receive homely words of wisdom and the women an eager and helping hand. After twenty-three years of faithful service Edward "Ted" Denton, head custodian, has retired to his farm.

Warren Collection Valuable Says Head Librarian, Faculty

Acquisition of 336 valuable books from the estate of the late Dr. Franklin L. Warren, Pleasant Street, Bridgewater, has been announced as the gift of his wife by Miss Julia C. Carter, Head librarian of the college.

Fiction, science, memoirs, literary books make up most of the varied collection which is representative of the last century. The permanent collection as source material, says Miss Carter, makes the gift an especially valuable one.

To Remain in Tower

All the books are in excellent condition and represent some of the finest editions of the nineteenth century. Until classification of the books is complete they will remain in the tower where this work is now being carried on.

Great delight in the collection has been expressed by instructors whose fields are represented.

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FROM THE BENCH
BY DAPPER

SCENE ONE: Shifting sands of ceaseless time soon cover and obliterate all traces of athletic heroes. From dust to dust go all the glory boys of every college. In the past four years several extremely proficient men of iron have given their all for the old Alma Mater, but the handshake quality of our athletic aggregations have been generally green. Sheep intestinal fortitude often had to be relied upon, rather than synchronized power. Soccer had few individual greats, such as Bill Edgar, Jim Savage, and Charlie Shaw. Basketball had its few of the brilliant Sparkes, and octopus Clem Johnson has served his apprenticeship ahead.

DAPPER'S DATA: Beginning with soccer, the lads will have a gigantic task ahead of them to turn out smooth units. Almost completely barren of reliable veterans, the squad can boast of only a trio of capable booters. Captain Eddie Cheromcha earned his right to lead this year's unit and courage last year. He will miss his partner, Al Yurkstas, and so will the team. Mastro Meier must inject a rookie into the spot vacated by Yurkstas, but with Eddie beside him he should learn quickly the tricks of the trade. Reg Regini seems to be more consistent this year, and his services with plenty of spirit which leads student observers to predict a good season ahead.

A. I. C. To Be Given Close Game, October 4

American International, season-open er and the toughest assignment on our soccer schedule, faces a close fight when they play in Brockton. Captain Meier has indicated after seeing his boys in two weeks of practice which included practice sessions and two short scrimmages.

Tentative line-up of the first team has been completed and sees Captain Cheromcha in charge of a speedy team with plenty of spunk which leads student observers to predict a good season ahead.

Star Players Named

Some sources have been surveyed for their opinions on our team, with the result that Regini is considered especially good this year while Gordon Johnson has improved a great deal for his final year of play. Mike Antone is just as ever and holds promise of brilliant days ahead. Will Johnson is expected to have a fine season.

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October 8 Dorsey Textile There
October 10 Tabor Academy Here
October 15 A. I. C. Here
October 24 Dean Academy Here
October 29 Dorsey Textile Here
October 31 Fitchburg Here

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the public schools of the state. Joint committees have been appointed to formulate plans concerning elementary education. Miss Ruth Davis, Director of Training at Bridgewater, is vice-president of the association.

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