BREAK TRADITION AS SENIOR SPEED-UP GRADUATES WAR CLASS JUNE FIRST

Monday Formal Out, All Plans Indefinite

WEDNESDAY, MAY 6, LATEST NEWS AS WE GO TO PRESS—Graduation has been shifted five days ahead to Monday, June first, last day of senior activities. There will be no formal dance in Boston that evening, made by President John J. Kelly, Senior President Anthony Perry, and committees.

All plans, except those for baccalaureate and graduation exercises, are subject to change, it is understood. Traditional class-day play will not take its place, said Mr. Kelly today.

Senior week-end begins with Bridgewater Night at Pops Concert, Boston, Friday, May 29. Class picnic scheduled for various resorts will be held Saturday afternoon, if at all. Proposed MAA dance for the evening probably will be shown out.

Baccalaureate services will be conducted Sunday evening in Horace Mann. Plans for an unannounced Sunday evening event are rumored.

Dr. Herbert C. Clah, Bridgewater graduate and superintendent of schools, New Rochelle, New York, is the baccalaureate speaker. Graduation’s main address will be given by Dr. Edward Howard Griggs, first president of the university.

Senior men will not be invited to live at an evacuated Tillington for the week-end ahead, according to administration officials.

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Henry Fitzgerald; decorations, Natalie East; refreshments, Jessie Banks; music, West. Ruth Sinclair is general chairman.

NAVY V-1 PROGRAM AT BRIDGEWATER
INCREASES MALE ENROLLMENT

Coach Meier Predicts Strong Teams
For Duration Sports Program

Normal or even increased male enrollment is predicted for the college for next September by officials because of the Navy’s acceptance of Bridgewater as an accredited institution in the V-I program conducted in select colleges.

Powerful basketball, soccer, the floor and field under the new physical education requirements.

Four-year art teacher, should be ready for distribution about May 15. As has been previously reported, Alpha this year will have an entirely new theme.

Among its special features, it is announced, there is a page dedicated to Mr. William McGovern, former science teacher and also one dedicated to Mr. George H. Durgin, former math instructor. Mr. McGovern left the teaching staff shortly after mid-year examinations to enter a private business and Mr. Durgin left on notice that he had been commissioned as a lieutenant in the United States Naval Reserve. Committee chairman for the semi-formal, the Baroque Ball, tonight, in Albert Gardner Boyden Gymnasium with dancing from nine to one. Music for the evening will be furnished by Chick Hathaway Orchestra. Alpha reports that the 1942 Alpha, dedicated to Miss Priscilla Nye, a former art teacher, should be ready for distribution about May 15. As has been previously reported, Alpha this year will have an entirely new theme.

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Teachers Deserve Praise for "Service"

"At one time or another there is no job teachers are not asked to do," said an instructor with the student-faculty group working in Boston on the gasoline rationing cards last week.

There were draft registrations with more coming up. There are required courses in first aid and defense activities. Teachers are expected to evacuate all children should this be considered necessary in vital areas. There is no end in sight for the amount and kinds of extra work teachers will be called upon to do during this war.

"We can pay high tribute to the competence, loyalty, and cheerfulness with which teachers throw themselves into the war effort. We can be proud that the message of devotion to "service" as the highest quality of a real teacher which Bridgewater sent throughout the country a century ago is reaping great public gratitude and aiding the United Nations to win the war."

When the war has been won, Congress can do little more than pass a resolution praising us, because distinguished decorations are not for teachers. Although such a measure would be gratifying, our recompense lies in the present manifestations of public gratefulness. It is to be sincerely hoped that the public will continue approval of us after the war.

College Captures All-out Spirit

Enthusiasts devoted to the Bridgewater ideal of unqualified service to community and nation have been considerably happier these past few days as evidence pours in to indicate that the college has at last awakened to the tremendous responsibilities and duties war has placed upon us. The few who must be counted upon whenever forward steps are contemplated have come through with a reorganized defense program of which the worth has already been demonstrated in opening lectures.

Not only from these new courses are we to draw inspiration; we must also pay marked tribute to the revitalized patriotism which is taken hold of our entire college membership. A new and worthier sense of values and a deeper understanding of duty have been realized. Heightened morale has emerged to strike response even in the hearts of the defaulters of whom we wrote in last issue. Bridgewater's heroes of other wars and our men now in service can be proud of our present achievements. But we must not falter in the upward swing which we have so nobly begun.

With war and may easily come in 1942, if our local morale is characteristic of the nation. When this country throws off apathy, the production program of industry and the feats of our Army and Navy then, and only then, will win decisive victories.

Looking to next semester we may feel confident that the administration will secure for our men another course under the Civilian Aeronautics Authority whose college program is expected to be revived throughout the country. This hope, together with news of our recent Naval Reserve rating, should attract an increased number of men to Bridgewater. At any rate it will be further indication of Bridgewater's work for the success of the war effort.

Great Oak Reports

THROUGH ARTHUR OLSEN

Physicians are attempting to accen­
tuate the Watch on the Rhine
doesn't sink. Suggested theme song for
the Telephone Host: "WIN CALLS!"
Why not make our battleships,
cruisers and other sea-going
fortresses clinch the defense by manufacturing them out of Ivory soap? The Army's Brown Bomber is flying high, and brings down the enemy with ease.

Ye editors of the B. T. C. an­
nual publication are doing their
literary atom smashing, scientific­
ally producing their Alpha par­
ticles. Possible topic for next
Chapal debate: "Resolved, there
are more beautiful women in the
State, Roe Buck mail-order catal­
ogues than at B. T. C." I'm pos­
tive I'd root for the negative.
Incidentally, there are numerous bells at Poeden Hall I'd rather look at
than listen to.

Search these silly sentences for words
and phrases to add to your lowcabu­
logue than at
my Senior Hit Parade. . . A
Bridgewater bonnie turning the
sixth grade boy in the
pet-pins complete the picture of the
chapel debate: "Resolved, there
may wake any morn and find her room­
at Boyden Hall I'd rather look at
the bright pastels. You'll see less black
er cuts. Royal, Parsons, Miller, and
ample, on our own campus we see M.
dale, and C. Lindberg sporting feath­
er cuts. Royal, Parsons, Miller, and
loved woman may not be
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"Be Feminine; Wear Hair Bows" - Fashion Previews

No man in uniform when on for­
lough, wants to see his girl look like a carbon copy, of what he left behind at home.

Here are some simple rules to keep
you in trim. Avoid military fashions; be feminine. This year trend is a mixture of frills and whimsies, but don't carry them to extremes. Let simplicity as well as prettiness influence you in selecting your wardrobe, for this year simplicity is the theme.

Almost universal is the fashion for short hair—bangs, baby-cuts, feather cuts, or just plain scraggly. For example, on our own campus we see M. Sheehan, E. Sinclair, E. Bordeau, E. Doyle, and C. Lindberg sporting feather cuts. Royal, Parsons, Miller, and Sandi are wearing bangs. We're told one may wake any morn and find her room­mate cutting her dcb length tresses.

Have You A Hair Bow?

Bows in the hair aren't new, but why not accept this suggestion—a bow on
each side—one to match the shirt and one to match the skirt. For those with a lift, bolt, floral ties tied to pig­
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War Service Bureau To Advise N. E. College Men On Service and Defense

Opening of a War Service Advisory Bureau for college alumni at 374 Commonwealth Ave., Boston, was announced recently. The purpose of the bureau is to help men who are seeking information about possible entrance into the armed forces of the United States, as well as into civilian defense and other services.

Working with the authority and approval of the Army, Navy, and other branches of the service, the bureau knows what opportunities exist, and are capable of advising men who are interested.

All men with college affiliations are invited to call personally or write for an appointment to the bureau, which is located at the Harvard Club of Boston, and is open week days from 9:30 a. m. to 4:10 p. m., and Saturdays from 9:30 a. m. to 1:00 p. m.

Ryan, O'Leary, Roulis Rank High In Examination

Three Bridgewater students, Mary Ryan, Helen O'Leary, and William Roulis gained high honors in recent National Teachers' Examination held at Harvard University.

Because the examination is considered very difficult by most, the majority of examinees feel that a mediocre rating on the test deserves commendation. Besides ranking high in all phases of the written test, the candidates attained a superior percentage in English expression.

``Shoot!'' the story of How Spring on the Campus

``Shoot!'' the story of spring on the campus this year is not the same as previous Springs! There seems to be a scarcity of the usual numerous coteries of college couples and tender young twosomes. Perhaps the reason is the defense effort taking up what formerly was casual connoisseurs about the south with the navy. Now it's a car, with twosomes. Perhaps the reason is the May Meandering: door, carefully ignoring the passing parties, and plenty of gas .... The "men in stains" could not put up scenery until late anyhow. "Bashful Bachelor" the other day, and anyhow.

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Discard Carnival Plans As WAA Finishes Year

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With the coming of spring, WAA prepares to bring another successful year to a close.

On May 16, the WAA Governing Board plans to hike to Brant Rock, spend the night there, and return the next day. Annual banquet will be held on Wednesday, May 20. Miss Priscilla Nye, former art teacher here, will be the speaker for the event. Athletic awards will be made.

Year's final affair, Campus Carnival, whose theme was to be Redhot Roundup, will not be held, chiefly due to war-time restrictions on materials needed for decorations and booths. Magda Larson, in charge of the affair which annually crowns a queen, made the cancellation announcement this week.

FROM THE BENCH

BY DAPPER

Touching Moment:
We have related many stirring events in this space this year, and some of them may have shocked you. Now we are going to tell you about one particular episode which dwarfs all others in comparison. It happened one chilly April afternoon on the lower campus. The team had just emerged from the Boyd gym and began to loosen up on the uncut greenward. Coach Meier came trotting across the field, his ground coverage covered with peach blossoms. Frankly, they were too far out of our class, and the best we could have done this year would have been to score a couple of runs against them. So, good rendition, then, like another bolt of the blue, there came the scoop news that our coach was on his way. First word from Cape had decided to eliminate baseball entirely for the duration of the war. This news of sport's end and source of sports was sweet to hear the cocky Hyannis-finer finally admitting that they didn't have enough manpower to play ball. We could have told them that years ago. The sour part was that we had hoped to make their pitching staff as a token of our sentiments in regard to the results of the past winter's baseball melée at Hyannis.

So, we all looked forward anxiously to the day when the Hyannists would meet our heavy bats, and the sailing Martin fast ball. But fate has shuffled the cards in a different manner, and Hyannis fades out of the spring athletic panorama.

Our practice sessions continued, with the lads gradually reaching peak condition. Then came the end of April, and the end of the athletic careers of two old reliables of Bridgewater baseball. Both Murphy and Martin were transplanted from Legion field to the woods and fields. Your reporter inquired intently as to the nature and necessity of this sudden change. He wishes to hereby assure you lovers of the diamond game that the abandonment was absolutely essential to the welfare of the boys.

There isn't much talent available to fill the huge shoes left by Big Freddie, but freshman Grimes is working hard and long on the Legion mound. Coach Meier devotes many hours to the technique of the lanky fresh huffer, and pins his hopes on him. Jailing Joe Murphy has been such a standard fixture at the Legion plate that we shall be calling whoever plays there by that name. The absence of these husky hoomers will detract finesse from two positions, but will not hurt the team beyond repair.

Baseball Bombed by Double Trouble

BY DAPPER

For the first time in many long years of exciting sports spectacles here there has been a catastrophe deluge of manpower and dilemma. Never before has an athletic aggregation representing this college been subjected to such a blistering. The old saying that it never rains, it pours, is proved today. Look at the baseball situation if you doubt these words.

First, there was the enforced gasoline and rubber rationing to plague our master-minds. Game after game was chopped off the already scanty schedules. Fitchburg and Becker were immediately out of the question. American International, those tough hounds from Springfield, have gone into the discard also. Before the present calamity dawned we were looking forward to meeting the Armenos with revenge our sole motive. Fred Martin will testify on his honor that last year's A.1.C. had decided to eliminate baseball entirely on the campuses. The team had just emerged from the Boyd gym and began to loosen up on the uncut greenward. Coach Meier came trotting across the field, his ground coverage covered with peach blossoms. Frankly, they were too far out of our class, and the best we could have done this year would have been to score a couple of runs against them. So, good rendition, then, like another bolt of the blue, there came the scoop news that our coach was on his way. First word from Cape had decided to eliminate baseball entirely for the duration of the war. This news of sport's end and source of sports was sweet to hear the cocky Hyannis-finer finally admitting that they didn't have enough manpower to play ball. We could have told them that years ago. The sour part was that we had hoped to make their pitching staff as a token of our sentiments in regard to the results of the past winter's baseball melée at Hyannis.

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