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Famous Archeologist Visits Bridgewater

Basketball Team Has Four Wins

The 1953-54 Bridgewater Teachers College basketball team is led by Captain Charles Christie and coached by Mr. Edward Swenson.

This year the BTC inductees are members of two conferences, namely the Teachers College Conference, and the Southern New England Coastal League. BTC's opposition has been the finest competition that the BTC basketball team have engaged within the past five seasons. As a result, the record stands at four wins and ten defeats for Bridgewater with three games remaining to be played. Many of these games were lost by very small margins, and with a bit of luck in a few situations, the BTC teams would have emerged on top.

The future looks very bright for Coach Swenson and his hoop team, because only seniors Charlie Christie and Ed Keller will depart via graduation in June. Doc Blanchon, Terry Howard, Jack Hackett, John Ditullio, and freshman Pat Juneman, Joe O'Brien and Paul Sirgent will all be back for another season of varsity basketball next year.

Supervisors Conference Held at B.T.C.

History was in the making on January 22, 1954 when the General Supervisors of Public Education met in the State Teachers College at Bridgewater for their conference on Teacher Education.

With the full cooperation of the faculty and the students of Bridgewater, a successful program for the day was presented and enthusiastically accepted by the conference members.

Until recent times in education, the supervisor of a school system unknowingly did little more than hamper the teachers of their schools with their "police action." With the advent of new philosophies, pedagogues of the profession began to think, and questions were asked. One question was, "How can supervisors help the beginning teacher in a school system make a more effective, integrative classroom situation in which the avenues toward growth may take place?"

What better opportunity could supervisors and students have to come in contact than at such a conference? With this view in mind, a question period was organized by Miss Shea and the

"Archeology, like clarity, can begin in one's own backyard" is a realization that was brought home to the students who attended the lecture given by Dr. Maurice Robbins of Attleboro who spoke on Indian archeology in the vicinity of Bridgewater.

Many Bridgewater students had no conception as to how Bridgewater might be regarded as a crossroads of the earth. They feel is confined to the Near East and perhaps a few regions in the southwestern United States.

But here in our town, less than two miles from the college on the banks of the Taunton River, is the site of not one Indian village as was originally thought when excavations began, but three distinct cultures on three separate ground levels.

Original investigations at the Titticut village site were concerned with discovering vestiges of the historic culture that flourished there just prior to the settlement of Plymouth plantation in the 17th century.

Dr. Robbins and his assistants not only located traces of these historic Indians, but they discovered artifacts and soil disturbances that proved that two other cultures have lived on the same site many hundreds of years earlier.

Dates Released Later

These earlier cultures have been dated by the use of radio-active carbon and the dates will be released in a forthcoming book which Dr. Robbins and his associates will soon publish.

Bridgewater was in earlier geological times covered by a vast post-glacial lake and the earliest Indian artifacts which have been discovered were found on what had long before the Indian settlement been the bottom of the lake. Indians were naturally attracted to the Titticut site because the bend of the Taunton River at that point offers natural defense, and the soil is quite fertile, having been laid down as silt by the rising waters of the river.

Dr. Robbins wrote that it is not clear that the only time an archeologist uses a shovel is when he is filling in his excavations. When excavations are under way it is necessary to dig with nothing larger than trowel for fear of destroying pertinent material.

The territory to be excavated is systematically surveyed and staked out and then every foot of ground is excavated in sections of about six square feet. After all artifacts have been removed (continued on page 6)
From Me To You

In computing the questionnaires which you filled out in an attempt to evaluate the W.R.A. program, we found that many of you gave us no constructive criticism, but instead threw a few bouquets in favor of your organization. These compliments have motivated us to tell you a bit about the people who work so quietly and unselfishly behind the scenes to make the organization a success.

The real engines that keep the wheels of the Women’s Recreation Association moving so smoothly are the faculty advisors. Everyone on campus who has ever participated in the activities certainly owes Miss Caldwell a big “thank you.” She is the faculty advisor who listens patiently to all sorts of complaints, gripes, and fantastic dreams of the officers; then quietly says, “If you think it’s worth it, go ahead.” Along with a busy teaching schedule, she manages to keep a helpful eye on all phases of W.R.A., from going to conventions to advising many of the activities offered. When you’re having a hilarious time participating in one of the activities and “loving W.R.A.,” remember to credit Miss Caldwell with much of its success.

Some of you underclassmen probably don’t know who “the grand old lady of W.R.A.” is. She’s certainly grand; definitely the finest lady ever, and far from old in spirit! We use this descriptive phrase because it is a direct quote from one of her banquet speeches. This wonderful lady is Miss Decker! She’s the human adding machine who gets the treasurer out of all sorts of financial scrapes! If Miss Decker were paid a nickel for every time she’s signed a W.R.A. check or requisition slip, she could build B.T.C. two gymnasiums! Regardless of being the busy advisor of Modern Dance Club, a supervisor in the Training School, plus endless other responsibilities, she always seems to have that extra couple of hours to get the books straightened out.

When you’re pleased with some new bit of W.R.A. equipment, a suppersale which is, incidentally, just remember that Miss Decker signed the check!

Along with Miss Caldwell and Miss Decker we have the other members of the Physical Education faculty drafted for various duties. Miss Comeau, Miss Kelly, and Dr. Moriarty are all advisers for at least one activity. We’ve all seen Miss Comeau racing around the campus on her motorcycle, day afternoons keeping an efficient tab on the basketball activities, and in the spring and fall checking on the tennis antics. As “do si do” and “swing your partners” float from the gym, we’re sure to find Miss Kelly giving some helpful advice. In the past two years, the square dance, and folk dance have gotten a tremendous boost from her tireless suggestions and help. We mustn’t forget our faithful badminton adviser and chief cheerleader at play days, Dr. Moriarty. Not only does she keep her eye on the birdies, but also is a most dynamic cheerleader—but always for the losing team—regardless of which one!

In mentioning all the activities these people behind W.R.A. check on, we’ve still neglected to mention a great service they do for us. How do we get to conventions, to play days, and to meetings? The faculty! They give their time and cars to transporting us to the various social events connected with W.R.A. We hope that soon we can have a definite policy whereby wear and tear on the cars as well as gas can be financially taken care of.

W.R.A. is a large organization and it contributes much to our college career. When reminiscing or discussing the fun and enjoyment derived from W.R.A., remember to throw a rose to the faculty. Also, “thank you” are two small words which mean a great deal! Let’s not forget to use them to show our appreciation to a wonderful faculty—the quiet leaders behind W.R.A.

P. S. I, personally, want to take this opportunity on behalf of all the women to express our appreciation for all the assistance and help our faculty advisers give us. Many thanks!

See you in the gym!

TESS MALUMPHY President, W.R.A.
subject is just below your high intellectual level (how often have I
fallen into this one?). Let's be honest and admit that there is abso-
lutely no course that has no value. We cannot condemn anything un-
til we know a great deal about it, and it is a common human failing
to hate all things with which we are not familiar. That last gem of
philosophy falls right into our second problem of hating the course—
it's too hard. There, right there, is the greatest thing a human being
could ask for, because it is the source of your cheapest and biggest
means of happiness. What amount of money could ever buy the
complete ego-eratic sort of joy that comes from doing something
you said, just last night, was impossible? As for the last reason, I have my-
self said, "I just can't study for that course I hate him (or her) so
much." How foolish! Ninety-nine times out of a hundred the reason
for hate was the teacher's ignorance. I am now standing up to say that
when I go out and teach—I'll be just as ignorant.

Perhaps this general college attitude is a result of those who
over-study. Yes, you can overdo studying just like you can overdo love,
health, religion, humor and all the other good things of life. Actually,
what we resent are those who study strictly and solely for a mark.

This is an excellent conscience salve—we are not going to study just
for a mark! Not us! So we do nothing! Now, after thinking it over, I
know that marks are fine. They are the just reward for work in col-
lege, just as money is the just reward for work outside of college.
Frankly, when I work, I want to get paid! However, would you ever
take a job for the rest of your life where you were paid in nothing but
money? Wouldn't you rather have a position where the big main
goal, perhaps years away, was the accomplishment for itself? Why that
accomplishment? Is it to get more money when you're way up there
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accomplishment? Is it to get more money when you're way up there
pay check, you've got to have it right now, but never forget that goal.
Whatever yours is, it will take work.

Someone was bragging to me last night (which started this whole
thing) about how little she had studied over a period of three and a
half years. "But," she said, "I'm happy." Well, there is an old phil-
osophy somewhere that says that complete prolonged happiness is ex-
erienced only by fools and aesthetes. She did not fall into the latter
group, and must have forgotten how many times she has complained
to me about all things in general. I have had many an unhappy day or
week here, and have done my full share of griping, but can most hon-
estly say that the greatest contentment I have enjoyed here was not
out with the crowd (as great (?) as they are, for those moments are too
short), smoking cigarettes down at Paul's, cutting classes for mad gay
times, or even playing bridge. The real good feeling I call happiness
was there when I finished a well-written thesis, efficiently prepared
for a test, found an exciting piece of information during research, or,
best of all, worked out a tough problem concerned with math—my
weakest subject. Week-ends, vacations, and summers are certainly
meant for good times (and I love 'em), but how can you enjoy your-
self if your work isn't done? In other words—work when you work,
and play when you play, and you'll do both better and enjoy them
both more.

I hope I haven't steered off the course too much. My aim was
simply to voice an opinion that studying is not a sin, that some people
(poor things) actually enjoy studying, and that anyone who brags that,
"I haven't cracked a book," is really calling himself a braggart, a liar,
not too bright, or is trying to cover up insecurity caused by laziness.
The minor reason for the Bridgewater cheer is a sincere attempt to
obtain sympathy, usually just before marching in to take the test.

Let us not forget that as a self-respecting human being, everyone

Sportsman's Corner

RAY HARDING

The week of February 15th was one of
the warmest of the winter. February
15th itself was a balmy, spring-type
day. A perfect day for casting a line into
some gurgling brook or calm pond. Feb-
uary 15th was also the day the fishing
season closed, naturally. The season will
remain closed until April 15th which
will be a raw, cold, rainy day.

This brings us to a discussion of off-
season activities for inactive enthusiasts
of the mighty worm.

This period of semi-hibernation is a
very trying one to wives, mothers, sweet-
hearts and associates of frustrated fisher-
men. When the angler reconciles him-
self to the fact that he can't go fishing,
he usually finds an outlet for his sup-
pressed desires by cleaning equipment,
yeeling flies and planning future trips.
(See "The Psychology of Fishermen and
Its Implications to Modern Society," a
later and too often overlooked work of
Sigmund Freud.)

Equipment cleaning is a task which
requires the care and preparation of a
delicate surgical operation. Items such
as hooks, sinkers, leaders, and other small pieces of equipment should
be stored in a list made of what's miss-
ing. During the closed season such small
articles can be picked up cheaply at
most large department stores or sport
shops. Sometimes these items appear in
unlooked for places such as the seat of
a fine in the middle of a Department of

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Music For You

CHARLIE BARBER

After last issue's critique of pianist
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Personally, I feel that Mr. Elie was a
man can know all there is to know
about any one phenomenon; few men
know much of what there is to know.
There are always some men who know
very little about a particular pheno-
menon and inevitably attempt to dis-
course in the field in spite of their lack-
ings. We all slip into this awkward po-
tion sometimes but the professional
critic seems to be forever confronted
with this fallacious action.

"Why should we accept the opinions of
the critic?" you may ask. The rather
obvious answer is that you needn't ac-
cept his opinions. The reason why the
contemporary critic has fallen into dis-
favor with the public is that he too
often is guilty of doing just that—ent-
ting opinion. The competent critic does
not enter into equivocal discourse. If he
does so he should indicate that his re-
marks are merely opinions with suitable
comment. I take this stand due to my
concept of what a critic's work should
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S.C.A. Announces Social Calendar

I would personally like to extend my sincerest thanks and appreciation to Miss Ellen Shea, to Mary McGlynn, and to all those people who have made the Social Calendar of the Bridgewater College a success. On the second semester social calendar has been completed and seven hundred copies will be distributed to the faculty and students during the week of February 8-13. The day and the hour have been placed after each event and social function, in order that this system might eliminate any conflict between organizations on campus.

A large social calendar which consists of the daily social functions of B.T.C. will be located in Miss Shea's office to give the faculty and the students an insight on the daily, weekly, and monthly functions of the college. The administration and faculty members who act as advisors have been given calendars which consist of all the social functions on campus dating from September 12, 1953 to June 8, 1954. It is my wish that the work and organization that have been put into the formation of the social calendar will be used advantageously, and the people who participate in the social functions profit by it.

Every Monday morning a schedule of the social functions during that particular week will be posted on the main bulletin board so as to have some of the people become aware of the activities involved during that period of time.

Social Calendar — 1954 — Second Semester

March 2 Men's Club Spaghetti Supper (6:30-10 P.M.)
3 K.P. Club Meeting (7-8 P.M.); Newman Club Meeting (7-9 P.M.)
5 Freshman Dance (8-12 P.M.)
6 W.R.A. M.A.A. Play Day and Barn Dance
10 K.D.P. Meeting (7-9 P.M.)
11 M.A.A. Dance (7-10 P.M.)
13 Basketball Clinic (8 A.M.-1 P.M.); Newman Club Dance (8-12 P.M.)
17 Day Student Council Cake Sale; K.P. Club Meeting (7-8 P.M.)
19 Orchestra Concert (7:30-10:30 P.M.)
20 Sophomore Dance (8-12 P.M.)
23 Senior Auction (After Chapel)
25 No School—Teacher College Conference
31 Red Cross Movie
April 1 Day Students Pizza Party (4-6 P.M.)
2 Newman Club Skating Party
3 K.P. Club Meeting (7-8 P.M.); Senior Fashion Show (7:30 P.M.)
9 Junior Class Prom
12 Kappa Delta Pi Banquet
13 Christian Fellowship—And. (3:30-5:30 P.M.)
14 Audio Visual Club Movie (7-10 P.M.)
16-17 Spring Vacation
20 Upper Elementary Cake Sale
26 Baseball (home)
28 Glee Club Concert (Reception in Gym after the concert)
May 1 W.R.A. Tennis Sports Day (10 A.M.-4 P.M.)
4 Day Student Council Banquet (Time decided at end of 3rd quarter)
5 K.P. Banquet (5:30-8 P.M.); Baseball (home)
7 Dramatic Club
8 W.R.A.; M.A.A. Sports Day and Dance (Time not decided)
10 Baseball (home)
12 W.R.A. Banquet; Modern Dance Recital
14-15 Sophomore Weekend; Alumni Day
15 Alumni Day
19 Baseball (home); Christian Fellowship—Dec. (3:30-5:30 P.M.)
21-22 Sportive Gentry
22 Father-Sons Banquet (6-8 P.M.); Baseball (home)
24-28 Senior Extravaganza
29 Senior Prom
30 Memorial Day; Baccalaureate
31 No School; Senior Picnic
June 1-8 Final Exams
6 Commencement Day
8 Close of Second Semester

SUPervisors Conference

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elementary majors of the senior class to ask visiting supervisors about some of the problems that they felt would be facing them next year. The supervisor wanted to know what problems were being encountered in the minds of college seniors as beginning teachers, so that they might go back into their own school systems with some help for the new teacher.

Coffee Hour Conducted

At 8:30 A.M., the conference members registered and socialized during a coffee hour conducted by senior elementary major girls. A general session of supervisors was held in the demonstration room at 9 o'clock. Acting chairman and president of the General Supervisors of Education, Mrs. Flora H. McGraw, welcomed the supervisors and the students taking part in the program. Dr. Maxwell then reviewed the goals of the college and all its facilities to aid them during their visit at Bridgewater. Miss Mary O'Rourke, Senior Supervisor of Elementary Education, introduced the supervisors to the organization of the Bridgewater Teaching organization of the Bridgewater Teaching College social calendar a big success.
Theatre-Arts
DON WORMWOOD

Since the Christmas holidays the theater season has been in somewhat of a slump in Boston as far as the quantity of productions offered is concerned. In regards to quality however, the standard has been high. "Guys and Dolls," is completing a very successful engagement and will soon come to Brockton and the Colonial Theater for a brief engagement. Then there was Judith Harris in "The Killing Moon" starring an English import, Hermione Gingold. It is felt that she will become a great comic favorite.

The biggest attraction in the coming month will be "The Mandolin Cello" with Julie Harris in her third Broadway role. Those who saw "I Am A Camera" are looking forward to her performance as a wayward French housewife transformed into a bohemian (perhaps a little too convincingly). While most of us were boarding the bus for Mass, Jerry and his friends could be seen running around the campus preparing the final touches for the Breakfast. Fortunately, they arrived at 8:29 A.M. and Jerry led the members in reciting the Blessed Examen—the main theme of the day. An air of unity and a feeling of brotherhood dominated the group as they knelt and offered their prayers to God, with individual intentions but universal thoughts.

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The glamour of men galloping around in metal suits and knocking each other's skulls in with swords, battle axes and maces never seems to lose its charm, and one wonders how so many suits of armor survive duststorms.

Today it is fashionable to debunk such books as "When Knighthood Was in Flower," which was read by young ladies everywhere at the turn of the century, and "In Search," which has been read since it was written in spite of its many faults. "Knights of the Round Table" is now in Boston for an unlimited engagement and should be seen regardless of its plot for the splendid costumes and sets which it employs. For the most part the background is authentic, the picture having been filmed in England and the tilting scenes are the most accurate ever filmed. The story is drawn from the Arthurian legends as collected in the "Morte d'Arthur" of Sir Thomas Malory and contains the standard triangle of Arthur, Lancelot, and Guinevere.

"Prince Val" is likely to be disappointing to those who know and love the comic strip (here the classification is misleading) of the same name for it is hardly to be supposed that anything could equal the superb drawing and conception of the original. The film is however a rather good one in spite of the impossibility of matching the original.

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Exam Today!

Newman Club Holds Communion Breakfast

The annual Communion Breakfast of the Newman Club was held Sunday, January 31, in the Commuter's Room of the Administration Building. The students and faculty members of the Club received Holy Communion in a body at St. Thomas Aquinas Church preceding the Breakfast.

After meeting in the Commuter's Room, a grand meal was enjoyed by all. The Breakfast was highlighted by the appearance of the guest speaker, the Reverend William Phier, M.M. from Ourining, New York. Father Phier's main topic centered around his stay in Manchuria during the periods previous to, during, and following World War II. Although we all know that his experiences were anything but pleasant, father managed to emphasize only the lighter vein of them. His humorous tales kept the group laughing constantly and it will be a long time before Father's visit is forgotten. Seated with Father Phier at the head table were: The Reverend John A. Dixon, Spiritual Adviser of the Newman Club; Mr. Joseph Cockey, Faculty Advisor; Jerry McVey, President; Joe O'Brien, Vice-President; Elly Pohl, Treasurer; and Marge Ferro, Secretary.

Miss Shea, Dr. Melville, Dr. Moriarty and Miss O'Connell were the members of the Faculty who were present. Miss Davis and Miss Condon also attended.

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A vote of thanks goes to the officers and all who helped to make this a memorable occasion. Here's hoping that future Newman Club activities will include more of this type. Let's put a religious theme into all our activities.

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Evaluation of W.R.A.
By YOU!!

Some time ago a questionnaire was given you by your W.R.A. division leader for the purpose of evaluating the activities offered by the Women's Recreation Association. Results of these have been compiled and we hope you can effectively and actively use your suggestions.

The activity which has the highest number of participants is basketball. We were pretty certain of this but appreciated many of your suggestions as to how it can be improved. First and foremost was the suggestion to lessen the competition between the Physical Education and other Majors. It was suggested that more class competition might be organized. We realize the existing problem and are trying our best to solve it. Until a better answer is found - remember you are competing in classes for the Plaque and participation as well as winning is included as the basis on which it is awarded.

Tennis and Badminton were the two individual or dual activities which are most popular here. The major complaint was lack of gymnasium buildings for both activities. We'd love to build new courts but that's a bit out of the question! Just be patient and wait for the new gymnasium! Remember the town courts aren't very far away; and usually it's not a long wait to get on our own courts.

Hockey Liked

Hockey and softball seemed to be liked by a majority but participated in only by a few. Your complaints here were lack of organization and knowledge of the games. Next year in hockey we hope a very active beginners group can be organized. Then perhaps the advanced group could be urged to be a bit more conscientious about appearing for their games, and a better tournament might result. This spring we hope everyone will get on a softball team, and conscientiously accept the responsibility to be on time at the proper place for the game. A large publicity campaign will be used to urge you to participate actively and have fun.

An amazing number of you want soccer included in the program. It's a fall activity, needs a large field, plus a large number on each team. It's very difficult to get the fields for hockey but perhaps something could be arranged with alternating weeks of soccer and hockey. Also, a majority of you want golf as an activity. Golf clubs are quite expensive so we would have to furnish our own equipment. Perhaps a sign-up sheet can be put up to see if enough of you have the basic clubs and are sufficiently interested. We then could hire the Pro from one of the nearby courses. The expense of this could be taken care of much like it is done in swimming, with W.R.A. paying half the fee and the students the other half. Golf is a fabulous activity with great recreational and social carry-over value, so it is hoped that we can start the activity.

Two Main Suggestions

Finally, your main suggestions for the improvement of W.R.A. are two. The first: that the competitive and

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F. N. Gasset's
Jewelry Store
Complete Line of Watches For Graduation

ORCHESTRA CONCERT
MARCH 19 — AUDITORIUM
FEATURING THE CAVALIERS

15c and S.C.A. Booklet See You There
Spotlight on Natalie Silvia

Stepping into the glare of the spotlight this month is Nat Silvia, one of the busiest, peppiest members of the senior class.

Over the past four years, Natalie has had a number of activities including membership in the upper elementary club, of which she has been secretary, Newman Club and W.R.A. for four years, and Dormitory Council this year. She was secretary of her class last year and vice president this year. In her "spare time" Nat has been an ardent worker on the "Alpha," too.

Nat's future shows definite signs of being as full as her past. After working with feeble-minded children last summer, she decided that this was the particular field of education she wished to pursue.

Natalie would recommend this college highly to anyone wanting to be an effective teacher.

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Formal Study Hour Made Compulsory

Because of the large number of deficiency slips issued for various courses at the culmination of the first quarter of the college year, the freshmen women have been placed upon a formal study hour.

From eight to ten o'clock all freshmen women who receive deficiency slips may be found poring over their books, and Mirra Powers, the president of Tillinghast Dormitory, tells us that the plan is working very well and that the women appreciate having the designated study period. Certainly a two hour session is by anyone's standards a short enough period of application to subject matter on the college level.

In addition, the freshmen women who earned the formal study hour, and we do not hesitate to say that all need it, lost their single ten-fifteen possession per month. All the more incentive to raise their marks to college standards.

Picture of Intensified Study

During the week of midterm examinations, the dormitories presented a picture of intensified study. At eight o'clock the television set in the smoking lounge was shut off and the room became a study group room where groups of clubs could practice upon one another with questions that might be in the impending examinations. This would seem to be an excellent way to study provided you can stay upon the subject at hand and not get side-tracked. In this examination week permission was also given to remain up until twelve o'clock to literally burn the midnight oil.

It has become standard practice now to have everyone in bed and lights out by eleven o'clock in both dormitories; this is being enforced. It seems unfortunate to think that so poorly mature college women are unable to decide for themselves what time they should retire and must therefore be handed off to bed like a group of small children five-year-olds. We admit that eleven is a sensible hour of retirement but the decision is one that should be made by the individual and not a governing body such as a dormitory council. Some people need more sleep than others and will be quite willing to retire on or before the eleven o'clock curfew, but others do not need eight hours sleep. They may consider themselves fortunate and many will put their extra time to another use in a college day. These are the people for whom an enforced lights-out is wasteful. It seems too bad to think that the excesses of a few women, who are not able to take care of themselves and retire at a sensible time determined by their individual needs, should deprive the entire dormitory community of freedom of choice which is rightfully theirs in a democratic environment, but if maturity is lacking then guidance must be supplied.

"Abe" Lincoln Receives Commendation

Cpl. William A. Lincoln (left) of Rutland, Mass., receives a letter of commendation on Okinawa from his commanding officer, 1st Lt. Robert H. Rice. The son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald M. Lincoln, Kenwood dr., the 23-year-old corporal was awarded the letter by the commandant of the Far East Anti-Aircraft Artillery Specialist School in Japan for obtaining the highest grade in the radio mechanics course. Lincoln is a member of the 97th AAA Group's Headquarters Battery. A 1952 graduate of Massachusetts State Teachers College at Bridgewater, he entered the Army in July of that year and arrived overseas the following March from Fort Dix, N. J.

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locked room, preferably one with no windows so that snow, sleet and hail are eliminated as distracting factors to a proper state of mind. The importance of this state of mind can not be underestimated. For instance, your figures show that a trip from Boston to Anchorage, Alaska, will cost approximately $6,000. Why worry? Do you have $6,000? Who does? You're right, no one! Yet people do fish in Anchorage, Alaska. This is a known fact. Evidently they live there. Their sociological pattern is adjusted to, and connected with, Anchorage, Alaska. Therefore, you must be very nice to the superintendent of schools from Anchorage when he visits Bridgewater for interviews. (This is the type of reasoning necessary to the proper state of mind.)

Seriously, there is plenty to do during the next three months. Sporting literature helps pass the time. The Saturday Evening Post had an article on fishing in last week's issue. The Department of Conservation was busy during the winter. An article in the Breckenridge Enterprise recently told of the work the department is doing trying to obtain a right of way through private property to publicly owned ponds. This may or probably will fail. Yet the article also points out that a fisherman may cross private property to get to a publicly owned pond as long as the land is not enclosed or cultivated. Things like that are nice to know, but don't forget to lock the backdoor.
W.R.A. News

Basketball Playday
Saturday, February 13th, found the gym filled, with girls from B.T.C. and Boston College engaged in basketball playday. Friendship, fun and sportsmanship were everywhere. Under the direction of Ken Mann, activities began at one o'clock, B.T.C. winning 2 games and Boston College, one. At three-thirty, the gym filled, with girls from B.T.C. going to the playday. Friendship, fun and sportsmanship reigned at one o'clock, B.T.C. winning 2. Games broken College on March 6th and 7th. Focus was the main focus of this event.

A.F.C.W. Conference
The American Federation of College Women will hold a conference at Pennbrooke College on March 6th and 7th. The main purpose of the conference, of which Bridgewater is the recording secretary, is the betterment of the Women's Recreational Associations in the various New England colleges. Diane Blackwell, secretary for Bridgewater, will be an official delegate to the conference. It is hoped that the delegates from the various colleges will be able to compare and exchange ideas concerning their organizations.

Salem Playday
March 13th will find the girls of Bridgewater at Salem participating in a playday consisting mainly of basketball, volleyball and badminton. Good luck, kids!

Hopes are that we will also be able to take part in the U. of Rhode Island playday to take place later on in March.

Modern Dance Workshop
The future also holds in store a Modern Dance Workshop to be held in conjunction with the Senior P.E.M.'s and W.R.A. Miss Anne Gocen of Simmons will present the workshop activities. It should prove valuable and interesting to all those interested in Modern Dance.

Change of Officers
W.R.A. recently lost one of its hard working officers—Deenie Considine. Many thanks from all of us, Denise, for a job well done. Marie Callahan is now Recording Secretary and Mary Ellen Meagher, Assistant Recording Secretary.

K. P. Club
K.P. Club had a combined meeting with the Upper Elementary Club. Mr. Hawks spoke on "Unfair Educational Practices."

Barbara Drinkwater and Phyllis Corrigan attended an ACEI meeting held at Wheelock College. The purpose of the meeting was to formulate plans for the State Convention which will be held in Boston in the Spring.

Other speakers were scheduled to speak at future meetings.

Menorah Club
The members of the club have gathered to attend symposia services in Brockton many times during the last months.

During the month of February, the group participated in a mock trial discussing the pros and cons of religious education. A discussion meeting was also planned for this month.

Murray Karlburg is in charge of presenting a film on Israel, which will be given early in March. Several meetings discussing the religious holidays which fall in the spring have been planned.

Christian Fellowship
Reverend J. Edgar Edwards, a field secretary on the staff of the Student Christian Movement in New England, was the guest speaker on Wednesday, February 10. His informal talk, plus the discussion which followed, helped the members understand the functions and importance of such a tremendous large organization.

This year Christian Fellowship will sponsor its student-conducted Lenten Services in the Unitarian Church every Monday through Friday, from 8:05 to 8:20 A.M. Services will start on March 4th continuing through April 15th. Everyone is most cordially welcome to attend the services.

In preparation for the services the group met with Rev. Clinton Blake at the Episcopal Church on the evening of February 17th for a discussion on "Worship Services."

Also, under the chairmanship of Helen Uhl, a committee is working up a display of religious literature in the college library, and would appreciate any added material.

P E M Club
Twelve seniors and one sophomore attended a Physical Education Symposium at Springfield College. Boice and Sargent colleges also attended.

At this conference the College exchanged different ideas on Physical Education.

The P.E.M. Club will sponsor a high school play day which the high schools of the surrounding areas will attend.

P E M Club is also making plans for the National Convention to be held in New York.

Dramatic Club
The last meeting was held on Monday, February 8, 1954, in the Commuter's Room. Carleen Dodd planned the program which consisted of individual skits and games. The group learned the Orchestra Song, and discussed plans for the Spring play. Refreshments were served.

Club Notes
Modern Dance
Modern Dance Club held their first meeting Thursday, February 11th. Many candidates showed their interest in becoming club members by performing original and varied dances.

Beatrice Sullivan and Gail Hutchinson have been accepted as Modern Dance Club members after serving their apprenticeships of sixteen weeks.

The club has now started work on its program of dances for the annual spring performance.

Newman Club
The Newman Club members received Communion in a body Sunday, January 24. After Sunday Mass, the members had a Communion breakfast in the commuter's room.

Father Pheny from New York spoke on "Missionsaries in Manchukuo."

Wednesday, February 17, 1954, Newman Club sponsored the movie, "The Phantom of the Opera."

Father Donnan will speak at the next meeting on "What is the Church's Biggest Problem?"

Seniors Sell Coffee
The sale of coffee by the seniors in the commuters room has proven the effectiveness of student government at B.T.C. By means of this, the commuters, the dorm students, and the faculty have been given a chance to mix socially, which leads to better relations in the college.

This project was organized by Miss Ellen S. K. Assistant Dean of Women, and Natalie Silvera, vice-president of the senior class, "Nat!" has been the Co-ordinator. It works in the following way: All seniors sign up for different hours so that there is always someone in the commuters room to serve coffee and collect fees.

During examination week the coffee sale was put on the honor system which worked very well. It was voted to turn over the profit of $35 from this week to the Glover Fund.

Again the Newman Club contributed to the social activities of the season, this time with a movie which took place in the Horace Mann Auditorium, Bullet of the Administration Building. The "Phantom of the Opera," starring Claude Rains and Nelson Eddy was attended by a large number of students, all of whom agreed that it was a wonderful picture.

The gloomy, rainy night was no obstacle to the success of this feature, but on the contrary lent just the right atmosphere for the movie which caused more than one scream from the audience.

Again, we can only thank those who helped to make the movie a success and advise those who did not attend to be sure and join the fun the next time. And, of course, a Newman Club affair always spells F-U-N.

Mules Upset Juicers
For two weeks there has been an intra-mural basketball game because of the mid-year examinations but now the intra-mural competition has been resumed more thoroughly than before.

Only one game was played this week. The game between the Slings and the Zombies was postponed because many of the players were competing in the J.V. game that evening.

The one game that was played, however, proved to be a hotly contested one. The Moscow Mules, in a two way tie for second place with the Slings, upset the league leading Tomato Juicers by one point, 38-37, and moved into a tie with them for first place.

It was a seesaw battle all the way with the Mules overcoming the four-point deficit with which they entered the final period.

Olson and Kula led the Mules in scoring by picking up 16 and 13 points respectively. Don Carrier was high for the losers and of the game with 15 points.

The Tomato Juicers and the Moscow Mules lead the league with a 5-2 record. The Slings stand in third place with a 2-2 record. The Zombies follow in fourth place with a 1-3 record.

Engineer's Home Burns
On January 5, Mr. Glover, an engineer at the college, suffered the loss of his house by fire. Since he is the father of five, this blow was felt severely.

The faculty decided to collect money and clothes for the family. Following their example, the members of the student body started collecting money. At a class meeting, the freshman class decided to purchase a hearing aid for Mr. Glover.

It is highly inspirational to see the spirit behind these works. It speaks well for both the faculty and students of Bridgewater.