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New Gym Nears Completion, Says Engineer

Construction Crews Miss Target Date of Aug. 20th

"The gym itself is just about completed," Mr. Frank J. Johnson, State Engineer in charge of construction, told our reporter recently. "Now we have only to wait for the final approval and installation of equipment."

When pressed for a final completion date Mr. Johnson said that much is dependent on manufacturers' shipping dates but he hoped that the gym could be turned over to President Maxwell in "two or three weeks."

When finished, this red brick functionally-designed building will be one of the most modern structures in the state, suggesting rugged strength both inside and out. A good deal of the interior is finished in tile, some in marble, and much in hardwoods. Its chief attraction will probably be the pool, forty by seventy-five feet and ranging in depth from three to twelve feet.

Cost Over Million Mark

President Maxwell placed the total cost of the gym at $2,118,000 dollars. "A gymnasium Director has not yet been appointed," he said. One of the functions of the Director, he went on to say, will be to establish safety rules and develop schedules governing the use of the pool and other facilities. Until the building is turned over to the Director the present setup will be on display. The President expressed his gratitude for the cooperation of the McNeile brothers, two residents in Cedar Street, who have loaned the college 40,000 square feet of land adjacent to the new gym and promised to continue the loan during the construction process until the gym is completed.

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Offsetting this modern feature is the area where students come from the Civic Committee, under the direction of its chairman, Mr. John S. Sipos, who is on a one-year's leave of absence completing his doctoral dissertation at Harvard.

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Old Gym Will Be New Library

Legislature sets aside $191,000 for the changeover

The state legislature has appropriated 191,000 dollars for the proposed conversion of the Albert Gardner Boyden Gymnasium to a new BTC library and the adaptation of the old college library to other uses.

Until the new gym is completed, little can be accomplished on this campus—especially since it has been expected that plans drawn by Harry E. Kindler, who designed both the gym and the library, have been accepted and bids are ready to go on.

These plans call for little change in the outside aspect of this college landmark—only the interior is to be modified somewhat, present pairs of windows on two levels will be replaced to form single windows.

Inside, changes will abound.

At the latest level of the gym is a poling room scheduled to become the audio-visual center of the school. In the gym there will be an AV classroom, an equipment storage room, and a two-door, three-section, modern feature of this level will be nine soundproofProjection Booths. Unfortunately those who will receive equal use by the speech department. Elsewhere on this level will be a stack room with stack space for 37,000 books.

The floor above will be the library proper, and provide study facilities for 200 in the main reading room. In addition, a periodical room and carrels along one side will accommodate another twenty-two or more students. To the right of the entrance will be the librarian's desk, and far to the right, the card office.

On the third level one will find facilities for another sixty-six students and 1500 volumes. Here, the library is a Special Collections room.

Many who have visited either of the two sets of stairs on the gym's north side may have noticed that going east in the west going, it used to be going east would open the building at the east end of the gym—a job that was found to be unnecessary. This new arrangement will be the construction of an electric escalator between eight and twenty, a job that has recently been done.

Parking provision is also at present a matter of some concern. On the north side of the new library there is an approximately twenty-five space parking lot. The need for more parking has been felt long enough, and reaching all three floors of the new library is being planned to include a physical science lab, a regular classroom, a seminar room, and an auditorium. Off-the-road campus estimates of which the project might be finished are currently being debated at about a twelvemonth.

Student Committee Tackles Parking Problem

You probably had trouble parking this morning if you came on the scene early or late. If you arrived between the hours of eight-twenty, you certainly did. Parking in the old gym is already at BTC, parking and growing and is a student problem. The first few days will be the most trying.

The answer to this headache will come from the Civic Committee, under the Student Cooperative Association (SCA). This year headed by "Chip" Quinn, head of the department of Educational Guidance, the SCA will have just finished a Chicago engagement.

Social Calendar

Sept. 12. First day.
Sept. 13. SCA Acquaintance Social. A chance to meet the school.
Sept. 21. WTA Exhibition.
Sept. 20. Freshman Caption Party.
Sept. 22. An old-fashioned Hay Ride with the Day Students.
Sept. 23. Convocation of the Senior Class. Senior-Faculty Tea.

Jazz Jazz Jazz Jazz

Billy Taylor, noted jazz pianist, will be at BTC with his Trio for the assembly hour, Tuesday, October 16th.

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EDITORIAL

Welcome, Freshmen!

You probably have already had this strange new experience of 'thinking of yourself' and your classmates as "the class of '60". You will become accustomed to it, and for the rest of your lives it may be a secondary identification tag. The next four years you will give meaning to the term through academic, social and athletic accomplishment.

The college offers the opportunity to acquire knowledge, to mature and to enjoy recreational facilities; that is, to develop as an individual. Equally important is the potential you bring to the institution, for you will continue and enlarge the influence of Bridgewater in the direct proportion to which you realize your talent, ability and skill.

You must act upon this potential; that you can write or run, that you can score A's or dramatize, is of no consequence unless you do so enthusiastically and often. Your actions will be the measure of profit to yourself and the school.

The tag "the class of '60" is inevitable but the meaning it assumes depends upon individual participation and contribution.

— R. F.

Commentary

Oscar Handlin, in the September ATLANTIC MONTHLY, makes the latest contribution to the list of features and editorials aimed at exposing and remedying the teacher and classroom shortcomings. The problems of educators and Education are at last being aired through the powerful voice of American Journalism.

We wonder how many votes that cost Adlai.

The current issue of Life carries a full-page editorial on teachers' salaries, notes some low ones and suggests teachers' salaries be doubled to bring them up to professional standard. Noted.

The Bay City experiment seems to be spreading, despite premature criticism.

We hear that a young vocalist named Presley was recently nominated presidential candidate of the Teen-Agers of America. His reply: "I'm for Stevenson all the way. I don't dig the intellectual hit, but that man knows the most."

"Freshman Walk"... sound romantic? Actually it's the daily trek from the assigned fresh parking spaces in the hinterlands. We hesitate to say how long the walk is, but last year four freshmen kept turning up with Canadian money.

President's Message

Today as in the past one hundred and sixteen years, Bridgewater opens its doors wide to those undergraduates who have already spent a year or more in the classrooms of this classic institution; particularly does she extend her welcoming arms to those of you who have come to the college as freshmen, choosing wisely and zealously the teaching profession as a way of life.

Teaching is not for the dilettante or for the selfish. Even those who have accepted its professional creed wholeheartedly will tell you how much courage, fortitude, determination and a sense of vocation are required to keep them in the groove, to steady them when they falter, to combat the blandishments of easy work and lazy leisure.

All of you, new students and old, must begin the year with high purpose and full promise. Today tens of thousands of young people are being turned away because our American colleges have neither the facilities nor the faculties to teach all who would learn.

You freshmen represent the best of nine hundred applicants. Six hundred would be Bridgewater students must make other plans. I ask you, therefore, to deserve the education which good fortune has placed at your disposal. If you but do that, your years here will be pleasant and your years hereafter in the schools of the state will be fruitful and rewarding.

You upperclassmen have a real responsibility to help develop right attitudes and firm intentions in the minds and hearts of your new colleagues. Let your light shine, your good example so teach, and your joy in your work so persuade that these new sons and daughters of Alma Mater may find inspiration and strength to develop their God-given talents for the profession of teaching. Casual criticism, impromptu advice light, offered, encouragement to laziness or sloping may deflect those whom otherwise you might encourage to follow the gleam. It is better to "light a little candle than to curse the darkness."

The President's door is open to all of you. If and when I can aid you in any way, please be assured it will be my privilege and pleasure to serve you.

Let us all, then, faculty and students, pray as if everything depends on God and work as if everything depends on ourselves. This kind of program will make the college year of 1956 one of the brightest pages in Bridgewater's history.

Exchange

Over the desk of the Exchange Editor comes a wealth of material —newspapers from other colleges, bulletins from governmental agencies, notices of scholarships available, admissions from special groups, etcetera. Actually very little of the incoming material is used in our paper although bulletins and scholarship notices are posted regularly on our downstairs bulletin board. There is a certain sameness in the incoming mail.

Every now and then that sameness is shattered by something new and different. The Times of Viet Nam is of that order.

Copies, starting with volume 1, number 1, started coming through the mail to us last semester. They are "free material," that is sent to us regularly without charge, without solicitation on our part. It is almost certain that similar copies reach other U.S. colleges and universities. In fact, we recently learned that our own library is also on the mailing list.

Be that as it may, The Times of Viet Nam, like newspapers everywhere, is a voice that is trying to say something. This voice is particularly interesting. Though it speaks in English, it has a foreign accent with a strong French flavor. It can and does speak with authority about the things it knows—what the Vietnamese government under their President has done, is doing and hopes to accomplish. Everything it says helps to delineate its point of view and its point of view is, naturally, not our own. Like newspapers everywhere, it is relating an aspect of history in the making, the day-to-day type.

For this reason back copies are being made available to interested students. If you would know the constitution the Vietnamese are in process of adopting, or their reaction to "cowboy pants," or what their poetry is like, or the films they are seeing — ask Mr. Buchard for The Times of Viet Nam.

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The time that marks the hour of my death, is gone now, and the death itself is gone. I have no passion for the fleeting breath; I had the dreams of life long since forsaken. There is a peace in this—certain ease—A silence that will make the merry mourn. Convictions bending with each passing breeze, No longer prick my conscience like a thorn.

And thus I say that every time I die, I find it easier to pass this time. Soon will the sword of living have gone by And I, alone, will exist on the mime. Though you have talked and argued, it still stands; The final finding is in other hands.

Woodward Dorm Has New Housemother

Miss Ellen Shea, Dean of Women, announced recently the appointment of Miss Mabel Priestley as new housemother in charge of Woodward Dormitory, a Plymouth resident. Miss Priestley is amply qualified for the position. She has served in similar capacities elsewhere, and admits that she has "for years wanted to be a housemother in a teachers college'.

Miss Shea's office also reports that the administration has an opening for an Assistant Dean of Women, whose responsibilities would include the residence halls, supervision of the social halls, and some teaching in the English department.

HELP WANTED

College newspaper needs four hardworking freshmen editor (M or F) to handle all fresh freshman news, (1) typist, (2) freshmen reporters. Interested parties may apply at regular weekly meeting of staff in Dow Room at 12:30, Tuesday, Sept. 18.

Small College Advantages Seen

BRUNSWICK, ME. — (P.)—The small liberal arts college may be defined as a place where everyone knows who is next to be elected to Phi Beta Kappa, and who is next to flunk out, and why,” according to Dr. James E. Cole, president of Bowdoin College.

"This enforced intimacy," Dr. Cole declared, "actually gives a student a wider experience in human relations than he would otherwise have, for he can not limit his acquaintances only to men of similar views and beliefs to his own, but will have friends among men of widely varied interests.

"In many ways the small college has advantages similar to those claimed for the Institute for Advanced Study at Princeton; the intimacy of a small group, the advantages of close association, and the restricted use of relatively limited resources to those persons and projects able to profit most.

"The atmosphere of a small liberal arts college," Dr. Cole asserted, "seems leisurely compared with that of the large university, but through that very fact, life is more contemplative and ideas are more thoughtfully received and considered.

"In recent decades educational leaders, and our leaders in commerce and industry as well, have recognized that man cannot live by bread alone, nor can he live on iron or steel, titanium or vanadium; nor can he live solely on poetry, art, or music. They recognize that there is a void in a nation whose people don't worry as much about philosophy or literature as they do about where to park their cars.

"They recognize that while the attainments of science cannot wait for the systematicing of our understanding of social forces, neither can science continue its advance oblivious to these forces,'” Dr. Cole concluded with this advice, "Let us sell short neither the liberal arts nor the small college. On the contrary, let us all join in proclaiming its many unique virtues and contributions.

Watch For the Following in Our Next Issue —

1. "So you think you know how to vote?"
2. Dean McMullen views education in BWI.
3. Prospecting for uranium with Dick Bergeron.
4. Formal opening of new gym (if any when).
5. Meet your new faculty members.

The Cloverleaf

A system of four ramped, divided roadways used where two important roads are separated by a bridge (either over or under the expressway) to interchange traffic from one road to the other.

Highway Design

The out-of-state dispersal of the class of '56 is well under way. We know that many more have left Massachusetts, but here are a few names brought to our attention during the summer:

Tony Peters Southern California
Jackie Haslett Vermont
Barbara Vose Connecticut
Priscilla Tripp Wyoming
Joan Warrington Connecticut
Laura Priestley Connecticut

The final finding is in other hands.

Antique

"My husband has the strangest hobby," said Mrs. Smith to a friend, "and I never knew anything about it until yesterday. I found in his desk a queer looking ticket inscribed: Mudhorse 15 to 1. I asked him what it was and he told me it was a ticket of a lost race. Isn't that interesting?"

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Sports Comments

Bill Pepe

The past two years Bridgewater students have enjoyed great success in many sports. The men have worked hard to provide these successes and to inaugurate competition in sports new to this college. Bridgewater now stands at the head of the sports activities.

The BTC varsity and intramural sports include soccer, touch football, basketball, baseball, tennis, golf, track and field, bowling, boxing, and this year we hope to add hockey, tackle football, swimming and volleyball. The completion of the new gym will make possible the addition of still more sports activities.

The maintenance of such a program requires the participation of many. The schedules were devised to provide every man with the opportunity to participate in his favorite sport with the team of his choice.

The upperclassmen have already displayed their interest in these sports, but freshman support is essential to the continuity of the program; we are sure they will turn out in large numbers to support the athletic program.

The college is proud of the past two seasons which have brought to BTC three soccer championships, three track championships, one in baseball and one in boxing plus winning seasons in all sports. We invite the freshmen to help us maintain and even improve this fine record.

The soccer team faces its heaviest schedule this fall. In the past, the secret of the BTC success has been the ability to continually substitute fresh players who are able to maintain a steady offensive pressure. To do this over the long schedule, the soccer team must have a minimum of three full teams (33 men), if possible, more. This means that there is an indefinite number of openings on the soccer squad. With the free substitution rule and with Coach Swenson’s policy of taking full advantage of this rule, everyone on the team will see considerable action.

Intramural Sports

Many colleges finance their intramural programs; however, at Bridgewater the program is organized and operated by a student director and supported by the Men’s Athletic Association.

This is not the ideal situation; our program is often hampered by the lack of experienced guidance and by the shortage of funds for equipment and incidental expenses.

Only enthusiastic support from the participants will provide an effective, active and beneficial intramural program.

This fall we plan to start with six-man Touch Football, then switch to Basketball in the Winter and Softball in the Spring. Plans are also being made for intramural Golf and Tennis tournaments to be held in the autumn and spring.

The new gym should bring added interest to intramural Basketball, Swimming and Track. Further information concerning the program will be posted on the men’s bulletin board.

BTC To Compete In Two Conferences

BTC’s soccer team will again compete in both the Southern New England Coastal Conference and in the New England Teachers College Conference. The team will play fifteen games this season.

In both conferences BTC will be putting championships on the line. The past two seasons BTC has won the Teachers Conference title. Last year Bridgewater was the New England Coastal Conference champion while competing in soccer for the first time in this conference.

Coach Swenson is now faced with the task of filling the positions vacated by graduation. Hardest hit was the defense. Although the 1955 BTC defense was one of the finest in New England, it is easily learned by the most inexperienced players because many of its skills have been learned in playing other sports.

The soccer team this year faces its heaviest schedule with fifteen official games and possibly two exhibitions. The squad needs thirty-five men to efficiently play this long schedule.

Soccer at Sandwich

Sandwich High School has invited Bridgewater to play an exhibition soccer game against a local college. The game will be played at Sandwich in mid-September or early October. BTC is anxious to demonstrate and help popularize soccer in this area.

At present an effort is being made to find a suitable opponent whose schedule will permit the game.

Cost of Living Up

Effective September 1, the fee for board and room was raised to $400 per school year, payable in quarterly installments of $120 dollars each.

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