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Boston Newspaper Sees New Loan Plan Available for Mass. College Students

A novel loan plan for Massachusetts college students appeared in a recent issue of the Boston Sunday Herald in Edward Devlin’s column. The plan would allow students to borrow up to $500 a year directly from banks for their educational needs. This loan would be repaid after graduation. No effective date for the plan has yet been announced.

Edward R. Tufts, executive secretary of the Massachusetts Bankers Association and one of the incorporators of the Massachusetts High Education Assistance Corporation, explained the details of the plan.

Any student who has satisfactorily completed his first year at a college approved by the corporation may apply for a loan up to $500 a year for his tuition and other expenses if he resides in Massachusetts. He would sign a note agreeing to repay the loan at three years of his graduation.

The student applying for such a loan would not need to be twenty-one years of age, since the bank corporation permits students under age twenty to act in their own behalf in making the contract.

A committee of educators was appointed to draw up a list of approved colleges. Generally, this list is the same as those approved by the state and federal departments of education. Credit thus obtained would allow students to borrow this money from local school authorities will be provided to colleges on the list.

Application forms for student loans will be available at all commercial banks in Massachusetts in the near future.

After a student has applied for a loan, his college will be asked to certify whether he already has a scholarship, whether he has a reasonable chance of obtaining one, whether he has any other loans outstanding, and whether he will also be asked to estimate what his expenses for the year would be.

The money loaned would be repayable at the prime interest rate prevailing at the time of borrowing, but the interest rate would not be lower than 3.5 percent and would eventually be increased by one percent. The student loan would not exceed $500.

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Honor Society Initiates Seventeen New Members

The following students were initiated into the Epsilon Iota Chapter of Kappa Delta Pi, January 9: Veronica Harty, Sally Davis, Nancie Nason, Paul Pysa, Beverly Boyles, Jean Benvenuti, Maryann Graham, Nancy Aplan, Linda Hinkle, Hazel Cammish, Betty McNeil, Susan Ross, Rose Elek, Shepherd, Mary Ann Sherman, Phyllis Brea, Carol Andrews, June Dent, and Mary C. Maxwell.

Officers in the Bridgewater Chapter of Kappa Delta Pi are: Richard Fiech, president; Betty Ross, secretary; and Mary Ann Randall, treasurer.

Kappa Delta Pi is an honor society in education. Qualifications for membership are a full junior college standing, a general scholarship mark above the average scholastic standing for students who are eligible for membership, and a faculty recommendation.

The civic committee was active.

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Parking

The parking problem has had the Committee's consideration and study for some time. The present College parking facilities are considered as the college is about to be constructed.

It is expected that the student parking facilities will be added at the next SCA meeting in April. In a letter to all students, Chairman Myers reported the college's plans for acquiring land on which to build student parking facilities.

The Committee does not claim the right to make the final decision on the details of those plans, nor does it claim the power to make any determination as to the Committee's action in this matter. The student administration, however, cannot be so easily defeated.

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Jr. Show Sat. a Hit

“The American Pageant” Presented To Enthusiastic Audience

The Class of '58 presented their variety show, “American Pageant,” Saturday in the Honone Gn Auditorium. Performed to a capacity crowd, the show depicted in song and dance, life in the various sections of the U.S. “American Pageant” was a series of episodes bound together by the underlying theme of the choosing of a Miss America queen from sectional candidates. This candidates for queen each presented to part of the country for the judge's approval.

The two acts featured specialty numbers,sbob dance and dancing, and a spendid verity of talent. Taunted from the audience were a capper dance group and a group of dance club and glee club was used in a variety of the acts.

Audience enthusiasm showed acceptance among the votes cast for the office. His nearest sectional candidates for queen each presented to part of the country for the judge's approval.

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EDITORIAL

It’s new now, but how will it look when you graduate from Bridgewater?

The students of Bridgewater can be proud of the addition to our college and the service it renders. The structure, typical of one to be found in a privately endowed university, is located at a state college for which you, as a student, pay only half of the usual cost. It’s new now, but how will it look when you graduate?

The New Loan Plan Can Work

The new Bank Loan Plan of the Massachusetts Higher Education Assistance Corporation could go far in aiding needy students who desire and could profit from a higher education.

This plan has received much publicity through the press and radio, and it is apparently off to a good start. But it will soon lose its newsworthiness. There have been student loan plans in the past, some of which have died of apathy because high school students were unaware of their existence.

In this regard, students in teachers colleges have an added responsibility, to be themselves informed of this plan and similar plans as part of a necessary background of essential information that they can someday pass on to their own students.

The desire to go to college could be easily stimulated in some high school students who could be made to consider higher education an economic possibility, often these capable students leave school or direct their high school studies toward other goals. An awareness of the loan plan, on the part of students and parents, could alter the course of a student’s life.

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

The civic committee is the student voice in the managing and improving of the physical plant at Bridgewater.

The committee is primarily concerned with the problem of student parking on campus ... works closely with the administration and town officials in establishing parking regulations. The general appearance of our campus buildings is another part of the committee’s work.

The improvement of campus living is another of the committee’s duties. Notice, ranging from shrubs to new lounge facilities, must be posted and acted upon by members. Suggestions are encouraged from all sources.

We of the civic committee are asking students to aid us in their recommendations in our campus life. Ask your class president to take the committee’s suggestions to the student body. In turn, they, in turn, may try to remedy the situation. We welcome letters suggesting ways in which the committee can help improve campus.

We urge the students that see that their division representative approach the committee with their problems and suggestions. We appeal for the interest of the organizations on campus and, as chairman of the committee, I encourage classes and organizations to submit to me the names of students they would like appeared on civic committee as their representatives.

Every day, a civic committee representative can be found at 12:35 in room 17. Please take advantage of the work the committee can do for you.

For the Civic Committee,
Chairman Everett W. Jore

To the Editor,

As a member of the COMMENT staff, I would like to suggest the following:

...one semester scholarship be given annually to the senior of a class, sponsored by the COMMENT, on the subject “What Bridgewater Means to Me.” The contest would be open to all underclassmen ... the senior class might be willing to donate the necessary fifty-dollar-per-semester award. A committee might be set up to study the possibilities of such a plan.

I am sure the merits of such a promotion need not be cited here.

Lawrence Lambros

The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill will have a prom weekend next year. The student body president’s voting and the prom plan will go into effect between the last day of classes and the first day of exams for the school year 1957-58.

Many other colleges in the United States have such periods between classes called vacation periods and Colby College in Maine has the same idea.

The only thing that holds some of the schools back is the fact that their academic programs call for a certain number of class periods a semester and to drop one period might mean the loss of one day from vacation.

A recent Intercollegiate Press Bulletin reported that nearly one half of Harvard’s 4430 undergraduates are receiving financial aid. Harvard is determined that no undergraduate be forced to withdraw solely because he cannot meet the increased costs of education.

William J. Rand, Harvard’s Dean of Admissions and Financial Aids, was quoted as saying that the financial budget stands at more than $1,300,000 received through scholarships, loans and part time employment.

The Dean went on to add that while the sources for financial aid have grown, the demand has also increased. Fifteen years ago Harvard’s tuition was $400, four years ago it was $650, and this year it has increased another $200.

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Don Brock Wins 4-H National Award

Scholarship Given at Chicago Congress

Sophomore Donald C. Brock was named national winner in the recent 4-H Achievement Contest as a result of his outstanding work in raising pinevalley sheep. Mr. Brock, representing Massachusetts 4-H clubs, won first place in the State Sheep, Raising and Fleece Efficiency Contest, and in 1955 he won the Gold Key Award.

In 1955 he first placed in the State Steam, Raising and Fleece Efficiency Contest, and in 1955 he was the first of the State prize winners to be named national winner.

Mr. Brock's sheep and poultry club is named national winner in the recent National 4-H Achievement Contest, and in 1955 he won the sheep and poultry club for the State Club Congress and has won the State Club Congress and has served as president of the club.

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Sports Comments

GERRY BAIZER

Many times throughout the school year special "guests" arrive on our campus, remain three or four days, and depart with more than half of the students or faculty ever knowing they were here. These "guests" perform their function and depart without ever revealing the Bridgegewater hospitality of which we are so proud—at times. These "guests" come from throughout the New England area, often from as far away as Maine. These "guests" are the perfect instruments through whom we at BTC could spread the good name of our college.

Who are these "guests"?

They are the members of the visiting teams who participate in the interscholastic sports of our school. These "guests" arrive from October to June, coming in the soccer, basketball, baseball, and tennis seasons.

Unfortunately: the word "guests" can now be discarded for Webster defines "guest" as "a visitor or friend entertained in the house or at the table of another."

What about the rest of the people at BTC? Why should a team from Maine, New Hampshire, Connecticut, or even Massachusetts, leave our campus after a game and have to eat on the road? Why should a team never get a chance to be entertained around our campus and see what we have at Bridgegewater? Why should a team which visits us on a Friday, Saturday, or Sunday not be treated to a welcoming dinner or other type social affair?

I advocate a means of remedying this present situation. Don't take me wrong! The same situation is true at the colleges our teams visit. However, with our leadership, the entire picture could be altered.

I advocate the appointment of a committee either by SCA or MA to act as a "welcoming party" to these visitors. This committee could show them our campus and have them eat in our dining room instead of having to find a place to eat on the road which could also get back home. If the game comes on a date on which a social affair is being held at BTC, the committee could inform the visiting college in advance and have it known that the team is a "guest" and welcome them. Better still if the game comes on a weekend when no affair is to be held, the committee could plan some event especially for these visitors.

Everyone likes to know new people. Who are these "guests?" They are the perfect instruments through whom we at BTC could spread the good name of our college. This in particular area BTC has a great opportunity to work and to share its leadership ability.

Let's try to remedy this present situation and do make our visitors special "guests."

March 1 Standings

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56-57 Cheerleaders

Concourse Season

The BTC Cheerleading Squad has reached the NECC finals with the help of two seniors.

The two seniors, both in their third year of cooperative education, are Clairene Johnson and Peggy Sullivan. These girls are in their second year of cooperative education.

The two newest additions to the squad are sophomore Stacia Gaterie and junior Venita Wellington. Each spring, tryouts for the squad are held at the gymnasium. The cheerleaders are selected by the boards of the VRA, MAE, and Maxie's Interact Club. The selection is made by two senior cheerleaders. The cheerleading squad also consists of six members: Clairene, Peggy, Stacia, Venita, and two sophomores.

The winners of the two games will play in the NECC finals on tap for Friday in the gymnasium.

Bowlings Results

BTC's Bowling League enters its fourth month of competition with team No. 6 leading with a record of twenty-four wins and eight losses (enough league points to qualify for the finals).

The individual leader among the system is Jean L. Scott, who has a record of both high single and three string total.

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Skiing

The competitors who have competed this year have seen much action lately due to an insurance plant and ski trip to Maine. The skiers have been enjoying the skiing trips to Maine and have had the pleasure of skiing on the slopes there. These trips have been a great opportunity to work and to share leadership abilities.

Was that a BOY swimming in OUR pool?

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Cutting U 34

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By Eve Dragan

An unofficial game between BTC and Cutting U., held at Bridgewater February 28.

At Cutting U., a barber college, located at Walla Walla, Washington (the town to which the Chewelah barber who bought the school took the barber shop), has had winning team tour the country playing basketball. We're the most unofficial league playing today due to the lack of a regular season.

The Bay State has a great opportunity to work and to share its leadership ability. BTC is a "guest" at Cutting U. and we are the perfect instruments through whom we at BTC could spread the good name of our college.