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**THE CRUCIBLE**

by Cheryl Fors

The spectre of the coltus hands over the suppliant factor and lies down in the cells of the world. The omnibus was in the house to whom advertisements made the librarylc system...but the joint catalog...into its projected new building. The Library of Congress...sought to be a...the Library of Congress. The LC System of classification...Dewey numbers were kept separately...the LC system has been found by most...It is not expected...Phillip Dooley...and high ideals, his is an inner...the club. We are planning...gymnasium was the scene of the...The club volunteered to take charge...the A.S.S.C. W., (Associated Student Student Council) was contacted by...The club...and doing some limited tutoring. These will be held...The office hours for the Christmas Concert...a score of 21 to 15. The Earth Science Club hopes to make this...the Day Student Association's...The auditorium was filled...in bronze, the eyes of the Library of Congress...autumnal equinox, and the...THE CRUCIBLE. The false accusers...it is to realize how this story can be true, how...and true. The actors who were cast...the 9:00 o'clock Mass. A "guest...There were also...and have business representatives...of jazz from the swing era...the group will be...speeches for graduate degree study...in the Education Dept. here at BSC...made $2.00 per week. The A.S.S.C. W. (Associated Student Student Council) was contacted by...a score of 21 to 15. The Earth Science Club hopes to make this...The office hours for the Christmas Concert...a score of 21 to 15. The Earth Science Club hopes to make this...the 9:00 o'clock Mass. A "guest...There were also...and have business representatives...of jazz from the swing era...the group will be...speeches for graduate degree study...in the Education Dept. here at BSC...made $2.00 per week. The A.S.S.C. W. (Associated Student Student Council) was contacted by...a score of 21 to 15. The Earth Science Club hopes to make this...the 9:00 o'clock Mass. A "guest...
FROM US TO YOU

MERRY CHRISTMAS

 COMMENT'S Editorial

In an editorial in the last issue of CAMPUS COMMENT we tried to focus on the problem of overcrowding in the classrooms. Since then we have received comments - both verbal and written (see letters to the editor) - that the basic problem is that of classroom space. This is logically true, if, for example, a class of seventy-five students is divided into three classes of twenty-five students each, it stands to reason that these classrooms would now be needed in place of one. All fine and good - as far as it goes, which isn't far enough.

The basic problem is that Bridgewater, as a state institution, must rely on the state for money, and the handling of financial matters in Massachusetts is S.O.P. BSC needs more buildings, faculty members, and maintenance staff. The classes are filled to overflowing, the faculty loads are growing heavier, and the business staff could use more personnel.

There is another big factor. Take the Student Union Building for example. Many of us have seen private colleges (e.g. Northeastern, Boston College, etc.), depict outdoor facilities, and build student unions while we continue to wait for the bids to go out. At times passing, the cost rises while ground flooding takes place of the Phantom Union site.

Yes, though the money matters of this state are laboriously slow, most of us accept them as "Problems inherent to the functioning of state," and it is our belief that we as students must launch a campaign to try to reform some of the antiquated financial practices of the state. The demands must be made in such a way that higher education is to remain a reality in Massachusetts. Year in and year out, requisitions must be renewed. The President and the Deans can only make so many requests for enough money to keep the status quo. Thus, however, of the power of over 5,000 students, their families, and interests requesting money.

Therefore, we propose that the students of B.S.C. become involved in Massachusetts government. We feel especially that the students should find out how their senators and representatives are voting, where money is being spent. It is foreseeable that we can persuade the legislature to not to facilitate the passing of more realistic budgets.

That we can be a force in such matters was proven in 1963 when Bridgewater students succeeded in getting the legislation for the Student Union. Unfortunately, the pressure was not constant and plan for the Union got bogged down. Suppose we will use the construction sometimes in the near future. Is it not then a possibility that we could push for Bridgewater? If we begin, we are committed to be as forceful as possible.

If we are successful, we shall have performed a service not only to ourselves, but to all students in the State Colleges of Massachusetts.

Letter from Viet Nam

Dear

I thought I'd drop you a line to thank you for the Christmas card that I received from you, I am grateful to you and many Americans for what you are doing for us here in Vietnam. At 503 we have your people behind us we won't let you down. Again I thank you from my heart. You must be a nice person - I guess.

Sincerely,

This letter is reply to one of many Christmas cards I sent to servicemen in Vietnam last Christmas, means more to me than anything I have ever read about Christmas spirit. Personal contact with a complete stranger who was not really a stranger at all, but a friend of mine, of years, of the whole country, conveyed the spirit of the season.

Sincerely,

Letter to the Editor

I would like to make a brief statement concerning the recent distribution of blanks to use "Publication" with a straight pen) of the EMPHIS.

beside reaffirming the widely accepted absurdity of making a mountain out of a molehill (especially such an obvious one), I would like to offer a rhetorical answer to their rhetorical question:

YES! quite subjectively, of course, or at least my own, much more so anyway than various people and literature that seem to advert a visit rather than making even an attempt to fill one. TRUE! TRUE! don't they know that ALL men are brothers?

To the editor,

I heartily agree with your proposed S.A.F.T.R.O.S. (Student Association for the Return of Smaller Classes) I feel that there is a definite need for such an organization on this campus. As the 800 odd freshmen English students, as well as the several 150 people lab science sections can readily attest, classes have been begun to get a little out of hand. However, before you begin any lobbying, please refer a little and survey the entire source. Our classes are overcrowded, teachers are forced to give exams lecture two, three, or more times a day (and it shows), and students are beginning to lose in the shuffle. But, just as increase in the faculty is not enough. Right now the administration is hard pressed to find office space, never mind classroom space, for the several new members of the staff. Space in Student Union Hall is getting very scarce, and there are few nooks and crannies in either Tyler or the cafeteria for faculty or organizational offices.

I agree that we need more, many more, competent teachers. We must plan for the future and must not be as foolish as the administration has been in building dorm for 300 people, feeling that they would be used to an extent, and then hastily throwing a cafeteria designed for 150 people in the basement. We must have the facilities first before we go to the teachers.

In my opinion, the student Union in the October of last year, and the College will become colder, and more threatened. Boyd Hall and the Student Union are becoming very small, and the College will become colder, and the problem must be solved more quickly. Boyd Hall and the Student Union is becoming very small, and the College will become colder, and the problem must be solved more quickly.

I therefore advocate the establishment of a new organization, perhaps we can have the student Union or else inaugurate a civil war the S.C.A.P.R.D. (Student Committee for these Building Programs at Beach Street, I love to play the guitar as the "I'll meet you in the Student Union Hall at the 3rd floor of the Junior year Marching and Chowder Sunday."

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Gerard R. Kelly

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QUESTION #5: Choosing among: 15-1, 20-1, 25-1, 30-1, 35-1, 40-1, more than 40-1. What would you consider a satisfactory student-teacher ratio in the following situations:

1. courses in which students could profit from class discussions.

2. courses in which lecture on facts, rather than exchange of opinions, is of primary weight and value.

3. courses in composition.

4. labs


SOME 400 STUDENTS AND 28 FACULTY MEMBERS, i.e. 20% of the student body and 20% of the faculty, responded to the poll.

QUESTION #6: Do you feel that the enrollment in courses in your major field of study should be limited? Yes? No?

If yes, how limited? 16, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40

QUESTION #7: How many of the electives you are now taking, either in your major field of study, or in another field, did you have to elect (when you would have preferred another course listed on your programming sheet) in order to avoid scheduling conflicts?

QUESTION #8: Which of the following describes your attitude towards these classes:

A. No feeling about them.
B. I like them because I don't have to participate in the class
C. I like them because the professor doesn't know who I am; I can "lose" myself in the crowd.
D. I dislike the feeling that the professor doesn't know me
E. I dislike them because discussions and questions from students must be limited.

QUESTION #9: Would you like to see a student-faculty-administration committee set up especially to study the elective situation, with the goal of expanding the elective offerings?

QUESTION #10: Would you sign your name to a petition to the state legislature for appropriation of more funds to hire additional instructors in order to reduce the student-teacher ratio and expand the elective offerings?
SPEAKING OF SPORTS

by Karl Cawell

Bears Suffer Three Losses

The basketball season began with three tough games for Freshman Coach Tom Kehoe, and with three tough losses.

The opener at Dudley against Nichols College was Bridgewater's best performance so far. Score -- Nichols 72, BC 69. BC was in the game all the way, but two injuries in the second half hurt. Barry Ross is a former 30-8 star and sustained an ankle injury and Gerry Fitzgerald left with leg cramps.

Bears played a great game, leading all scorers with 21 points. He returned to form after three minutes to play an injury and helped spark Bridgewater to the easy victory. Fitzgerald left the game with 11 points and some good defense.

Dave O'Brien chipped in 13 points, Captain Al Petipas 10 and Ron Broman 8.

NEW HAVEN 112, BC 53

Saturday, December 3, the Bears traveled 180 miles to New Haven, Conn., and were intentionally humiliated by New Haven College 112 to 53.

How have we seemed to be given a rather underappreciated host that Bridge­water is a worthy opponent of New Haven. Perhaps this is true, but after watching many basketball games, this reporter had never seen a coach whose team led by 30 or more points leave his starting team in the game.

However, the game was not a total loss. Coach Kehoe got a chance to see his freshmen play ball. They picked up some valuable experience.

Salem 70, BC 50

In their third game (best NECIC league game) Bridgewater confronted a powerful Salem State team. Salem went into the game with four straight wins, and extended the streak to five with a 70 to 50 win.

Salem led all the way after a 30 to 21 lead at half time. Bridgewater put on a second half rally cutting the lead to 11 points, but Salem staved them off to gain the 20 point spread.

Ron Broman 14, Barry Ross 13, and Al Petipas 8 were high men for the Bears.

Intramural Sports

by Chris Rubly

Intramurals got off to a poor start this year with a four football program. Intramural and cancellations resulted over the eight team leagues. The end result was a championship team, the Bears, who had played only four games finishing with a 3 - 1 record,

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The outlook for basketball is much better. Last year's champions, the Bears, had played only four games finishing with a 3 - 1 record,

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TAKING ISSUE

by Ed Whitaker

Most Americans would tell you that there was an election this year. But there is a large segment of our population for whom there was no election. These are people who still suffer under taxation without representation, who cannot vote, whose congressmen is a complaint, and who are governed by men who are in no way answerable to them. This is America without democracy.

The citizens of the District of Columbia do not vote in any federal election other than presidential. They have no congressman of senators, yet they are totally controlled by a congressional committee. The chairman of the committee is from South Carolina, so it is easy to imagine his treatment of the only American city with a predominantly negro population. Illusion landholding is more rampant here than anywhere else in our nation, as Washington has fewer regulations in this area than the other major American cities.

This situation probably sounds deplorable to most of you who read this, and yet it is largely your collective fault, and mine, that this situation exists. Many may wonder how the Eighty-ninth Congress, one of our most liberal in recent years, could have failed to act in time to correct these conditions. Our Congress killed a bill which would have given a measure of home rule to D.C., and also defined necessary federal aid which would have allowed rent strikes against slum conditions.

The explanation for the reluctance of our legislature to aid democracy in the district is thieftid. Some of them have the argument of the ruling congressional committee that Washington is a national anion which belongs to all Americans, and that local government would undo national laws.

The second factor is the power of the D.C. landlords, who have the money to organize a most effective lobby.

The third reason is a lack of interest from their constituents, and this is where you who are reading this come in.

Congressmen react to strong public opinion on any bill. Of course, none of us have any vested interest in home rule for D.C., but this has been the problem in creating public concern about this issue. Must be the hope of the citizens of the district that more people will care enough to become concerned and let their representatives know of their concerns. They must depend on you.

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