Dr. Clement C. Maxwell, seventh president of Bridgewater State College, is dead at the age of seventy-one. He passed away on August 1, 1969, seven years after his retirement from the school.

Dr. Maxwell received his advanced degrees at Fordham University and served on the faculties of Holy Cross and Boston College before coming to Bridgewater in 1937 to teach English and Sociology. He held several important positions at Bridgewater over the years prior to being appointed President, such as Chairman of the English Dept., Dean of the Graduate School, and Director of Continuing Studies and the Humanities Summer Session.

In November of 1959, Dr. Maxwell was named acting President to fill the vacancy created by the death of John J. Kelly, and the following April he was appointed President of what was then Bridgewater State Teachers College. The students and faculty responded enthusiastically to the news that he had been chosen, as an editorial comment in the May 27, 1960 issue of our newspaper illustrates, “Campus Comment welcomes our new President. Nothing could please us more than his appointment...we are ready to try even harder to make Bridgewater the best possible choice has been made.”

Dr. Maxwell worked hard for the school and during his tenure the student body doubled and the faculty tripled. Two new dormitories were erected through his efforts and the Kelly Gymnasium was built as well. The completion of the new gymnasium allowed the older gymnastics to be utilized as a library, our present one, and in 1963 the building was named in honor of Dr. Maxwell in recognition of the many vital tasks he had completed for the school. Dr. Maxwell was one of the foremost authorities on Charles Dickens, and he was one of the most popular professors at Bridgewater as a result of his interesting lectures. He was beloved as President of Bridgewater because he was a warm man who was genuinely interested in the students and was close to them, Dr. Eileen Shira, Dean of Students, worked closely with Dr. Maxwell and remembers him:

“It was my happy privilege to serve as Dean of Women during the years Dr. Maxwell was President of the College. In those days our undergraduate enrollment was only 600. There were about 70 members of the faculty and three administrators. At that time the taxpayers and State Legislators were not too interested in public higher education and, therefore, there was very little money or encouragement to improve the College. However, the Superintendent of Schools throughout the country liked our product and came from welcome students, faculty and campus workers to his office with a fine art of human hospitality. His professional life to all of us who were privileged to share it will remain forever a gentle benediction.”

The College Community mourns the passing of one of its finest figures.

Dr. Maxwell received his Doctorate of Philosophy in American History from Brandeis University at Brandeis. Dr. Kane is the Director of Alumni Relations, BRIDGEWATER...Recently THE COMMENT interviewed the President of the Student Cooperative Association, J. Robert Mancini. Mr. Mancini outlined his goals for the year this way:

In the past at B.S.C. the Student Government has not always been too representative or effective for the student body. The reason for this is that the student government has been centered in the hands of a few elected officials.

Little effort has been made to channel liberal, activist-minded students into student government. Most of the dissatisfaction on colleges in the nation turn by turmoil has been led by a group of relatively activist-minded people whose ideals and suggestions for change have at most times been of a high caliber. Unfortunately, many of these students have been alienated from student government. They felt it was ineffective or the people in student government have not been open to extreme points of view or the administrations in some colleges have been effective in suppressing the adoption of these new ideas.

As a result of this situation, many of these students have been forced to use methods other than student government to incorporate their ideas.

One of these methods has been violence, Violence at some universities has provided for some immediate surface changes. However, violence has succeeded in hindering long-range meaningful change, due to the fact something obtained by violence breeds only more violence. This results in constant turmoil between opposing factions. The unfortunate part is that not long range and meaningful change can come when people are constantly bickering and hating one another instead of sitting down and trying to understand.

Therefore, our goal in Student Government should be to create a very open atmosphere so that all students regardless of opinions or political affiliation can sit down with one another, (Please Turn to Page 4)

Bridgewater’s Comment Undergoes Revision

BRIDGEWATER...At the beginning of the academic year 1969-1970 it should be noted that the Bridgewater student newspaper has undergone some major changes.

With a greatly increased budget of $12,293, THE COMMENT is going on a weekly basis. The word “campus” has been deleted from its original title and the name of the publication is now THE COMMENT.

A new printer has been hired who offers a 24 hour delivery schedule.

With some of its allocation, THE COMMENT has joined a national press organization known as USSPA (United States Student Press Association) which has the membership of hundreds of college newspapers. Also, THE COMMENT has joined with the College Press Service which provides the paper with news releases from its growing staff.

The type of paper has been changed from the heavy weight to regular newsprint. Hopefully, the layout of the paper will be innovative and interesting with new techniques learned during the conference in Colorado at which the paper was represented.

A new faculty advisor, Professor Joseph Yokelson, has been appointed over the summer. One of the best possible choices has been made.

The SCA will sponsor a Leadershhip Conference on Saturday September 27. The conference will provide an opportunity for the College Community to come together and discuss Bridgewater’s growth and development as well as the problems that are now facing the college. Two speakers will be presented at the conference. One will be Miss Basilia Nellson, a youth consultant and a former aide in the War on Poverty in New York State. Our second speaker is Dr. Lawrence J. Kane of Brandeis University. At Brandeis Dr. Kane is the Director of Alumni Relations.

New Goals for Faculty

BRIDGEWATER...Professor Jane Herrick in a short interview outlined the basic goals for the Faculty Council and promised to release to THE COMMENT the definite objectives later in the year, when the council has had a chance to agree upon them.

This year the Faculty Council is going to try to become a more effective part of the college community. Although the Faculty Council, as the name implies, is the voice of the faculty, this year a serious attempt will be made to break down any walls preventing communication between the council and the rest of the college community.

This Faculty Council wants the rest of the college to know that it is not a special interest group but that it is a group interlocked with the other groups in the college community. The council is going to strive with the rest of the college to make B.S.C. an even better college.
I implement the ever-changing ideas, principles, and educational vision. We are responsible, directly responsible, for the trends first, created structures to make education an easier, difficult, then, in a solid, girder-like, myopic system. Finally, almost inevitably, the educators end up existing for the whole Jekyll and Hyde structure of education rather than for the people, flesh and blood, who are being educated. The system then cuts and tears the minds of children and students to fit the proper procedure and questionnaire, it is a tragic process.

Automation is a great and looming fear for the workmen in this country; but automation is or should be a greater fear for the students of this country. Automation is being automated, standardized, systematized and pasteurized right out of existence. What remains is not an educational environment, but a system. Automation completes high-level "programming" (as one would do with computers: facts in facts out).

But automation is an even darker omen of things to come looms over our horizons. We are still gain some self-awareness in spite of everyone, or we will kill innovation and evolution. Self-renewal is more the proper procedure and questionnaire.

But for Bridgewater an even darker omen of the function of SCA we will come across a better coverage of Student Government meetings and how its resolutions affect the student body. The paper will also work with students and student government in dealing with faculty and administration.

The publication will serve as a forum for the three groups. It will attempt to prevent, not incite, acts of violence by printing those points of view, considered extreme, which might otherwise be suppressed.

THE COMMENT will try to bring the media to the people through interviews, press conferences and press service and deal with the issues that have meaning for them.

In closing I would like to quote the words of Walter Lippman:

"The theory of a free press is that the truth will emerge from free reporting and free discussion not that it will be presented perfectly and instantly in any one account." R.M.B.

Are You Fit To Teach?

I am a senior Elementary Education major, and have many questions about the adequacy of my preparation. This does not mean this. For four years, I have listened to clunky about "paper cutters" and I laughed, too. In the last days of my teacher education, I was asked what is the attitude that the teacher must fulfill to her class as a result of my education. It is with this in mind, that we have reprinted the letter, so different from each other child. There was no bear all these problems himself. These children will be brought up. Most of us didn't know what they were. As a result, an informal group has grown to discuss these problems. We began with a specific - multi-ethnic topics. The purpose is helping children to see and understand the wide array of individual characteristics and appearances in the American society. The American society is not as there are people, rather than showing a rosy middle-class picture, a false idea of. Even at this moment, students are still far away from a rosy idea of existence. They want to and do believe that for the most part their lives are smooth and happy and free of care, but there is misery, poverty of mind and body exist on the far, far from their reach. Their lack of these, their misconceptions, their prejulgements are as potent problems as rats in a greenhouse. We would rather think we are making a big thing of nothing and slip into some comfortable social structure (a clique) where we will not have to do a question or a question.

This group has been able to discuss and research library materials. We propose that, as a beginning, multi-ethnic texts be studied and evaluated in as many methods courses as possible. It must go further than this, of course. Misconceptions in the content of all areas of study must be discussed and revealed. How much longer will teachers stand with these students and ask them to pledge allegiance to the flag without even thinking about it, to a flag that does not belong to and represent everyone in this country and very nearly, not to one for another reason or one? The belief that each page that looks up at (or across at) a teacher is a complex person must permeate the teaching of each methods course.

Their group has met with Dr. Clement individually and was invited to the faculty sub-committee on elementary education. We proposed that the curriculum content of methods courses be extended to include multi-ethnic topics and their evaluation. Reactions were mixed. We cited to the positive feelings of several teachers, but we fear that future changes will be so slow until after graduation to begin our education: does a surgeon learn to operate as he stands over his first patient?

Fellow students, I leave this with you, for it is too late for me as a senior. Bridgewater State has not been able to adequately prepare me to teach children. It is not too late, however, for you. Your responsibility now lies in examining what you have been taught, and deciding on your present (Please Turn to Page 3).
BRIDGEWATER

Motion on Recruitment Committee's statement on Recruitment Procedure

A. A procedural motion to accept the Recruitment Committee's statement on Recruitment Procedure was passed, with the proviso that the following words be deleted from the original statement: 

"Acknowledging that present recruitment materials are oriented to the needs of the white population...

The statement of policy adopted by the Council now reads:

I. The Recruitment Committee recommends emphasis be placed on showing all ethnic groups that there is a place for them at Blackwater and to act in this recruitment process.

II. Students, alumni, faculty, and administration should be actively involved in the recruitment process, which should essentially be one of personal contact and concern.

III. Motion to Refer Recruitment Committee's statement on Recruitment Procedure.

A. A procedural motion was passed to endorse the Recruitment Committee's statement on Recruitment Procedure, with the proviso that the original statement be headed by the words: The Committee on the Recruitment of Students will adopt a statement of policy.

The approved statement on Recruitment Procedure will therefore read as follows:

The Committee on Recruitment of Students shall:

A. The college-wide support of alumni to financial institutions, to serve as local recruitment representatives, and to serve on the College Recruitment Committee.

B. For the next one to three years, focus primarily on the Greater Boston area and Southwestern Massachusetts.

C. Draft a letter to all schools in the above areas letting them know about the existence of the program and the Committee and that a representative of the Committee would be pleased to talk to prospective college students at any grade level.

D. For the services of students involved in the program to act as consultants and aides in the recruitment process.

E. Contact local organizations that might be interested in this recruitment program and seek their cooperation (e.g., COIL, NAACP).

F. Plan a workshop for guidance counselors, representatives of community organization, and to concern individuals to clarify with them the program (s) available at Blackwater for one of the following reasons;

G. Recommendations and on the sense of the motion already passed directing Committee A of the Faculty Council as gathered from subcommittee of "transitional courses" for disadvantaged students. Dean Harrington commented on the obvious need for financial support for a program of transitional courses and other related programs. He then presented to the council a report on the collection and disbursement of funds for disadvantaged students in the academic year 1968-1969. $525.91 was collected from private sources, including $452.91 from the Martin Luther King Fund. $40.00 was voluntarily returned by students who had been given funds. A total of $10,000 was invested in the stock market.

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Following this discussion, the director of the program in Black Studies was appointed. Discussion made clear that there was a lack of approval of the principle of making the College's academic programs more relevent to the needs of the minority groups and to the national problems raised by racial inequities, but the Council was faced with the reality of action in spite of any decision on the specific means by which such relevence might be achieved.

Further discussion of the recruitment program's report. Report on funds dispersed to disadvantaged students.

Discussions proceeded to item III of the Recruitment Committee's report concerning the institution of "transitional courses" for disadvantaged students. Dean Harrington commented on the obvious need for financial support for a program of transitional courses and other related programs. He then presented to the council a report on the collection and disbursement of funds for disadvantaged students in the academic year 1968-1969. $525.91 was collected from private sources, including $452.91 from the Martin Luther King Fund. $40.00 was voluntarily returned by students who had been given funds. A total of $10,000 was invested in the stock market.

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BOSTON — It used to be, way back in the dim past of the 30's, 40's, and 50's, the movies were the place we went to find escape. A whole host of "Shirley Temple-sugar-coated Horatio Alger" the good guy-looked us in the face and kept us believing the fanciful notions that "good will always triumph over evil" through their speeches of "truth, justice, and the American way." (It ain't so John Wayne, but for the "American way of life and death". Movies fed us on dreams and escapism. We lived through the hard times of the Depression and the war, and we sold on us on enlistments, bombs and patriotism during the War.

Well, the movies have changed. No longer are there moodless movies, escapism, in which the people in this county are changing (or have changed) from a bucolic, undisturbed, anti-factional stereotype that society has created. It is time for those who look to the screen to eat us all alive if it explodes.

Anyone, who "pooh-poohs" the movies, who sees the gap or trend to play down the dimension in the country, obviously, hasn't been paying attention. For the Great Depression or the Vietnam war finds the theaters a convenient place to sleep. The trend in movies today is to try and show the reality and inanity of the times (as much of it as the censors will allow). The movies, the tensions, and the fears are there, vividly, for all to see and feel.

In fact, any one wants from the movies, it is the year for it. Midnight Cowboy: A kind of detached, in a lighter mood; Last Summer; and Medium Cool, soon to be released; are examples of the new trend in movies. But the most hard-hitting and significant film of the year is Easy Rider, not for the optimistic or the squeemish. It is both a beautiful and a brutal film. If you can't get an entertainment you are looking for, don't see it.

It is basically, a sort of "hippie" travelogue. It confronts the viewer with something the hippies, the protesters, and the non-conformists have known for years, the people of this country do not treasure the freedom to be different; they treasure only the freedom to conform. This is the basic message of Easy Rider. The film portrays the adventures of two young men, Captain America (Peter Fonda) and Billy (Dennis Hopper). The two friends made a stake by selling drugs, set off on newly purchased motorcycles to find "America." The journey takes them across the Southwest; with down-to-earth rancher types and experiences with oil and gas companies, now collecting the refugees from San Francisco and other cities. The only place the film finds is with the people of the commune, but restlessness and the longing to invoke tragedy. When they land in a backwater, bush-league-small-town jail, they find that for a "permit", they meet, perhaps, the most tragic and vivid portrayals ever captured on film.

George Hanson (Jack Nicholson) is a walking, talking, country young man. He reeks of bourbon and hits the audience with a most inclusive and direct insight into the hang-ups of the country. Hanson, cutting himself loose from his small town background, impulsively joins Captain America and Billy on a trip to New Orleans and the Mardi Gras. His journey is cut short and his life is cut to a bloody and savage end, when the group is attacked by blacks and hippies for supporting the patriots.

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As a film going experience, it is a brutal and bloody entertainment you are looking for.

If it's escape and enjoyment that you're looking for, then the film is for those who seek a realistic portrayal of what is tearing the country apart. Easy Rider is Truth: truth that leaves the viewer grieving, aching emptiness or seething with anger. Yes, the movies have changed!
Bridgewater... Bill Baird, who has been described variously as a "crusader, a matron zealot, a male Margaret Sanger," will be speaking in Bridgewater in the near future, under the sponsorship of Christian Fellowship.

Before Mr. Baird’s varied activities a precise date has not been decided upon at the writing of this article. However, it will likely be either September 16th or 18th. Watch your bulletin boards.

Bill Baird, while awaiting appeals, runs his Parent’s Aid Society Clinic, giving out birth control advice and the names of men who perform abortions. He says in two years 3000 pregnant women came to him, a slight majority of them married, 62 per cent of them Catholic. For years his landlady told him the clinic were never heard from again. Baird said, “I have never heard anything from the 3000 women I have helped get into trouble, and I assure I would have.”

“None of us who try to help in this matter feel that what we’re doing should take the place of the hospital,” said Mr. Baird. “I wish all abortions were legal. However, when people come to me so desperate you know they’ll do anything and try anything what we are doing is a far better alternative I feel.”

Baird has a reaptuistic apostle-like theme of “I alone am helping these women,” coupled with the disillusionment that “no one has helped come forth to help me in Massachusetts.” He has no fees, and he says few people who’ve come to him send contributions. Last year his landlady threatened to padlock his clinic because he was nearly four months behind in rent. Paul Krause, editor of The Realtor, paid the bill.

Baird said he got involved when, as a clinical director for EMKO, a company that manufactures a birth control coil, he was in a New York City hospital one day. He saw a dying woman wheeled in, a cost hanger embedded in her stomach in a self-abortion attempt.

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Baird said the company was to send their constitutions to the Board of Trustees of the Church, while awaiting approval. He said, “I once asked a woman why she didn’t use the pill and she said, "It’s a sin every time I use the pill." I asked why she wanted an abortion and she said, "Well, that would be a sin, too.""

Following Mr. Baird’s address on September 23rd, there will be a panel on birth control with representatives of the clergy, medical doctor, and lawyer. The panel will be at 7:00 P.M. in the facilities used by the Channeline College House, located in the parking lot of the local Methodist Church.

Colorado Congress

BOULDER, COLO.... During the week of August 11-16 a delegation from The Comment; Richard M. Brown Editor in Chief, Greg Lee Managing Editor and Van Haylow Business and Promotion was sent to Colorado to attend a student newspaper congress held by the United States Student Press Association at the University of Colorado. The trip was funded with $900.00 from the Comment’s total operating budget of $12,293.00.

The purpose of this congress was to provide the editors a chance to attend workshops aimed at improving various aspects of student papers including reporting, layout and business management. The congress had an interesting list of guest speakers including: Richard D. McCarthy, the Congressman from New York who created a public awareness of the Army’s C.B. testing, Jack Newfield, editor of the Village Voice and author of the book, Robert Kennedy A Memoir, and Martin Howard, Deputy Minister of information for the Black Panther Party; Malcolm X, and National Chairman of the Students for a Democratic Society; Phillip Frutiss, former head of the Small Businessman’s Administration, and Bill Baird, birth control lawyer.

The tone of the conference was notably radical with an emphasis on the need for the student press to take a serious approach to its duty in making available a reliable source of information for its readers.

In speaking with the three delegates it was noted they felt the congress had been slow starting due to the breakdowns in the workshops which drifted away from their original intent into open discussion. However, this was soon straightened out and the workshops proved to be a vital asset of the congress and provided the delegates with a great deal of new information. The function of the congress which they found to be most useful was to provide the workshops with lists of other college papers from all over the country, to speak with these editors and gain some solutions they have encountered and to understand their views. They also agreed that it will be able to apply these new insights into making The Comment a better paper.

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3. The Trustees subscribe to the principle that students and faculty should enjoy such rights as that of assembly, association, freedom of speech, responsible freedom of press, and protection by due process.

4. The Trustees acknowledge the right of students to demonstrate and the corresponding right of the college community to maintain the normal conduct of college affairs without undue interference. Assignment of a college faculty and disrupting college affairs may involve disciplinary action including separation from the college.

5. The Board of Trustees support the principle that each college community must have well-defined internal channels of communication and the widest possible dissemination of matters of policy, procedure, and condition to all levels and segments of the institution.

Each college community must provide mechanisms for well-defined, grievance procedures and avenues of appeal including the procedures and conditions through which a last-resort appeal may be made to the Trustees.

7. The Trustees subscribe to the principle that state colleges by their very nature should provide educational opportunity and employment for all segments of its citizens, with particular attention to minority groups and disadvantaged.

The final statements will now be made by all the Student Governments for their rejection or approval. These will most likely be made at the 15th of November or second meeting of Bridgewater’s SCA.

Further developments of the Lowell Conference included the rejection of a bill by the Union of State Colleges which would force all Student Governments to send their constitutions to the organization for recognition.

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Bridgewater... This year’s projected enrollment is 3033 students. The breakdown of that figure by classes is 579 seniors, 688 juniors, 764 sophomores and 1002 freshmen. The figures by class for probations and separations from the college are at the normal level. On probation are 26 seniors, 37 juniors, and 74 sophomores. One hundred and eleven students were separated from the college, 7 seniors, 26 juniors, and 78 sophomores. Those figures represent the people who have gone before the Academic Standing Committee and do not include transfers.

The Academic Standing Committee, which has the very tough job of deciding which students go on probation and which are separated from the student body, is composed of eleven faculty members. The members of the committee are Robert J. Bent, Robert F. Boutilier, Robert A. Briggs, Guy C. Clifford, Gerald H. Urban, Margaret E. Farrell, Dorothy R. Ferry, Barbara George, Mary L. Jarvis, Lawrence B. Mith, and Margaret K. Souza.

**National Theatre of the Deaf to Present Class at B.S.C.**

On September 26th from 3:30 to 5:30 there will be a free class and discussion period with the director, actors, and stage crew of the National Theatre of the Deaf. This class will be held in the auditorium and may well be one of the most fascinating experiences held this month.

Mr. Lou Font, who is one of the country’s foremost experts in sign language and perhaps the country’s foremost translator-interpreter, will direct the class and discussion.

The class will deal with problems and techniques of teaching deaf mute and with problems in learning sign language and its execution.

The company itself will be divided into several groups. Members of the company will work with B.S.C. directors on a new scene, which will then be adapted by sign language, mime, and dance. Students who attend will in turn be divided into groups and work with the company’s director, learning sign language and also doing a scene.

This will be an excellent opportunity for persons interested in teaching the handicapped to see some of the techniques used and problems involved.

**Veterans Administration Says G.I.’s Anxious**

The Veterans Administration said today it is as anxious as any campus G.I. over education checks arriving on time this fall.

VA says the number of payday delays would be reduced drastically if veterans and schools did the required paperwork... and do it on time.

If the veteran was in college during the spring or summer semester and followed instructions by returning his Certificate of Attendance at the end of the term, he has nothing more to do before his checks start arriving this fall... assuming the college registrar follows through and promptly returns his new fall enrollment certification to the VA.

Veterans who have lost their Certificate of Attendance to VA last June should do so immediately.

Veterans who have lost their Certificate of Attendance should obtain another one from the VA office that issued it and mail it in forthwith, VA said.

Veterans who have not yet obtained another one from the VA office can be certain that:

1. They have obtained a proper Certificate of Eligibility from the Veterans Administration.
2. They have submitted this Certificate to the college registrar.
3. The college registrar returned the completed certificate to the VA.

**Shakespeare Coming to B.S.C.**

Bridgewater... For the first time in the eleven year history of the Drama Club a Shakespearean play will be presented at B.S.C. by the students here. The production is the Taming of the Shrew by William Shakespeare, which will be presented on the evenings of November 20, 21, and 22.

The production for this play will be held in the Horace Mann Auditorium on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, on the evenings of September 8, 9, and 10 at 7:30 P.M. All students are eligible to try out - you do not have to be a member of the Drama Club or a Speech/Theatre major or minor.

Anyone interested in working on this production - lighting, costumes, set construction, makeup, or tickets - is welcome to come to tryouts to sign up for committee work.

**National Theatre of the Deaf**

The National Theater of the Deaf has been in operation for two years, and in that time it has made four national tours, a two week stand on Broadway, three European tours, three films, and numerous television performances.

The deaf actors are drawn from all over the country, and their talent in body communication, which ordinary actors must learn, comes naturally from their everyday manner of "speech." Combining mime, dance, manual sign language, and music with simultaneous narration, the performance promises to provide an interesting and enlightening evening of entertainment.

Tickets are $1.50 for students and $3.00 for non-students.

This year the actors of the National Theater of the Deaf are adding something which should interest many of our students. They are planning to hold a Workshop for those students who would like to learn some of the methods that the deaf actors employ, and this will be held from 3 o’clock until 5 o’clock on the afternoon of September 26th.
September 9, 1969

**SOUND OFF**
by S.D. Bennett

MILLIS ... During this past summer I let my hair grow long in my town. It should be written about. Many others, obviously, with the long hair, the summer was a very enlightening one and I feel that the experiences I had were bigoted. They believe that the majority of the people on welfare are shiftless no-goods who are living it up with the money that working men earned.

Many long hair worked as a catalyst to bring out the prejudices and blatant misconceptions of some people. I looked different, thought different, and lived different, but I was still a known person in the town. I’m known as a good worker and as an intelligent, honest person.

The conflict that I presented was helpful in getting middle-class people to talk to me even though I was a so-called hippie. In talking with me and seeing me helped some people to find out that they had hang-ups and misconceptions. These people are examining their ideas about a very white people and I hope that increased tolerance will be the result.

It’s true that many people in my town think that the hair is just some type of college prank and others refuse to associate with me. Both groups’ friendship I feel can be lived without if total conformity is the price. I am different and everyone who sees me should know it.

**Bears Get Wet**

This year the Bears take to the water for their first time with the new addition to the sports curriculum, a varsity swimming team. It will be another first and well welcomed by the many admirers and participants of the sport in its intramural phase.

Although a varsity swim team will be an all new experience here at Bridgewater, the team will have the seasoned experience of Coach Joseph X. Yeakiewicz, Coach Yeakiewicz is a graduate of Springfield College. He was assistant coach at U of Mass. and head coach last year at Lowell Tech.

Tryouts for the team will be open to all classes, including the freshmen. Already a tough schedule has been planned, which will include Nichols, Holy Cross, Norwich, Colby and others. Summer may be drawing to an end but don’t put your bathing suit away quite yet.

**Last Chance for I.D’s**

Thursday, September 11th will be the last chance to have your picture taken for your ID. Pictures will be taken in the Science Building from 9 A.M. to 5 P.M. All those who haven’t had their pictures taken or need a retake should report sometime during the day. This will be your last chance.

**Bridgewater Comment**

Bridgewater ... Bridgewater’s proud Bears have been preparing for their mid-September opening game for the past two weeks. Accommodations were provided by the school, willing as always to do its “share”.

The guys told me they loved these hard breakfasts which set them in motion for the rest of the strenuous day of double sessions and chalk talks.

Leo Fanning and Herb Lynch are two returning veterans who will share the duties of co-captains. Both are working hard at keeping “the guys” in line, and will be working harder as the season opens.

Returning is a veteran backfield being led by Jim Federico and George Sullivan at halfback slots. Tom Kelly, Pete Rowe and Richard Roath will also be seeing plenty of action. The all important position of quarterback is open since the graduation of Paul Stella last spring.

Our line is beefed up with some pretty big guys. Pat Blake, Bob Brinkley, Joe Connolly, Gerry Indelicato, Gary Langebach, Phil LeFavor, Herbie Lynch, Bill Matheson are all returning lettermen who are expected to turn out a good season.

**Bears In Season**

Having in number, almost 40 guys, Coach Mazzafero and the other coaches have a pretty decent group to work with. There are also some promising freshmen who will undoubtedly see action this year.

This year I would like to see the school become less apathetic towards sports, or anything else for that matter. Too many of your people are clinging to your glorious high school careers, and in turn just don’t give a damn about Bridgewater. I’ve learned that life is one huge process of changes. Why not accept the fact that you should care about important things and if you don’t deem Bridgewater important then get out.

Forty guys are spilling their guts out there for us. Let’s show them we appreciate it and back them up at the games. You’re not expected to make the trips to Maine, but our home field is right around the corner.

Opening with a scrimmage against Boston College second team on September 9th, the guys will get the taste of blood in their mouths for the season opener against Bates on September 27th.

Good luck Coach Mazzafero and the Bridgewater Bears.

**Bookstore Hours**

**First Week of Classes**

Mon-Fri: 8:15 - 4:00
Main store ... all undergrads ONLY
4:30 - 9:00
Second week of classes continuing students only

**Second Week of Classes**

Return to regular:
8:15 - 4:00
4:30 - 7:00
Open to all.
Folk Night to Open Coffeehouse

On Friday, September 12th, the Chamsoon Coffeehouse will present a Folk Night that promises to offer many enlightening and entertaining evenings. Featured on stage will be Bridge­water's own local talent. Friday night will be a pleasant re­collection for those who are "Folk Night" veterans and an enjoyable new experience for those who have never been to a coffeehouse.

In trying to make the Coffee­house a bigger success, the new executive board under the direction of Herb Ward has prepared a new membership policy. The new policy is outlined as follows:

I. Policy for college students or persons over 18 years of age.

A. Yearly membership is set at $3.00
B. Admission charge per evening is $5.00.
C. Admission per evening for non-members is $1.00.
D. Admission per evening for all High School students.

II. Policy for all High School students.

A. Membership per semester is set at $2.00.
B. Admission per evening for members is $5.00.
C. Admission per evening for non-members is $1.00.
D. At the end of the semester membership for High School students can be renewed for $1.00.
E. At the end of the semester, no high school students will be allowed an adult membership.

III. The Coffeehouse Exec. Board reserves the right to revoke a membership at anytime.

The Coffeehouse will open at 7 p.m. this Friday to accommodate those who wish to purchase memberships. The regular program will start at 7:45 p.m.

For an evening of enjoyable entertainment, keep the Chamsoon Coffeehouse in mind!

SHADES OF GANDALF: Welcome Back

Today marks the beginning of the 1969-1970 school year. I would like this opportunity to welcome you all back to B.S.C. for another frantic session. Not too much has changed here (nothing unusual) except the Student Union Building, which has struggled a bit more towards completion. Maybe if the construction workers stopped flitting with the hicks the building will be ready to open within the next five years.

If you are like any other normal student you have been sent forms for Blue Cross and other insurance plans during the summer. It is advisable to have one of these policies taken out for several reasons. First, the footbridge over the tracks has not been built and if you happen to be cramming for a test next period and are walking the wrong way the 3:20 may get you second. You, second, you may spill your head open in a buck­buck contest. Third, you may spill everything open vinyl­ing down Great Hill. Fourth, there is always the possibility of drowning while swimming along Park Avenue after it rains. Finally your grapple hook might slip while you are lowering yourself to the ground after the gymnasmium parking lot has been plowed.

Beware of the bugs. That's the word after the "Annual Campus Termite Convention" was held in the wooden doors of the Horace Mann Auditorium this summer. If you were here last year you remember this was the scene of insect riots which closed one of the doors for several weeks. A lot more than expected turned out and all cracks were filled with traffic backed up for yards. There were widespread reports of paint and varnish munching as they began working themselves to a fever pitch in preparation for the coming year.

It is also hoped that the bird sanctuary in the small gym, which was flourishing with business last spring, has been cleaned out. That way activities can be returned to normal without the fear of being "surprised."

Well, good luck to everyone (yes, you too freshmen) and may the former St. Christopher guide you on your intercampus travels.

EDITORIAL BOARD REVIEW

The juniors and sophomore rule. That's the story at THE COMMENT's office. The following are the members of the 1969-1970 editorial board.

Richard M. Brown-The junior editor who tails from North Weymouth again reigns as the omnipotent ruler of the paper. The intellectuals on campus have already started calling him the Horace Greeley of THE COMMENT.

Gregory P. Lee-a junior, Greg is managing editor and acting feature editor of THE COMMENT and is still trying harder. He is from Bridgewater and can be recognized by his full beard which accompanies him around campus.

Scott B. Bennett-The "Attorney General" is this year's news editor. Scott comes from Milton (71), Mass. and is also a junior.

Elaine Robino-the last of the juniors on the staff. Elaine is this year's office manager. She comes from Taunton and, as we all know, anyone who comes from the "Demented Land" can't be all bad!

Terry Wills-a sophomore from Columbus, Ohio. Terry is sports editor for the coming year. Although an authority on "ABM" his knowledge in sports is unparalleled.

Jeanne T. Carrigan-the sophomore from Needham, Mass. She is the photography editor. If she happens to ever want your picture no birdie will be needed to charm a smile off of you. The fact that she is known as "Legs Carrigan" has nothing to do with it!

Van Hayhow-last but not least is this sophomore from North Quincy, Mass. By far one of the most intelligent people on campus, Van is a combination of Business Manager and Production Manager. Van is easily recognizable. If you approach him from the rear his resemblance to J.C. differs only in the color of his hair.

Although the overtone of this review is satirical do not be misled. This year's board has some of the most potent on campus. Freedom of the press is not just a saying at THE COMMENT and if you read your copy you will come to realize this yourself.