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By Vickie Kaharl

Monday, May 8, the President of the United States added the American people over nation-wide television and radio. Bridgewater State College reacted to President Nixon’s decision. Almost immediately after his speech, a handful of students gathered together on lower campus for discussion that lasted well into dawn. Students and faculty members alike joined together late Tuesday morning. Various speakers addressed the crowd. Dr. Greene appealed to the audience, “to those who still believe in liberty and democracy.” Professor Maier recalled to mind Geman who stood by while Nazi annihilated thousands. “I'm calling on your imaginations to see and feel those bodies.”

Jan Foley, Greg Lee, Dr. Cole, Professor English, Tommy Gillis and Bob Lefolanc spoke. The crowd dispersed and shortly gathered before Boyden Hall. President Rondileau spoke, declaring all absences for the day’s classes excused.

The crowd grew and headed for Brookton, 20 or so strong walking, braving the rain and a mile or so of cars eventually joined by a police escort.

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Sincerely,
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About Faculty

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Throughout the semester, this occurred: he could not do enough to help us, always willing at straightening out any problems. I learned more in this art class than in the previous ten years that I had taken art.

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to all my friends and acquaintances was the message which I received very recently from my former student of Russian, Joyce Yanovitch. I am only happy to pass this along and would like to share with you the thrill and excitement of her letters. Joyce is a French major in the Language Department, is currently spending her junior year abroad at the University of Strasbourg. She also studied Russian here and after the usual strictures learned that even the six case plus a few other details of Basic Russian can indeed be mastered by willpower and persistence. Of course it helps to have a goal beyond the language per se. For her it was a genuine interest in the Russian people and their struggles. I sometimes shared my letters with her. After writing for almost ten years to two teachers of English and German in Moscow and Siberia a bond has developed with them and their families that makes them almost relatives.

After experiencing the language and the people only indirectly it was quite a thrill to Joyce (upon her visit to Moscow with a French group) discover that she actually could talk to them. It seems that the reward of such an experience is greater in Russian than in any other language because the Russians are not used to speaking with Americans. They are genuinely pleased, even honored by this unusual courtesy. Then you can feel the warm and outgoing attitude of a basically rural people where a friendly guest is still treated like in the old villages.

This is really what language could and should mean to many concerned students - grasping the many- tasked Ruskanao Students.

Fellow Afro-American Students. Despite the small number of the Black community here at Bridgewater, our talents and abilities have a profound effect on the college community in general. For this reason, we as Black students have been asked by the College Self-Study Committee to compose individual position papers. Concerning our attitudes toward the college, our Self-Study Committee would like any positive recommendations that we may have that could make Bridgewater a more great place for us. We would like to have all the position papers by May 19, 1972. The papers can be submitted to either myself or left, in my name, at Mr. Gaines' office, Room 25, Bridgewater.

Marilyn Levine was the soprano soloist with the Choral and the Brockton Symphony Orchestra in the recent performance of Cyril Barbosa at ABC. Born in Ogbomosho, Nigeria, where her parents served as missionaries, she has studied at Julliard with Jeannine Truille, at the University of Denver and at the New England Conservatory of Music. Marilyn performed with Central City Opera Company in Colorado, and she toured Europe in a production of Brigadoon. Her husband, Steve, is a member of our Speech and Theatre faculty.

Math Honor Society Induction

On May 10th at 5:30 p.m. 15 members of the Math Club and four faculty members of the Math Department were inducted into the Pi Mu Epsilon Math Honor Society by Dr. Eaves, National President of the society.

REMEMBER MOM!!

May 14

DAIKER'S FLOWERS
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We have corsages and spring flower arrangements

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THURSDAY, MAY 11

AT 4 P.M.

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International Relations

Like to debate, fight rebuttals with forceful emotion? Can you say the same thing in 6 different ways? You should have been with us. Nine BSC students participated in the National Model United Nations at the Stater-Hilton in New York City April 25-29. They were all members of the International Relations Club: Mike Howell, pres.; Tony Gauquier, vice-pres.; Kathy O'Brien, sec.; Jeri McCork, treas.; Maureen Care, Mary Rose; Lucy Fortunado; Laura Deprey; and Bud Dudevich. BSC represented the controversial positions of Portugal in U.N. committees and in the General Assembly. As the conference developed, we soon realized Portugal's political views. She was indispensable in countering forceful attacks against Portugal's political views. She also worked at thwarting an Albanian resolution to condemn Rhodesia and Portugal.

Dr. Keay, our advisor, should be given the "607 Award" for staying cool under fire. He remained calm even though interrupted at 1:30 A.M. to help us write speeches. In moments of uncertainty, he gave us the courage to speak out to our aggressors.

BULLETIN BOARD

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All Clubs and Organizations should submit a listing of their officers for 1972-73 and request for social calendar dates to Mrs. Martha Jones in the Office of Student Personnel by Friday, May 12th. Appropriate forms may be procured at the Student Union Information Desk or at the Student Personnel Office. Martha Jones

This past academic year a task force was established to research texts and other materials used for and by students at Bridgewater State College. The hypothesis for the research project is: does institutional racism exist at B.S.C.? Our objectives are to attempt to prove or disprove this hypothesis. Due to the graduation of some of the students on the committee, we are searching for students who will be here for the 1972-73 academic year and who are interested and willing to complete this project. The experience and fulfillment of working on a research project can never be achieved by sitting around and talking about it, so get with it.

A sign-up sheet is posted in the Organizations' Offices at the Sociology Club cubicile. All who are interested can sign up there.

Freshmen!

Announcing a class trip to Martha's Vineyard on Saturday, May 13th. The cost will be $1.00. Bus leaves Great Hill at 8:00, and costs for extra. Tickets will be on sale May 8th - 12th.

Senior Class Trip to Martha's Vineyard, May 31st (During Senior Week). Tickets will be $2.25 round trip. Free bus transportation will be provided. Purchase tickets at S.U. Information Booth from Friday May 12th to Monday May 22nd.

Seniors!

Graduation Rehearsal on Tues. May 16th at 1:00 p.m. in the S.U. Auditorium. Attendance is Mandatory. All classes cancelled after 1:00 p.m. for Seniors.

PUSP Presents the Shapely Leg Contest, featuring Male Faculty at BSC. Mem.- Wed. in the S.U. Cafeteria. Come and Vote for the Shapely Leg at BSC. Catholic Center, Holy Day Masses - Thurs. May 11, at 12 noon, 1:00 P.M. & 7:30 P.M.

4th Annual Biology Club Picnic Time: Thursday May 18 2-6:30 P.M.
Place: In front of the Greenhouse Free food and drinks, All Welcome!

Classified

Wanted for Summer Sub-let: one bedroom Apt., willing to take over rent immediately. Call 391-4151, Joann, leave number.

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