A Brief History of Bridgewater State College

Bridgewater State College was founded in 1840 when school opened in September with 17 students. The school was located in the basement of the Town Hall. In 1846 the school moved to its first permanent home, which was located on the present day Quadrangle. This was the very first building in America erected to train teachers.

In 1853 Tillinghast was succeeded by Marshall Conant; who in turn, in 1860, was succeeded by Albert Gardner Boyden, an 1849 graduate of the school. Boyden would remain head of the school from 1860 to 1906, when his son, Arthur Clarke Boyden, was named to succeed him. Together, father and son Boyden would rule the destiny of Bridgewater for a grand total of 73 years.

In 1924, a disastrous fire destroyed half of the school, but rebuilding began immediately and students hardly missed a day. Two years later Boyden Hall was opened and so was the present-day Grove Street Building, replacing structures which had been lost in the 1924 fire.

In 1933 the school became Bridgewater State Teachers College. For all of those years the preparation of teachers was the sole objective. Beginning in 1960, however, when the word "Teachers" was dropped from the name and a multi-purpose, liberal arts curriculum was introduced, the College began expanding its programs.

During the past 21 years, during the Presidency of Dr. Adrian Rondileau, the number of students has more than quadrupled, the faculty has tripled, more than two dozen new academic programs have been introduced, and the number of buildings has climbed from 11 to 25. The Rondileau years have been the most dramatic in terms of growth in the College's long, distinguished history.

Today, more than 12,000 students are served annually in all programs by Bridgewater State College and new academic areas, such as Management Science, Aviation Science, and Computer Science, have helped broaden the liberal arts, career-oriented emphasis of the school.
The 1920's

November 1928 - The Comment's First Year

WILL THE SCHOOL SUPPORT A PAPER?

When the project of CAMPUS PAPER was started this year, there seemed to be enough enthusiasm in the student body to warrant a continuous appearance of the paper. It was just noisy enthusiasm and not enough to sustain a project of this sort. As it went on, our editors, Miss Lovett, Miss Murphy, and Mrs. Donahue spoke. Miss Lovett, who had worked hard to get the paper started, and everybody else should give us a second chance in the future.

The 1930's

February 17, 1938

Post-Depression Fun

Campus Staff Makes Plans For Unique Social on March 4

Do you want to recall the good old days when you were footloose and fancy-free, and when marbles, skipping rope, and hop-scotch were your greatest problems? (Of course you do.) Then you will want to attend Campus Comment's Little Boy Fling Social which will be held Friday evening, March 4, in the gymnasium.

Morch has planned so that every little boy and girl will have fun. The program committee consists of Malcolm Louis, Dorothy Turner, Constance Handeron. Other committee heads are: Rose Leonard, tickets and publicity; Mary Connolly, cheerleader, Miss Logan, decorations; Marjorie Bentley, refreshments; Barbara Torrey, cleanup; and Carol Vonneller, hospitality.

The 1940's

February 20, 1942 - The War Years

National Defense at Bridgewater Enlists Both Faculty and Students

With natural defense taking the forefront all over the nation, Bridgewater is doing its part in many ways. Senator Warden's War Memorial Fund plans for real duplication during the war. It is expected that those who are able will serve in the military services, while those who cannot should offer their support through contributions to the United Service Fund. All students are urged to contribute to this fund, and all faculty and staff members are expected to help in any way possible.

The 1950's

February 18, 1959

Carefree Days

Name Twelve Candidates for "Best-Dressed Girl" Contest

Elected Bridgewater Finalist Tomorrow; Will Enter Nation-Wide Competition

GLAMOUR magazine's "10 Best-Dressed College Girls in America" contest is now underway, and the Bridgewater girls are one of the crops. The contest, sponsored by Campus Comment, has scanned the campus and has nominated twelve candidates. The final decision will be yours, the students of Bridgewater.

The 1960's

October 21, 1969 - Social Unrest

BSC Has Largest Demonstration in History

The 1970's

October 23, 1975

The "Me" Decade

Rathskellar to Close!

The 1980's

September 25, 1980

The Technological Future
The 20th Century

November 1928 - The Comment's First Year

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When the project of CAMPUS PUBLICATION was started a few years ago, the idea of having a school paper seemed far below our expectations. It would seem to make no sense. The staff, with the exception of our faculty advisor, Miss Lovett, has worked hard to get off the ground, and the paper has been expected to publish in a quite different environment.

Now, I know, and you know that the budget for nearly every year for the News paper is not the same. In fact, some years it changes. But for the sake of argument, let's say that the money that comes with the campus. In this case, the campus has an existence. It is the only one that supports the newspaper.

So there has been little aid from the students. The subscription campaign itself has been handled with an efficient, and the number of people who went out for the subscription and paid their dues has been much higher than we had expected. In fact, the subscription campaign has been quite successful, and we are confident that it will be continued.

This year, the GLAMOUR magazine was put out, and the issue was sold to the students of the school. This issue was sold out, and it was not even clear that it would be printed in the first place. The sale of the magazine was much higher than expected, and it was clear that the students were interested in reading the magazine.

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The 50's

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The 80's

September 25, 1980

The Technological Future

Aviation Major Now Offered

A new undergraduate major in Aviation Science with concentrations in either Professional Flight Training or Aviation Management is being offered at the College, starting this fall. The major is designed for students who are interested in the aviation field and want to pursue a career in the industry.

The Aviation Science major prepares students for careers in aviation, and the concentrations provide students with the skills and knowledge necessary to succeed in the field. Students will have the opportunity to specialize in areas such as flight training, aviation management, or other related fields.

The major in Aviation Science is being offered under the auspices of the Department of Geomatics and Ecology, and the College seeks to attract students with diverse backgrounds and interests. The major is designed to prepare students for careers in fields such as aviation management, flight training, or related areas.

For more information about the major, please contact the Department of Geomatics and Ecology at Bridgewater State College.
A Time To Remember

Heritage Week Calendar of Events

Sunday, April 24th

"As We Were..." Heritage Week officially begins on Sunday evening, April 24, with an 8:00 p.m. talk by Dr. Jordan D. Pine, Professor of History, in the Library Lecture Hall. Dr. Pine will elucidate his audience with reflections on the venerable history of Bridgewater State College. A reception follows in the Library's Heritage Room, sponsored by the Alumni Association.

Monday, April 25th

Poet David McCord Nominated poet David McCord, HS, twice nominated for National Book Award for his volumes of children's poetry and the first recipient of the honorary degree of Doctor of Humane Letters from Harvard University, will read selections from his own poems and critique student works at 11:00 a.m. in Burnett Campus School. All are welcome to attend. Sponsored by the Clement C. Maxwell Library.

Heritage Day Parade May this sun shine brightly on this year's Heritage Day Parade! Precisely at 11:00 a.m., the parade steps off and heads down Burri11 Avenue toward the main campus. Four marching bands, a fleet of antique automobiles, horses and buggies, and more than a dozen student groups are scheduled to be in the gala parade. Following the parade, there will be a ceremony on the College Quadrangle honoring the memory of Shue Seivin, Class of 1877, who is revered in Japan, his homeland, for his contributions to education. The College General of Japan will attend the ceremony.

Heritage Week Triathlon Athletic competitions at Bridgewater predate the Civil War. An event truly fitting that among the Heritage Week events this week, a grueling test of endurance which began at the military's Cottage Gynaszium. Three-person teams will compete in a 500 yard swim, followed by a 50-mile bike race and concluding with a 13.1-mile run.

Friends of the College Auction Many useful and valuable goods and services will go to the highest bidder at the annual "Friends of Bridge­water State College Auction" which will take place starting at 11:00 a.m. behind the Student Union and continuing until all items are gone. Come early or come late, but don't miss this unique opportunity to capture some of the most unusual goods and services available anywhere.

Thursday, April 28th

W.E.B. DuBois Lecture The Clement C. Maxwell Library presents a lecture on black scholar W.E.B. DuBois by Professor John H. Bryan, Jr., at 8:00 p.m. in Room 304 of the Library. Professor Bryan, of the University of Massachusetts at Amherst, is a specialist in Afro-American Studies and former chairman of the W.E.B. DuBois Department at Afro-American Studies at U. Mass. Amherst. Accompanying the lecture will be an exhibit of materials from the collected DuBois papers.

Mardi Gras Costumes, laughter, music, and dancing will mark the revival of Mardi Gras at Bridgewater State College. Once the highlight of the College's social season, Mardi Gras returns with all the fun and color of years past, thanks to the efforts and imagination of the Student Union Program Committee and the Student Government Association. Time is 8:00 p.m.; place is the Student Union Ballroom. Be there when the magic begins!

Political Science Road Race Each year the Political Science Club sponsors a road race in April, and this year it is the concluding event of Heritage Week at Bridgewater. All those who are drawn to the challenge of the pursuit, be they fleet of foot or not, are invited to enter this 3-mile run.

Heritage Exhibit Documents, photographs, and artifacts from the College archives dating back to 1840, are on exhibit in the Heritage Room on the main floor of the Maxwell Library. The exhibits, arranged by Mrs. Mabel Bates, Collections Librarian, and Dr. Owen McGowan, Librarian of the College, trace the history of the College through 141 years. The Heritage Room (previously the Browsing Room) is open during the hours the Library is open and all are welcome to come and see this most interesting exhibit.

Thursday, April 29th

Special Heritage Week Issue