

Justinian

Last year, the class of 1936 deemed it advisable to have some sort of student governing body on the campus in order to encourage extra-curricula activities and to have a group to act as representatives of the students to the faculty. Plans were made and the potential organization was named The Justinian Society. This year the plan was put into effect and the group boasts a very fine record. The men were chosen according to their extra-curricula record, their scholastic standing, and a vote of their class.

During the year the group has done much to encourage the different activities. One of its most important duties is to award letters to the members of the various athletic teams. They have done this in a way which has received no criticism. The group also felt that some kind of a reward should be given to participants in non-athletic activities and so they have conducted a drive to gain the financial assistance necessary for such a project. They have approached the alumni of the college with a plan by which each former student will have his name and a record of his achievements inscribed on a plate to be placed above the door of the room which he occupied as a student here.

The Justinians are deserving of much credit for their solution of the football problem in the Fall, when ineligibility of certain members of the squad made the completion of the schedule difficult, and for the part they played later in the year in reconciling student and faculty views concerning college regulations.

Such a group has been needed on the Nichols campus for many years and to Stan Todd, Al Webb, Bob Campbell, Wally Capron, and the other men who fostered the idea last year in the face of a great deal of ridicule, the students and faculty owe a debt of gratitude.



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necessary and helpful information pertaining to Nichols. In this handbook you will find a constitution embodying the sections, articles, and amendments of the Justinian Council. By reading this constitution you can find out the requirements that are necessary for eligibility of membership to this body. The purpose of the Council is to motivate all extracurricular activities and to promote the general welfare of the College. We truly hope that those of you who earn membership to the Justinians will be ready to wholeheartedly further the interests of Nichols. We of this Council are ready at any time to assist you or answer your questions. It is our wish to be of help.

At Nichols you are thrown almost entirely on your own resources. If you have problems or complaints, take them to the Justinian Council or the President's Council, for it is the duty of these two groups to help the students solve their difficulties. Above all, remember that you are a Nichols Man. It is up to you to see that your college is a success.

(Signed)

JAMES HANAN,
President of the Justinian Council.

FRESHMAN RULES

Insignificant maxims of 1939. If health and happiness is to remain with you, regard all following commandments of your overlords:

1. To you most lowly Freshman is this unconditional order: You must have upon your person at all times a copy of this JUSTINIAN HANDBOOK and must be prepared upon examination to quote its contents in full.
2. Because of your low and unmanly status you will appear at all times with regulation Freshman Hat until told to be without it.
3. Being, in the eyes of upperclassmen "Babes in Arms", you are forbidden to associate with the weaker sex.
4. Never presume to imitate your superiors by such manly practices as smoking in Webster or other public places.
5. Freshmen must wear name tags at all times beginning September 26 at 7 a. m., and ending October 1 at noon. Letters must be one inch (1") high.
6. Freshmen must carry with them at all times a paddle 14" in length

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and 4" in width with a minimum thickness of $\frac{1}{4}$ " and a maximum thickness of 1". Freshmen must have their pants rolled up 14", the length of the paddle.

7. Freshmen must walk a square campus at all times. They must not walk on the grass at any time. They must walk in the road and must use the walk directly in front of the Academy Building. They can not use the walk between Conant and the Academy Building.

8. Freshmen must carry their books to class in a wastepaper basket.

9. Freshmen must eat their evening meal in a square fashion.

10. On request of any Senior, the Freshman must give him one cigarette per day and be prepared to light it.

11. Freshmen must obey all Seniors within reason.

12. When in Webster, the Freshman may only walk on the McGeary and Western Union side of the street. Freshmen when desiring to reach a destination on the Liggett side of the street, must walk on the right hand side of the street until directly opposite their destination and then cross; upon leaving the store they

must return to the McGeary side in the same route.

13. Freshmen must carry the Seniors' books and get their mail when asked to do so.

14. Freshmen must report without fail, to Senior Court at 7. P.M. on the nights that it is scheduled.

These rules are in effect at all times within a ten-mile radius of the school during Freshman Week.

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President of the Justinian Council
1949-1950.

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4. At seven o'clock on the first Friday of the school year, all FRESHMEN, dressed in old clothes, will report to the football field for a rally with the SENIORS.
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6. Any FRESHMAN causing an infraction of any of the above rules is subject to the terrible wrath and power of the KANGAROO COURT!!!

LIBRARY RULES

All books may be kept for a two week period except those books placed on the reserve shelf for assignment reading which are overnight books.

A fine of 2c per day will be charged for all material kept over time.

If books are not returned within one week of the date due, names of borrowers will be turned over to the Dean's Office for disciplinary action.

Library Hours

The library is open Monday through Friday from 9:30 to 12:00; 1:30 to 4:30; 7:00 to 9:00.

On Saturdays from 9:30 to 12:00.
Sunday evenings from: 7:00 to 9:00.

DINING HALL HOURS

Breakfast		7:10 to 7:25
Lunch	Seniors	11:45 to 12:05
	Freshmen	12:05 to 12:30
Dinner	Seniors	5:40 to 5:55
	Freshmen	5:55 to 6:10
Sundays		
Breakfast		9:00
Dinner		12:30
Supper		5:40

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FRESHMAN CONDUCT

According to the code of conduct established by the Justinian Council a freshman at Nichols is called a TURKEY. A TURKEY is classified as any student with less than eight semester hours and who has not "customed" as a freshman at this or any other institution. In order that a TURKEY may make an effective adjustment with the greatest possible ease, the following freshman rules have been compiled by your Justinian Council:

1. A TURKEY is required to wear his cap and badge every day except Sundays from 7 A.M. until 8 at night. He is further required to wear it at all athletic events during the "customs" period regardless of the time.

2. TUNKEYS are required to attend all home athletic events, pep rallies, and other such organized functions.
3. TUNKEYS are required to speak to all students and members of the faculty and their wives at all times. Further, they are required to tip their TUNKEY caps to faculty members and their wives. TUNKEY caps are not to be worn indoors.
4. TUNKEYS are required to know from memory all verses of the Alma Mater, freshman rules, school yells and songs.
5. Check the bulletin board daily.
6. Freshman shall not be permitted to place their hands in their pockets when strolling or lounging on campus or in town.
7. High School athletic awards or letters shall not be worn on campus. The Nichols "N" is the only athletic award that may be worn.
8. The "Hello" spirit is encouraged.
9. Freshman should carry a copy of their schedules with them at all times.
10. Freshman shall not walk on campus grass or on any unpaved short cuts across campus. Nor shall they walk on the senior walk which is located between Conrad Hall and the Academy Building.
11. Freshman shall attend all freshman class meetings during Orientation Week and shall not leave these meetings until they are closed by the proper authorities.
12. Freshman shall know the names and locations of all campus buildings by the first day of classes.
13. Freshman shall answer to the call "Feather up" TURN by doffing their caps in the direction of the upperclassman who directed the call to them. The right to "Feather up" is reserved to upperclassmen only.
14. The "custom" period will begin September 17, 1962, and continue until Christmas holidays. If, however, Nichols succeeds in winning the home coming football game, the freshman "Customs" will stop at the end of said game.

15. It is assumed that you as a Nichols man will:
 - a. Be considerate of fellow students.
 - b. Be a gentleman at all times.
 - c. Respect the rights of the members of the community.
 - d. Participate and cooperate in Student Activities.
 - e. Be interested in the events that take place on the Hill.

TUNKEY PEN

Those freshman who fail to comply with the aforesaid freshman rules of conduct will be required to appear before a tribunal. The case will be presented to the court and if the defendant is found guilty, he will be assigned punishment of a constructive nature. Periodic list of violators, including the time of their trials, will be posted on the bulletin board.

Your Justice Council

FRESHMAN TRIBUNAL

THE ORIENTATION COMMITTEE will consist of two (2) men elected by the Sophomore class in September, and the former President of the Freshman Class, who will head up as chairman of this committee.

This Committee will have the sole power to set-up, regulate, and plan activities for the Freshman class during the Orientation period. This Committee shall have a planned activity for every night of the period.

REASON FOR A TRIBUNAL

This Tribunal will be used by the Sophomore class at the end of the Orientation period for Freshmen who do not obey the rules and regulations set-up by the Orientation Committee for the year.

Freshmen, who do not comply with these rules, will have THEIR NAME, THE SOPHOMORE'S NAME, and THE SPECIFIC ACT they commit against the reporting Sophomore turned over to the Orientation Committee during this period. ONLY Sophomores can turn names in to the Committee. The Sophomore's name will NOT be used or brought up, but it will be used for reference by the Committee.

THE TRIBUNAL

When enough names — not less than ten (10) have been turned in to this Committee, they shall have the right to organize a Tribunal. It shall consist of the following:

- 1.) Three (3) JUDGES will preside over the Tribunal.
 - A.) The head Judge will be last year's Freshman President.
 - B.) The other two will be elected by the President from the other last year's class officers.
- 2.) Two (2) PROSECUTING ATTORNEYS from the Orientation Committee will present the cases against the defendants.
- 3.) Two (2) DEFENSE ATTORNEYS will represent the defendants.
 - A.) The Junior Class President.
 - B.) The Senior Class President.
- 4.) The JURY will consist of the Justinian Council.
 - A.) The foreman will be the President of the Council.
 - B.) They have the power of guilty or not guilty.
- 5.) The BAILIFF will be the Sophomore Class President.
 - A.) He takes role call before the court opens.
 - B.) He calls up the cases.
 - C.) He swears in the defendants.

The Orientation Committee shall select a night for the Tribunal, notice of it must be PRINTED AND POSTED three (3) days in advance, and it must state the following:

- A.) the day and date,
- B.) the time and location of the Tribunal,
- C.) open to all, and
- D.) "all Freshmen must attend".

Punishments will be made up by the Judges and the four attorneys.

Freshmen not present at the Tribunal will be on DISCIPLINARY PROBATION, with full backing from the administration.

The Tribunal meeting WILL NOT exceed ninety (90) minutes.

The Tribunal shall become a part of the Sophomore and Freshmen activities and as such their authority and decisions shall be recognized by all.

THE ORIENTATION COMMITTEE OF 1962-63
Mike Gilroy, Chairman

CLUBHOUSE

"Bazzies" or the students' club room is a place for the student to relax or take a break between classes or during the day. The opening hour is 7:00 A.M. and closing is around 11:00 P.M. You can get coffee or semi-full college meals. You may also purchase tooth paste, razor blades, soap and the like. This building is the only building on campus where you may take your dates at any time and have a coffee.

BUSINESS OFFICE HOURS

Monday through Friday 8:30 A.M.-12:00 Noon
1:30-5:00 P. M.

DINING HALL HOURS

Weekdays

Breakfast	6:45 A.M.- 7:30 A.M.
Lunch	11:30 A.M.-12:50 P.M.
Dinner	5:15 P.M.- 6:15 P.M.

Sundays and Holidays

Breakfast	9:00 A.M.- 9:20 A.M.
Lunch	12:30 P.M.-12:50 P.M.
Dinner	5:15 P.M.- 5:40 P.M.

THE GREATER WEBSTER-DUDLEY POST OFFICE

Dudley Post Office — Mail arrives at 10:00 A.M. and 5:00 P.M. daily except only the A.M. mail on Saturday.

Weekday Schedule — Post Office opens daily 7:00 A.M. closes at 6:00 P.M., except on Saturday at which time it closes at 12:30 P.M. It is closed all day on Sunday.

INTRAMURAL COMPETITION

The intramural program at Nichols is designed for the pleasure of everyone who is interested in participat-

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tion period, opposition to the acceptance or rejection may be expressed by a petition signed by ten percent of the Student Body. If such a petition is presented, the amendment shall be referred to the entire student body for ratification. Ratification shall be by a two-thirds vote of those present and voting.

11.3 Notification

The President of the College shall be advised of any proposed amendment to the Constitution of the Justinian Council.

STANDARDS OF CONDUCT FOR STUDENTS ESTABLISHED BY THE JUSTINIAN COUNCIL

General

A student enrolling in Nichols College assumes an obligation to conduct himself in a manner compatible with the College's function as an educational institution. Misconduct for which students are subject to discipline falls into the categories listed below:

- 1.0 Academic dishonesty, such as cheating, plagiarism, or knowingly furnishing false information to the College.
- 2.0 Theft or damage to property of the College or of a member of the College community or Campus visitor.
- 3.0 Forgery or passing a worthless check or money order in payment of any financial obligation to the College or member of the College community.
- 4.0 The threat of or commission of, physical violence against any member of the College community

or any person present on College property except while engaged in authorized sports activities.

- 5.0 Unauthorized entry into or use of College facilities.
- 6.0 Abusive, obscene, violent, excessively noisy, or drunken misbehavior on or in College property at any time or at College-sponsored or supervised functions.
- 7.0 Violation of College rules regarding the operation and parking of motorized vehicles.
- 8.0 Violation of rules governing residence in College-owned or-controlled property.
- 9.0 Use, possession or distribution of narcotic or dangerous drugs as defined by State and Federal laws.
- 10.0 Use, possession, or distribution of alcoholic beverages in violation of College regulations or State laws.
- 11.0 Hazing of any kind.
- 12.0 Violation of standards of dress and grooming as established by the student government of Nichols College.

More specific regulations are set forth in *Student Government Regulations*.

STUDENT GOVERNMENT REGULATIONS

1.0 Academic Dishonesty

Academic dishonesty, including plagiarism, cheating, and falsifying of records, is an academic matter and cases of this kind will be handled

Budget

Campus Notes

FRESHMAN RULES VOTED UPON BY SENIORS

Chuckles

I never did like venison
Despite its symbolism,
Because I am an Elk, you
see,
And that would be cannibal-
ism.

Irrite Prof. (choking up):
"Why are your lights on,
Smith?"

Smith (wearily): "Be-
cause I pulled the switch."

And then there was the
man who locked the maid in
the closet and ran away with
his wife.

If you washed your feet
with beer, you would wash
them with water afterward,
to get the beer off. So why,
then, put in your stomach
what you wouldn't put on
your feet?

"Sherwood", remarked
Briggs, "must certainly be
a good sailor. He knows
the ropes, judging by the
cigar he gave me."

HEARD BETWEEN CLASSES

Puppy Dolan's bark . . . Hor-
ton's laughing . . . Geradt's flut-
tering . . . Hank's "do-ohing" . . .
Babe's jokes . . . Dunlap's nose
. . . Mr. Sherman's opinions . . .
Mr. Barrett's opinions . . . Mr.
Morris also wasting time . . .
the ticking of Baldwin's watch
. . . Appell trying to bum a cigar-
et . . . Dwyer's letters . . . Ay-
er's Chevy . . . Briggs' airplanes
. . . Shurtleff's ideas of the rules
. . . Scott's footsteps . . . Katz's
new suit.

SO WHAT?

It costs the state one hundred
dollars per year to send a student
to college, yet it costs three
hundred dollars per year for the
upkeep of a convict.

Whither are we drifting?

PROHIBITION AT HOME

Mr. Skidhook bought a case of
intoxicating beverages, and when
he arrived at home, he was in-
structed by his ample spouse to
wipe the liquor down the sink.

"The tarvia road is very con-
venient," states Cannonball Baker
Booth. How does he know? He
hasn't been here enough to find
out.

Dabo Sherwood's horse has
three gaits—trotting, stumbling,
and falling.

If Hank Anderson has many
more accidents and brings home
many more pieces of fencing,
he'll have gotten enough material
for the new dining hall.

The editor of this rag was com-
plaining about lack of material.
Doc Shurtleff, who isn't given to
quips, said "What's the matter
—can't you Budget?" To which
the ed. replied "How can I—
Egypt my pencil."

Puppy Dolan was inquiring as
to where a man could get some
cider. It might go hard with Pup
if he got any.

Most people's exercise consists
of pulling themselves up to the
table and then pushing away
again. The hand to mouth move-
ment also helps.

A certain senior was entering
the arms of Morpheus in Dean
Kingman's C. C. class the other
p. m. "What's the matter," in-
quired the some-piqued Dean.
"are you dozing off already?"
The senior gazed droopily up-
wards and murmured "I could if
you'd lower your voice."

Doc Shurtleff starts off the
year by being the first man to be
put on bounds under the New
Deal. Doc states, however, that
he is merely taking the "rap" for
his brother Bud.

Dutton Alden, soccer manager,
is the laziest man on one foot.
While sleeping in a vertical posi-
tion the other day, the ball
bounced thickly on his head.
"Roll over and shut up," he mut-
tered and went back to sleep.

From University we take
"Lines To A Lively Lady":

May each birthday as it goes
Leave you gay and hearty;
Always right up on your toes
Ready for a party.

May you dash with vim and pep
Night clubs patronizing;
Making for yourself a rep
Simply paralyzing.

Freshmen Rules are now in ef-
fect. At a recent senior meeting,
eight campus regulations were
voted upon and passed. President
Conrad affixed his signature to
them, and they became official on
Wednesday morning, September
20.

The rules follow:

1. Freshmen will wear the ap-
proved green cap with black
button at all times.
2. Freshmen will not wear any
high or prep school letters, ex-
cept on the back and insideout.
3. Freshmen will remain in the
waiting room until seniors are
assembled at the tables in the
dining-hall.
4. Freshman will use the new
walk leading to the Academy
Building, going to it from their
dormitories by way of the road.
5. Freshmen will, when riding in
a car, pick up any senior who
happens to be walking.
6. Freshmen will tip their hats
when passing the Academy
Building, in recognition of Co-
nant Memorial.
7. Freshmen will not walk on any
grass on college property.
8. Freshmen will attend all col-
lege functions, athletic and
otherwise, unless excused by
the president of the senior
class.

Failure on the part of any
freshman to observe these rules
will result in his appearing before
the Senior Court for sentence. The
Court is held upon occasion, the
judge being George Appell and
the jury being the Class of 1934.

A Vigilantes Committee has
been appointed to enforce these
rules and apprehend all offenders.
It is composed of five seniors,
these men to remain in office for
one week at a time, when a new
committee will be appointed.

ALUMNITEMS

Gordon Leslie, '32, was married
last May. He was recently pro-
moted from his former position
as station attendant to an office
position with the Standard Oil
Company. His address is Roches-

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this week So come out and

Toastmaster Bickford, quieted the boisterous mob long enough to make an announcement or two. Then Bud Katz sprang to his rising feet and led us in a song. The evening grew older, an announcement was made that Joe Humilius Poskay would render a jig or two on his well known catch box. Before he was through, many a tear glistened on any a cheek. The sweet sounds the violin penetrated every sk and cranny, every rafter and nook. They pierced the cockles even the toughest heart, and when the selection was over, Joe himself was in a damp state. If a harmonic ever heard the American public would acclaim a w idol. In spite of Joe's playing and the wile Legg's unusual strumming on his banjo, the men found rough breath to gurgle out a request for "Bud" Katz to croon. "h-h-h . . . Bud arose, and with a dreamy look in his romantic irises, folded his hands and warbled longly and sweetly. A very expression was one of a riful expression, and when he t down to rest his vocal box, the boys knew no bounds for their plause. Once more "Bud" entertained. Accompanied by "Bunk's" catchy victrola he arose and p-danced. The man was no long a man, but a boneless disciple Terpsichore. He wiggled and linned, shook and bounced, tap-d and circled, all to the weird ditties of a record. However, e record was longer winded an was the inimitable "Buddy", d finally he confessed to feeling "pood" and sunk into a sarby chair to rest the bones hich no one suspected were ere. Following the specialty numbers, he was again forced, at the atigation of the repellent Toast-

erson, Robert Wallace, Eugene Bickford and Harold Fraser. The guests included Milton Jackson, Joseph Reardon, Carl McKittrick, Nelson Scott, Fred Beaucar, Philip Greenlaw, Rodney Powers, John Doyle, Hubert McGuire, Francis Andrews, Fred White, Robert Hayes, Edmund Loughlin, Stearns Smalley, John Booth, Philip Hall, Jack Earle, Dutton Ridgway Algen, Charles Ayer, Norton Brown, James Byrnes, Joseph Burke, Albert Dunlap, and Edward Holmes. In the near future, the fraternity will officially pledge a number of these rushoes, and the new men will start the eight weeks pledge period, which terminates in the first part of the initiation ceremonies.

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ORCHESTRA HAS GOOD PROSPECTS FOR SEASON

Two Veterans Return as Rhythm Aces Get Under Way

The Nichols Rhythm Aces, the college orchestra, was formed two years ago by Bunky Furlong and Claw Clement. The band has been successful ever since, having played for tea dances during the Winter Carnival, at Nichols Night at the Mohogan, and at many other social functions on and off the campus. Although the absence of Bunky at the traps and Frankie Stefank and Bud Funk at the saxes is greatly felt, the prospects for this year are very good. New men are

SENIOR COURT BRINGS GRIEF TO OFFENDERS

Violators of Rules Are Convicted By Judge

It was a simple notice which ordered six freshmen to appear before the Senior Court on Thursday evening, September 28. However, it carried ominous import to this sextet of neophytes. Little did they realize the fate which lay in store for them. The Old Gymnasium, shrouded in stygian darkness which was pierced only by the flickering gleam of a candle, was ghostly and weird. Restless but silent figures lined the walls, each intent upon the sight of blood. These figures represented the Class of 1934, and, incidentally, the jury. At the far end of the room, a black-hooded figure sat quietly. He was the Court—Hiszoner, the Judge. Preparations were complete — who would be first? A door opened, and the silence became more intense. The Chairman of the Vigilantes Committee entered — none other than Gene (Gore) Bickford. "The prisoner waits without," he said. "Without what?" asked Hiszoner.

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the campus . . . such actions are ample indication of the spirit which presides in Dudley—" Mr. Conrad said. Mr. Bradford M. Kingman, dean of the college, next spoke, making his speech more interesting than usual by telling a humorous anecdote of Mark Twain. Mr. E. L. Jacobs, a trustee of the church, next spoke briefly, and was followed by Dr. Charles L. Goodell, a man whose popularity is nation-wide. Dr. Goodell spoke not as one of the leading ministers of the country, not as Dr. Parkhurst's able assistant, but as one student to another. His talk was both humorous and interesting, and was well-received.

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SOCCER TEAM DEFEATED BY A-I COLLEGE

Two Players Injured in Fast Contest at Dudley

Playing their first game of the season at home, the Nichols College soccer team went down to defeat at the hands of the American - International College of Springfield. The game, played on Wednesday, October 4th, ended in a 3-1 score. The first quarter brought no more action than could be expected. The blocking and booting was not ostentatious, but the colorful spectacle caused by the mingling of the orange and black uniforms of Springfield and the black and green ones of Nichols made up for any

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the point. Hart intercepted two passes and ran them back for touchdowns in the final period. He ran the first one back 45 yards and the second one fell in his arms on the 28 yard line. Nichols clearly outplayed the Huskie eleven in the first stages of the game, and up until the third quarter a victory for the Hilltoppers did not seem unlikely. Here the home team's defense against forward passes seemed to wilt, and the chances for a victory went glimmering. However, it seems probable that the team won't be short of victories when the season is completed. The coaches have much new material on hand and it will take time to develop it. McCann, diminutive left-half-back for Nichols, gave the crowd the biggest thrill of the afternoon when he took the kickoff after Northeastern's final touchdown and carried it back to the Huskie forty before he was downed by Fraser, after shaking off a half dozen potential tacklers. Jackson, at quarter, as well as Barnes, played an inspired game in the backfield for the Green and Black. Minnahan played a sparkling game in the line, as did Doyle, who broke up many plays in the visitors backfield. Adams, right tackle, also showed well under fire. For Northeastern, Benjamin was a tower of strength in the line, while Hart and Fraser proved very troublesome, as well, to the Green and Black.

LINEUPS

Northeastern Freshmen—26
Nichols—9

D'Antonin le	le Burke
Harwick lt	lt Reardon
Benjamin lg	lg Minnahan
Chambers c	c Doyle
Callahan rg	rg Blunt
Murphy rt	rt Adams
Scudder re	re White—C
McCloud qb	qb Jackson

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Senior Court Brings Grief

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"Without his courage," hissed Gore, and retired as he had come.

He reappeared in a moment, leading a short slightly swaggering figure. Removing the figure's blindfold, Gore stepped forward.

"What is the charge, Your Honor?" he queried.

The judge glanced at a slip of paper and deliberately read the charge.

"Violation of Sweater Code—offense repeated twice. General Attitude bad — constantly so. Gentlemen of the jury, express your opinions."

For perhaps five minutes, the blood-curdling din reigned, and then, after numerous nefarious suggestions as the prisoner's fate had been advanced, the gavel dropped and silence reigned once more.

"The prisoner is sentenced to five touches of the oak, probation for one week, and is ordered to wear this placard for the duration of the probationary period."

The judge held out a card on which was printed, "I Am A Wise Guy". Gore Bickford hung it around the prisoner's neck, and told him to assume the angle. Undaunted, the victim did the Master's bidding. After much measurement and figuring, the thick, blood-stained paddle descended—once, twice, thrice, quartet, quintet—Ah-h-h—A sigh escaped the watchers. Trembling with indignity, the now Walking Billboard was precipitated from the Holy Depths of the Senior Sin Cave.

Next, two large, hulking figures were led in. The charge was Ignorance of the Rules.

"We have been to two or t'ree colliches before dis," they protested. "We ain't gonna be under no rules."

"Either respect the doctrines of your betters or accept the consequences," growled the hooded figure.

The two brutes shrugged and were led out. Three down, three to go. The tension of the court room was lessened, and an uneasy shuffling pervaded the den. Gore Bickford, licking his chops thirstily, led in a trembling, awed figure.

GRIDDERS HOLD SHAM BATTLE WITH B. H. S.

The Nichols football squad held a practice game with the Bartlett High School squad of Webster last week, to determine the fundamental weaknesses in both teams.

The game was held under the constant suggestions and advice of the coaches from both institutions. No completed passes in a clear field or runs in a clear field were finished for a touchdown, and no score was kept.

The Nichols line proved to be a little slow, and the backfield a little disconnected, but otherwise the team showed remarkable improvement. Little Mike McCann, legs pumping like pistons and head down threateningly, was the feature of the day. He has since distinguished himself in the Northeastern game.

The session was nothing more than an elaborate scrimmage practice, but it did help each club in discovering its loopholes in offense and defense.

MUSICAL PLAY TO BE GIVEN ON CAMPUS

A musical comedy will soon be presented at Nichols under the auspices of the Dramatic Club.

The comedy is one which has been co-authored by Vincent Sorrel and George Appell. Appell sold his interest two years ago to Sorrel, but recently, in partnership with Donald Anderson, purchased the rights to the play for use at Nichols.

The three acts deal with the adventures of a impromptu and dishonest count, who smears his bad ideas all over Europe in pursuit of his truant wife. Gambling rings, nations, armies and night clubs figure in this amusing presentation. The songs were written by Appell and set to music by Sorrel. The cast of characters

Letters to the Editor

THANKS, BROTHER

October 9, 1933

Dear Editor:

My personal opinion of the Budget is that it is a paper well worth the effort which I know you and your associates put into it. However, may I suggest that you change its size from standard tab to long tab?

Your features and columns are exceptionally well-written, and the front page make-up is especially deserving of praise.

A Former Newspaper Man.

We Will

October 3, 1933.

Dear Mr. Appell:

In your notice asking for Letters to the Editor, I received an idea. I think your paper is rotten. The pulp should not be machine stock, but newsprint. The thing is dead, because there are no cuts in it. Take time out for a good paper some time.

A Student.

YES, MA'AM

My dear Mr. Appell:

Allow me to say, in response to your request for criticism, that I think the Budget is a praiseworthy paper.

It certainly is much better than several other college newspapers which I have had occasion to review.

(Signed)

Mrs. H. L. Fripp.

Answers on Your Geography

1. Durham, N. H.
2. Schenectady, N. Y.
3. New Brunswick, N. J.
4. Worcester, Mass.
5. Aberlone, Ohio.
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Initiation Watched By Webster Throng

Flares, Drum Corps, Egg Rolling Contest, Speeches, Singing Feature Glorious Welcome Staged By Seniors For Freshmen Displeasure

Webster and its population were formally introduced to the Nichols on Thursday night, September 26th, as the seniors escorted the class up Main Street and martial music furnished by the Webster Fife and Drum Corps to the steps of the municipal building. The marching first year men was headed by Bill Bauer who carried a large banner announcing "Meet the Nichols Freshmen," while the first year men around the outside carried blazing flares, presenting quite a spectacle.

At the Municipal building various members of the freshman class were obliged to sing and make speeches for their audience of about forty seniors and a crowd of townspeople estimated to be close to 1500.

Parade Starts

The parade which started in front of the Webster-Southbridge Gas and Electric building paraded slowly up through the town, the members of the yearling group with their pant legs rolled up to the calf of the leg, a regulation adopted by the seniors since the opening of the college year.

After the first part of the program had been completed at the Municipal building the "freshies" were commanded to march down to an advantageous location in the center of town where members

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CLASS OF 1937 HOLDS MEETING IN CLUB HOUSE

THALIAN'S SEASON OPENED WITH

OCTOBER 1, 1935

INITIATION

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were picked at random to roll eggs across the Main street with their noses while on their hands and knees. A sprint back to their starting place with yelling seniors at their heels, paddles in hand, marked the conclusion of the initiation.

An anti-climax came later in the evening when several "arrests" were made by the patrolman on beat on lower Main street after a group of freshmen had been instructed to march down the thoroughfare singing. Police who nabbed the group instructed the guilty ones that the permit for public demonstrations had run out at 9:00 P. M.

They were later "bailed" out by sincere seniors who had been with the group when the singing started but who escaped in the "crowd," by some strange coincidence when the patrolman appeared.

The affair was one of the most successful and colorful initiations ever held at Nichols and the first occasion that the new class had been formally introduced to the townspeople.

Lon Kingman and Fred Wacheneimer of last years cast continued in the leads and were supported by Bill Daniels and Jack Fones. Mr. Kingman was the director.

The other play, "The Touch of South is the story of a...

Program For Rotary Club

DINING HALL

Dinner—6:15 P. M.

STUDENT ENTERTAINMENT
IN ACADEMY HALL

Selection, "Check to Check"
—Orchestra

Violin Solo, "Black Eyes"
—Edward Pegnam

Banjo Duo, "East of the Sun,"
—Theodore Hudagn

—Frederick Rathbone

—Orchestra

of Chess"
the Nichols

and "Solitude"
—Orchestra

Held Meeting Last Night

of Webster or last evening a variety program arranged in connection with meeting of the dining hall or meeting here near L. Conrad, legs.

president of the oldest... "Rotary the banquet, the dining Bonte, presi- conducted the r procedure.

the student commenced in ere a varied

program was presented. A string orchestra played the popular selection, "Check to Check," to start the program. Edward Pegnam, a freshman, followed this with a violin solo, "Black Eyes." "East of the Sun" was played by Theodore Hudagn and Frederick Rathbone in a



WEBSTER IS SCENE OF SENIOR AND FRESHMAN INITIATION

Seniors and Freshmen Enjoy Frosh Night

On Monday evening, October 4th, the annual Nichols Freshmen Parade stormed the streets of Webster, led gallantly by the Webster Fife and Drum Corps. Some of the unwilling lower classmen were compelled to give speeches, sing songs, and the like, all to the amusement of the onlooking townspeople. Immediately following the paddling around the auditorium, the Freshmen were taken down the street and forced to do exercises in front of Liggett's. It was at this opportune moment that the town police swooped down upon the frightened Freshmen and captured all but six of them.

Autos Storm Webster

The automobiles to be in the parade assembled in front of the club house on the Nichols Campus. Here a roll call was taken of the Freshman class, and the new-comers, dressed in their pajamas, were herded into the numerous cars and started on their way. As the town of Webster has granted a charter to the Nichols students for the hours of seven to nine P. M., the parade led by a committee car, surged up the Main street and back as far as the bridge; horns of all descriptions, whistles, and sirens going incessantly. Local traffic was congested and remained motionless for a half hour.

The whole Freshman class was lined up on the bridge near the Stevens Linen Co. Four abreast they marched to the Municipal Building, doing the "Goose-Step" in time to the music of the snappy Fife and Drum Corps unit. The townspeople who lined the entire course laughed and cheered the Freshmen as they

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Improvements on The Campus During Summer

The summer months have brought about numerous interior and exterior changes in the buildings on the college campus. Largest of these was the new dining hall replacing the old one which burned last spring. Included among the improvements are: The new library moved from the old building to the large hall in the Academy Building, the new and completely equipped infirmary placed in

GEO. W. MERKLE NEW FINANCE DEPT. HEAD

Business Man and Educator

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went, torches in hand, pants rolled up to the knees, and stepping like Herr Hitler's favorite regiment.

Frosh Supply Amusements

After the Freshman Class had assembled on the Hall steps, the Seniors went to work on them, making them sing and give speeches. This was followed by a bit of paddling which ended in one big rush. Next on the program was the usual counting of the fence pickets around the statue, and here the lower classmen were told to toss one shoe on the inside of the fence. Then they were left to find their own shoe. When most of the shoes were in the hands of their owners, the seniors made their inferiors march down the street and stop in front of Liggett's. Much to their embarrassment they were made to do various exercises, still in their pajamas.

Fifty-Seven Jailed

Before the Freshmen knew what was happening the local police had surrounded them and were leading them to the jail. Only six out of the whole class escaped, and if the police had caught them they would not have been able to handle them; there were only fifty-seven lads cramped in five cells. We understand that several of the boys had quite a time, especially Pedro Rodriguez.

As soon as some of the Freshmen were freed, they were surprised to have the Seniors offer them a ride home, but when they saw they were not being taken towards Nichols they began to think something was up. They were right. Many resented the fact that they would have to walk back; nevertheless, they had to find their way home on the shoe-leather express.

Plans for the approaching season were discussed at the first meeting of the 1937-38 Social Committee.

Under Chairman Montgomery they decided to run seven dances, two of which would take place during the Winter Carnival. These plans make

JUSTINIAN COUNCIL PURPOSE AND RE- QUIREMENTS

The Justinian Society was formed for the purpose of securing more whole hearted cooperation between students, faculty, and other college authorities. It is, to a great degree, a student governing body pri-

interested in the well being of the smooth running of the college. It is not a secret body in the sense of the word but has as its aim is to further the desires, needs, and opinions of the student body. Twenty-five percent of the society may at any time place before the society any plan, or suggestion changing existing rules. Upon the plan's presentment it is automatically passed with two third con-

is year an election was held to elect a vacancy of vice president, and John Johnston was chosen by a majority.

Requirements for election to the society are twenty-five points for freshmen, forty for seniors, after which they are finally elected by a vote of their respective classes.

Activities in which points may be earned are as follows — Major activities, 10 points maximum; Minor activities, 7 points maximum; International Relations, 3 points each semester; Dramatics, 3 points each semester; Glee Club, 3 points each semester; Orchestra, 3 points each semester; Budget, 3 points each semester; Sports, 3 points each semester; Honorary, 1 point each period; High Honorary, 1 point each period; President, 5 points per year; Other activities, 2 points per year.

OFFICERS ELECTED BY CLASS OF '38

William Spilman, Ringer, Ryan and Cole were elected to fill key positions

an overwhelming majority of the William Spilman was hailed to the position of President of the Society at a meeting held last week at the Clubhouse. Immediately the

President-elect assumed duties by conducting the meeting. Bill Ringer was next elected Vice-President, and he in turn was followed by Bob Ryan as the position of Secretary. The important position of Treasurer was given to Les Cole.

There is no question as to the ability

RECORD ON

MR. DANE
MR. SIT

Experienced C
Tennis at

Mr. John A. Dane, Concord, N. H., came of age, at school of that city, followed his studies at the University of New Hampshire, graduating four years later. Mr. Dane returned to Concord as a teacher of History the same high school attended as a teacher in Concord. He assumed the position of the State Reform School, Hampshire, remaining there for several years. Later Mr. Dane returned to Concord as a teacher at the Irvington School, New York. Law, Senior Historian, and, in addition, he is the Junior Athletic Team, and the

At the request of Mr. Dane came to this school has made thus far himself not only as an Assistant Coach

To Organize

Mr. Dane expects to organize a boxing team during the season, and is also planning to organize a tennis team which he is well prepared to view of his previous experience of the tennis team at the New York City championship team of doubles Tennis Championships at Hills. As a coach has not lost a single five years. His coaching team, however, Y.M.C.A. of Concord has delegated a single title

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On Wednesday, Se entire student body

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BARGAINING POWER

This year, for the first time, a consolidation of fees, subscriptions, and other "collections" was introduced to both the freshmen and seniors in a form letter released earlier this month by the Justinian Council.

The Budget heartily endorses the Council's plan to collect the GENERAL ORGANIZATION FEE upon registration of both classes. We feel that the G. O. Fee will result in: 1. Bargaining power and operating funds for the activities represented; 2. Savings to you individually because everyone will contribute together; 3. The elimination of minor collections and appeals; and 4. The means of providing your class with funds to be administered by it.

If any student has not yet paid his G. O. Fee, he should do so at once. The success of your campus activities depends on your fullest support. Remember—the benefits are MUTUAL.

ATTENTION FRESHMEN

Undoubtedly you have been wondering whether Nichols Freshmen are treated in the same manner as all Freshmen throughout the country, whether they are hazed, belittled, and generally recognized as some sort of low animal; and whether they must pass through a period of ridicule and subservience. The answer is a very emphatic "Yes." You are no longer High School "wheels," or Prep School backfield stars, but rather college freshmen.

You all have your beanies, handbooks and tags by now, and it is required that you have them with you at all times. There are Nichols songs and cheers in them; learn them! The Kangaroo Court is looking for freshmen who dare to be seen without these essentials. The "Court" has ways of handling these matters quite satisfactorily, and it is not advisable to go against their wishes.

To those of you who think that they can sing, start oiling up the pipes; and to those who cannot, you had better learn. For you will be accosted by seniors at all hours of the day and at all places within a radius of twenty miles and asked to sing the College Hymn or some other Nichols song.

Although the future may seem comparatively dark at the present time, you still have a spark of hope. The Homecoming Weekend shall decide your destiny; for it is at this time the opportunity arises for you to throw away your beanies and handbooks, and with it your coats of inferiority, and become human beings and Nichols Men. That is of course, if Nichols wins the football game. If not, well who knows what will happen. So when saying your prayers tonight, perhaps you could include pertaining to this forthcoming event.

BUDGET ANNOUNCEMENT

Many of our new (freshmen) readers would like to

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on the rest of the team
 It was agreed that it would
 ter to let those two pos
 go rather than have a
 invalids representing in
 field.

It is rumored that Al
 preparing to swim the
 next year. They called it
 of the Beach Handon," at
 this summer; where he w
 ing as a life guard.

What happened to "Big
 Jesse Voutour campe
 Webster Lake all this
 Said he wanted to be "a
 nature." ? ? ?

Bub Bacon kept up his
 this summer. Was seen
 Lefty" most of the time.

Poor Pease, Hear he's t
 bridge.

George is back with t
 for this year's track team

Pete Smealie brought
 glasses back with him, s
 expecting eye trouble a

Dave Graham, Bill Al
 Hank Tilt are engaged.
 luck boys.

Campus Improvements

While the students we
 engaging in their summer
 ties, the school also busy
 activity. For the Nichol
 ings underwent a thorough
 lifting job.

One of the most no
 changes on the campus
 repair work done on I
 hall; all the rooms were re
 and the pool tables were
 ered. Conant Hall and T. H.
 also renovated and the roo
 a great deal brighter and m
 tractive than they were in
 The circular walk in front
 Academy Building was
 permitting twice as much
 ing space. A new staircase
 installed in the Tavern a
 new touch to the historic
 ing. The Alumni Hall, now
 known as the chow hall to t
 lors, was landscaped crea
 picturesque effect. Not to
 gotten are the changes th
 in Bazzi's; six new
 were installed, the inter
 painted, and a large amo
 new equipment was installe
 fourteen rooms under the
 hall, previously planned f
 use of the kitchen help, w
 fitted for use by the fresh

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

The old familiar sudden
 and tired looks are back ag
 the Nichols scholars once

WALDRON FUND RALLY

Described as the biggest and best football rally ever to take place in Webster, the antics of the Nichols undergraduates were observed by thousands along the main street of the town on October 13th, prior to the Nichols-Mass. State Aggies football game, the proceeds of which were donated to the Waldron Educational Fund, founded by the townspeople of Webster and Dudley to provide for the education of the children of Jim Waldron '33, a Websterite who gave his life in attempting the rescue of another this summer in a swimming tragedy on Cape Cod.

Four bands were included among the marchers including the Nichols Band, the Fife and Drum Corps, the Sons of Italy Bugle and Drum Corps, and the 20th Century Drum Corps.

George Sellig, Superintendent of Schools in Webster, acted as Master of Ceremonies, and the Speakers included *Frank P. Crotty*, state editor of the *Worcester Telegram and Gazette*; *Al Banks*, noted cartoonist; *Tom Cory*, *Telegram and Gazette* sports columnist, *Nichols President Conrad*, *Coach Hal Chalmers*, and Nichols Football Captain *Jim McCullen*.

Adding to the color of the affair Nichols students marched in state and country delegations, each carried signs or banners declaring their origin.

Prior to the rally Superintendent Sellig and Coach Chalmers were guest speakers of *Johany Ambrose* on his "Speaking of Sports" program over Worcester radio Station WTAG.

KANGAROO KOURT KEELHAULS FROSH KIBITZERS

The annual antics of Frosh Week at Dudley were highlighted by the introduction of a kangaroo kourt which was complete even to defense attorneys who apparently could speak Spanish only. The jury was non-biased in the relationships of Seniors and Freshmen, and as a result the sentences were really practical; for examples, all eleven freshmen tried were found "GUILTY" and the sentences meted out by the kourt included placing toilet tissue at intervals of six inches (spot-checked for measurement by enforcing seniors) from the infirmary to the post office; racing two wheelbarrows full of books from Budleigh to the post office and return; and heart-tearing renderings of the college's marching song and Alma Mater.

RIFLE CLUB RECEIVES CHARTER

The Nichols College Rifle Club received its charter from the National Rifle Association this summer, and work has now begun on the construction of a rifle range behind Budleigh Hall. The Club has received approval of the Dudley police for fall rifle practice.

YACHT CLUB TO RECEIVE NEW BOATS

Two new boats for the growing Nichols Yacht Club are in the offing according to latest information from the Hill. This will be of material aid to the growing club which has many new members from among the freshman

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*Faculty Advisor, William R. Winsor***HAZING**

One school year ends, but there is always another. As farsighted individuals, we look forward to next year at Nichols. The beginning of school in the fall marks the start of a new clean slate. We who are returning, can write on that slate what we wish.

Much has been said and written about the general school spirit of Nichols over the past year. Much improvement has been made in this direction, and that is a grand tribute to the students who have worked for, and brought about, this increase in "esprit de corps." However, the field is unlimited. There is always room for more leaders who can spur the sports, activities, and social functions to even higher levels of activity.

Consider the subject of freshman hazing. There is definitely a purpose and advantage to organized, harmless, constructive hazing of underclassmen by the seniors. This practice not only organizes, acquaints, and generates spirit among those who are being hazed, but it has exactly the same effect upon those who are doing the hazing as well.

When under a common threat, men naturally tend to draw closer together. Thus, we have the effect of freshmen getting to know other freshmen more quickly, seniors getting still better acquainted with seniors, and, above all, more seniors meeting more freshmen. In addition to these advantages, the practice points out those few men who "can't take it," those who are either completely overcome or those who feel that "such kid stuff" is beneath them. They are the ones who will need special help.

So we see that hazing does have its constructive purpose. Why, then, not work for it? A successful hazing program can only be put over with the complete cooperation of all upperclassmen. With a class such as the one of 1952, a group that has already shown so much interest in spirit, the job is bound to be an easy and enjoyable one.

INTERCLASS COMPETITION

We have been approached on what we believe is an ex-

LAFF A LI

In the lounge of "T" following was overheard:

Joe: I'll find out what y about history. Who were t tans?

Moe: Huh?

Joe: Who were the P Who were the people w punished in stocks?

Moe: The small investo

A young man and his y sitting home alone when th rang. Upon answering a : look came to his face and ' hell would I know, why d call the Coast Guard?" cas lips.

Upon hanging up his wi "Who was that, dear?"

The husband said, "I the faintest idea. Some y wanted to know if the c clear."

The old Professor cle throat in the midst of a ination period and remar?

CAMPUS I**ROG CASAVAN**

This week's campus p hails from Gardner. ? sets where he was born

At Gardner High this quite an athlete, havir on the football, basketb and trampoline squads. est thrill in high scho beating Leominster by



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123 FRESHMEN ARRIVE; CLASS SPIRIT HIGH

K. K. COURT CLIMAXES HAZING

On September 14, approximately 125 freshmen passed through the welcoming doors of Nichols Junior College. On hand to greet the new students were members of the Justinian Council, who assisted the freshmen in getting situated in their rooms and in locating the various buildings on campus.

As the registrants arrived, they were given the traditional Black and Green "beanies" to wear, signifying their lowly state, and a name plate to be worn to help everybody get acquainted. Thus, the parade of the beanies started and will be continued until after the close of the football season.

The following few days, before the main student body arrived, were spent by the frosh in taking the various tests given by the academic and psychology departments.

Their free moments were spent in general orientation and watching the football team in pre-season practice.

Immediately upon their arrival the seniors took over the education of the freshmen and let them know just how low their positions were. Songs broke out all over campus and the teachers put stoppers in their ears; shoes began to look shiny once more; beds were made with hospital corners; and the freshmen began to look for hiding places.

Some of the dormitories had small initiation parties for their own private amusement. T-Hall for instance, under the generalship of Jim Barrett, held a "new-comers night", in which 18 frosh lined up attired in pajamas. One or two were seen on the football



K. K. COURT IN SESSION

FOUR SENIORS NAMED TO JUSTINIAN COUNCIL

KNAPP, HOLDEN, MORSE AND VONICK ELECTED OCT. 9

At his time of the year it is the custom of the Justinian Council here at Nichols to elect new members to the Council. After convocation on Oct. 9, four new members were "tapped" by Justinian members Bob Root, Clem Dowling, and Fran Lemay.

The first to be elected was Norman Knapp, who hails from Poultney, Vermont. Norm went to Kimball Union Academy before coming to Nichols, where he participated in all sports. He was also a member of the ski team, which did most of their skiing in the Green Mountains. Norm's favorite sports were football and lacrosse.

Here at Nichols Norm is a member of the Dramatic Club and can

Nineteen year old Eddie Morse was from Rochester, New Hampshire, a stalwart on the football team last year and played Junior basketball. As for activities, he was secretary of the Yearbook and worked on circulation on the Bison. Both last year and this year, Eddie has been employed in the kitchen in his spare time.

"Chick" Vonick is from Scarsdale, New York. As freshman class treasurer he took the place of Clem Dowling, who was elected to the Council. In his freshman year he achieved high honors. He wrote up sports for the Bison and the Ledger and became a member of the Social Committee towards the end of the year. He has also worked on the Loaning Fund, the

HOMECOMING DANCE, HIGHLIGHT

Once again Nichols' traditional pride in rolling a "welcome mat" to the who are never forgotten Hill. "Homecoming!" the year when old a gather to hash over and joys that experienced during their co Nichols.

President James designated October 21 set aside for this year's "ing".

At 1:00 p.m., Co Douglas' soccer team host to the Alumni, p.m. Coach Hal Ch ball team tackles a bridge eleven.

Ted Hubert, Social Chairman, has an open house will take place immediately after the athletic contests. It has also set the scene for a formal dance which at the gym at 8:00 p

TWO NEW FAC MEMBERS AT I

Nichols welcomes this semester two new faculty members to the Messrs. Drew O'Neil and H. Hancock. The of the faculty at Nichols they combine years and both commercial and national backgrounds.

Mr. O'Neil comes from a diversified career in private industry, governmental work, taught Economics at university, heading there from 1926 to 1931. He has also been

...place to be worth to keep everybody get acquainted. Thus, the parade of the beanies started and will be continued until after the close of the football season.

The following few days, before the main student body arrived, were spent by the frosh in taking the various tests given by the academic and psychology departments.

Their free moments were spent in general orientation and watching the football team in pre-season practice.

Immediately upon their arrival the seniors took over the education of the freshmen and let them know how their positions were. Songs broke out all over campus and the teachers put stoppers in their ears; shoes began to look shiny once more; beds were made with hospital corners; and the freshmen began to look for hiding places.

Some of the dormitories had small initiation parties for their own private amusement. T-Hall for instance, under the generalship of Jim Barrett, held a "new-comers night", in which 18 frosh lined up attired in pajamas. One or two were seen on the football field counting and picking an enumerable amount of grass. The residents (not dressed in pajamas) and spectators enjoyed the evening's antics very much.

The Tavern Annex, under the leadership of Bill Davis, seemed to be content in just having their beds made, shoes shined, and floors swept every day.

Merrill Hall's charges, ably led by "wise old" Jacques, traveled about the campus one night singing. The seniors said that it was because of their happiness at being able to live in Merrill. The choraleers made several stops on their jaunt about Dudley Hill. They held up in front of Budleigh Hall to sing to Jim Irish and Miss Alton. The group then proceeded to T-Hall to pay tribute to Jim Barrett and then to the Tavern Annex to recognize Bill Davis. When rain began to fall, the men were herded back to Merrill and their homework.

The highlight of the hazing procedure was the occurrence of the Kangaroo Kourt. A body of officials were designated to mete out a dubious sort of punishment to those frosh who foolishly incurred the wrath of their "superiors." Several novel sentences were handed down by the justices and bailiffs in the form of "Vigilantes". These individuals led the poor unfortunate students to the

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K. K. COURT IN SESSION

FOUR SENIORS NAMED TO JUSTINIAN COUNCIL

KNAPP, HOLDEN, MORSE AND VONICK ELECTED OCT. 9

At his time of the year it is the custom of the Justinian Council here at Nichols to elect new members to the Council. After convocation on Oct. 9, four new members were "tapped" by Justinian members Bob Root, Clem Dowling, and Fran Lemay.

The first to be elected was Norman Knapp, who hails from Pointneey, Vermont. Norm went to Kimball Union Academy before coming to Nichols, where he participated in all sports. He was also a member of the ski team, which did most of their skiing in the Green Mountains. Norm's favorite sports were football and lacrosse.

Here at Nichols Norm is a member of the Dramatic Club and can be best remembered in the role of Detective Callahan in "Detective Story."

Dick Holden, the second new member, comes from Edgewood, Rhode Island, where he attended Moses Brown School.

Last year Dick was very active on the Bison staff as Managing Editor.

Dick is 22 years old this year and is expected to turn in a good job as one of the four new members.

The third new member hails

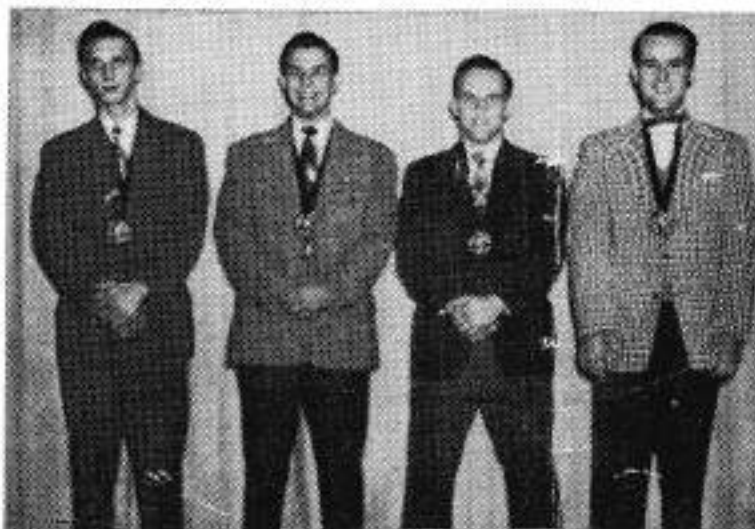
Nineteen year old Eddie Morse was from Rochester, New Hampshire, a stalwart on the football team last year and played Junior basketball. As for activities, he was secretary of the Yearbook and worked on circulation on the Bison. Both last year and this year, Eddie has been employed in the kitchen in his spare time.

"Chick" Vonick is from Scarsdale, New York. As freshman class treasurer he took the place of Clem Dowling, who was elected to the Council. In his freshman year he achieved high honors. He wrote up sports for the Bison and the Ledger and became a member of the Social Committee towards the end of the year. He has also worked on the Loaning Fund, the "N" Club, and was on the varsity basketball team. He is proctor of Budleigh Dormitory. "Chick" is one of the better accounting students and should be able to help with the accounts of the Council.

The Council now has a membership of eight men and there is a possible maximum of twelve. It is hoped that the eight now in position will be able to carry out successfully the activities of the Justinian Society.

The Bison welcomes and wishes luck to the new members of the Council.

NEW JUSTINIANS



Left to right: Frederick Vonick, Norman Knapp, Edward Morse, Richard Holden.

At 1:00 p.m., Coach Douglas' soccer team host to the Alumni, and p.m. Coach Hal Chalm ball team tackles a stro bridge eleven.

Ted Hubert, Social C Chairman, has announce open house will take place immediately after the athletic contests. The C has also set the scene for formal dance which will at the gym at 8:00 p.m.

TWO NEW FACULTY MEMBERS AT NICHOLS

Nichols welcomes to its semester two new faculty the Messrs. Drew O'Neil and Drew Hancock. They are of the faculty at Nichols they combine years of experience and both commercial and liberal backgrounds.

Mr. O'Neil comes to Nichols after a diversified career in private industry, teaching governmental work. He taught Economics at Bowdoin University, heading the department there from 1926 to 1931. O'Neil has also taught at (Mass.) Jr. College. During war he served his country as chief Examining Analyst in Industrial Utilization Division, Civil Service Commission, and Metals Section, Reconstruction Corporation, Boston. He is a member of several arm and advisory boards.

Mr. Hancock graduated from Nichols in 1928. (Continued on Page Four)

E.R.C. UNIT HERE RECEIVES AWARD

At a special ceremony on Oct. 31, two reserve units at Nichols received plaques for standing achievement.

The presentations were made to the commanding officer of the 376th Regiment and the 94th Inf.

General Ralph Palfrey, Boston, Commanding General, was the guest speaker. He complimented the men of the unit on their splendid performance last year at Camp Drum. Gen. Palfrey spoke briefly of the unit's performance and emphasized the many advantages of being attached to the reserves.

After the presentation was made, all new members were inducted into the E.R.C. by General Palfrey.

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d in the brokerage business specializing in the sale of municipal bonds. Finding his income unsatisfactory, he entered the insurance business in 1930 and became president of the firm bearing his name, The H. Bartlett Insurance Agency. Bartlett is the capable instructor of the courses in Real Estate Insurance, two of the activities.

Mr. Bartlett, attended Gardner College. Mr. Bartlett attributes much of his success to his family. They have two sons and five grandchildren and he is very proud. He sincerely hopes that the future years here at Nichols will contain as much joy and success as in past years.

Win One; Lose One; Season's Start

(Continued From Page Three) The red one of his two T.D.'s scored a yard reverse play. After the other eleven had stopped the game in the first period, it seemed that after the first new team had sprouted the many crimson uni-

forms of Harvard. Other T.D.s for Harvard were scored with a 30 yard off tackle play by Murphy, who again scored later, and a pass from Greeley to Fenney, which covered 20 yards for a tally.

The Dudley men, never giving up the fight, played good ball against the overwhelming odds.

JAYVEES WIN FIRST SOCCER GAME

The Nichols Jayvees Soccer Team traveled to Worcester on Oct. 11 where they defeated Worcester Academy, 5-3.

The Bisons came from behind to win after trailing 2-0 at the end of the first period.

They scored twice in the second period, twice in the third, and the final tally came in the last period.

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123 Freshmen Arrive; Class Spirit High

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bar of justice where their fate was heard. Witnesses were allowed and were summoned. They were also punished in the same manner as the defendants, regardless of what they had to say.

In the following days, after the session of the Court, there could be seen assortments of freshmen going about with their clothes wrong side out and other such simple fooleries. Several men, however, were dressed and looked so much like young ladies of the world that for a moment ties were straightened and eyes were opened.

Even though there was mixed feeling throughout the college as to the sense and purposes of hazing, it must be admitted that a few of the antics aroused laughter from all. Good luck, freshmen, and mind you well the lesson taught by the fellows who have been around just one year longer. You, too, will have your chance next fall.

Two New Faculty Members at Nichols

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Georgetown University in 1946, majoring in accounting. Subsequent to this, he studied law at that school and at the University of Connecticut. Mr. Hancock's experience in private industry includes two years in the office of a Certified Public Accountant. He taught previously at Bryant College in Providence for four years. During the war Mr. Hancock worked at National Headquarters, American Red Cross, in Washington, in an accounting capacity as Foreign War Auditor.

The students join the faculty in wishing our new faculty members a pleasant stay here at Nichols Jr. College.

Kollios, Morse, Davis On Injured List

The football team suffered severe blows early in the season as three members suffered injuries. George Kollios, stellar lineman, fractured his collarbone; Eddie Morse, a standout lineman, hurt his knee; and Bill Davis, speedy back, suffered a knee injury in the Northeastern game.

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CRIME AND PUNISHMENT**KANGAROO KOURT PASSES
VERDICT ON 12 FRESHMEN**

There were twelve boys of the class of 1958 who didn't abide by the rules and regulations established by the present senior class. These culprits were selected to attend a Kangaroo Kourt on Thurs. front of the Kangaroo Kourt. The "selected ones" marched from Alumni Hall, led by the seniors, to the gymnasium where they remained for about a half-hour blindfolded and tied to gym lockers. While suffering, trembling, and fearing what might happen to them, sounds of horns, drums, hollering and screaming were heard in order to frighten them as much as possible.

In order to continue with the judicial proceedings, the twelve were brought up one by one in front of the Kangaroo Court. The majority addressed the jury very politely when spoken to and spoke only when it was found advisable.

At the court, each defendant was given several bits of chocolate and a cold meal consisting of uncooked pea soup, cold hot dogs,

milk mixed with Cuban cigarettes and cold canned prunes to devour as quickly as he possibly could.

Unfortunately a few boys were slightly rude to the judge and jury and naturally they received a double treatment of the evening's merriment. One freshman found it quite humorous to set off firecrackers while the court was in session. Naturally one might surmise what happened to him, and it did.

In addition to eating such a delightful repast, ketchup, soup and milk were rubbed into a few boys' heads giving them an external stimulant as well as an internal one. For safety's sake a pail had been placed on one side of the gym if such usage became necessary.

Those seniors fortunate enough to have attended the court's proceedings wore white hoods and robes. To maintain order, each senior carried a club.

The physical properties of the court consisted of a judge's stand

and jury box. Candles were placed on the judge's stand.

After being freed from the Kangaroo Kourt, most of the boys walked right into the showers with their clothes on.

The boys of the freshman class who were polite and obedient probably won't be bothered by the seniors again. However, those freshman who didn't satisfy the jury and who weren't polite undoubtedly still will have a penalty or two hanging over their heads.



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SENIORS EMERGE VICTORIOUS AND DRY IN ROPE PULL

Recently the 1954 edition of that all familiar saying, "Don't get your feet wet and become a drip," came into reality as the freshmen and the Seniors battled each other in the rope pull.

The outcome of the rope pull would determine whether or not the orientation program would be continued. If the Freshmen were victorious they would be allowed to discontinue with the orientation program. If the Seniors won, the orientation program would continue to Thanksgiving.

The Seniors were victorious winning two out of the three attempts to drag the Freshmen in the water. The Seniors all being rocks out-manuevered and outdrenched the Freshmen swimming in the pond it did the Seniors heart, good.

Out of the goodness of the Seniors heart, they allowed the Freshmen to discontinue with the orientation program.

The Freshmen class were very good sports during the incident and should be congratulated for their wonderful display of sportsmanship.

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ORIENTATION PROGRAM

The successful promotion of the Freshman Orientation Program was one of the Justinian Council's major objectives at the beginning of the year. The Council first drew up tentative rules which were repeatedly gone over. When it was satisfied with the results, it submitted the completed copy to the administration for final approval. Upon receiving approval, the Council elected the marshals, and the program went into effect. The efforts of the marshals and the co-operation of the Seniors and Freshmen have since made us feel that great strides have been made towards making this program a traditional part of Nichols' College life.

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RETURN FOR SIXTH HOMECOMING

9th marked this year's homecoming. Registration in the club house where ar back as the class of their John Hancocks. preparation on behalf ent body was exhibit. itory decorations which feeling of "Welcome

all had a Nichols foot- that overlooked a cof- stood over a Northeast. A sign beside the cof- Here lies the remaini- skies." Extending from Daniels Hall was a sign Boost Nichols." The pl- ills porch were decorat- en and black crepe paper. all displayed an operat- iving Dr. Quincy Mer- ning an operation on a ural "cartoon characters" g the Nichols footbal- tion, portrayed Conant ibration to homecoming.

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COLLEGE LIFE BEGINS WITH FRESHMAN ORIENTATION

By DOUGLAS MACE

Orientation is now a thing of the past. It might be interesting to summarize the events which the freshman class so courageously endured. Injected in the following summary are various opinions of individual freshmen on specific phases of the orientation program. It might be mentioned that the consensus of opinion throughout the student body, was that better preparation by the orientation committee would have made the program more successful.

When the freshmen arrived at Nichols, they were commanded to wear a petite garment referred to as a "beanie." Theoretically, the beanie is intended to single out the freshman and reduce him to his "lowly status." When asked what one thought of the beanie, one freshman replied: "It messes my hair and makes me look like Pinky Lee." This attitude of indifference was displayed by the freshmen, when many of them didn't bother to wear their beanies.

Then the freshmen were compelled to participate in group singing that was held by the seniors. Their melodious repertoire, which included "On To Victory" was a must to all freshmen.

The "duck walk" was regarded by most of the freshmen as a pain. A telephone pole in front of the dining hall had relative importance to the distaste of orientation by the freshman class.

One event which the freshmen seemed to enjoy, was moving a broken old wagon up the hill behind Budleigh to grounds by Alumni Hall. Both freshmen and seniors worked together and they all had a good time.

Activities on the football field which included cutting grass with scissors, picking up papers and various exercises, probably annoyed freshmen the most. One particular freshman had an excuse every day for not being able to participate in the orientation program. These excuses varied from stomach aches to important telephone calls that he had to make. Most of the freshman class survived these ordeals behind the eminent leadership of "Doberman."

All of the freshmen were irritated by having to wear their clothes, from B.V.D.'s to their Nichols chapeaus—inside out. Aside from it

being annoying, it made them feel ridiculous.

The miscellaneous details which many of the freshmen were assigned too, were accepted and fulfilled with little difficulty. These details included shining shoes, cleaning rooms, making beds, and washing cars. Several freshmen, in particular, deserve a lot of credit for doing a meritorious job as the "valet de chambre" de Alumni Hall.

On Monday, September 30, the freshmen attempted to end orientation which had already been in session for two weeks. The annual rope pull, a contest between the freshmen and seniors, was held in the "cow pasture." It was decisively won by the seniors, as they had their end of the rope staked to the ground. With courageous exhibits of olympian strength, the lowly freshman team was overpowered.

Since the freshmen lost the rope pull, orientation continued for another week. "Kangaroo Kort" was held the night of October 2. It is the tradition that only a limited number of "privileged freshmen" were allowed to attend. And, only the orientation committee and the Justinian Council, were the only people admitted from the senior class. Those freshmen that were admitted, in many instances, were deserving of the punishment that was given to them. (Isn't that correct men?)

Generally, most of the freshmen felt that orientation was an unnecessary waste of time. If there was a worthwhile purpose or objective to be retained, they failed to realize it.

Now that orientation is a thing of the past, the inclination to forget it is exemplified by the freshman desire to destroy all beanies.

When it becomes time for the prospective senior class of 1959 to head the orientation program, they will likely remember the orientation program of 1958, and memories of the men in the class of '58 will linger with them always.

The students and faculty of Nichols College extend their deepest sympathy to the family of the late, Arthur Hope.

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Class Officers Club Meets

The first meeting of the Nichols College Class Officers Club was held on Thursday, November 8, following in the tradition of last year when the club was organized and senior class officers were made officers in the club.

Charles Howe, president of the junior class, told the new officers and faculty representatives of the goals of the club. It was formulated last year to help "coordinate the activities of all the classes; promote a spirit of loyalty to the school . . . and to assure the rights of the student body and the individual student, and to work for the general welfare of Nichols College."

The club's main objective this year is to stimulate a feeling of competition between the four classes. Although no plans were formulated at this first organizational meeting, it is hoped that anyone having ideas or proposals or ways to stimulate this feeling of competition will see their class residents.

The club last year was responsible for the organization and development of the Work Day Program. This program was instituted to do various jobs around the campus for the general improvement of the physical aspects of the school. Projects such as grass planting around the new dormitories, exterior painting and general clean-up around the dorms were adopted and completed. The officers this year hope to find new additions that will improve the college and the general spirit for a college.

all Weekend

The Fall Weekend got underway with a jazz and swing session with the music being provided by Mike Gilroy's band. The "twist" seemed to be in popular demand. The next afternoon the Fresh-

JUSTINIANS HOLD COURT TRIBUNAL



A tribunal sponsored by the Justinian Council of Nichols College was held on November 20, 1961 for all those freshmen who violated orientation rules during the early Fall. Violations were recorded on a slip of paper by the sophomores and turned into the council. All the cases seemed to be lost even before the guilty freshmen entered the courtroom.

The Justinians did a splendid job in organizing and conducting the tribunal, but a more serious attitude could have been demanded by the council from the anxious courtroom audience. The defendants could not help but take a nonchalant attitude towards the court. However, the administrative positions of the three judges was remarkable. Their austere attitude added greatly to the whole procedure.

The control of the audience is a point which could be bettered next year. The sentences placed upon the guilty freshmen were ludicrous. Wearing diapers to class, collecting cigarette butts on a ten foot wire and serenading Miss Alton in her abode were three of the more hilarious judgments passed.

The success of the tribunal was achieved only through the efforts of The Justinian Council. They are deserving of many congratulations. Being a very necessary part of college life, the tribunal will be even more successful in the future with the cooperation of the audience.

Campus Snaps



Clarification Of School Bus Law

General Laws Chapter 90 Section 14 permitted a motorist to pass a stopped school bus after bringing his vehicle to a full stop immediately before passing, and then passing the "school bus" at a speed not in excess of ten miles per hour.

This law has been amended by Chapter 274, Laws of 1961, to read



NEW FACULTY



The editors and staff of the Bison would like to extend their welcome to the eight new members of the faculty. We wish them enjoyable and successful years of teaching at Nichols.

Five of these men will fill faculty vacancies. Two additional new hires will be in the field of physical education and a new

stopped the stage coach that comes through Dudley every half and full moon from stopping at the Black Tavern. Their liquor license was revoked for serving adults. This was all brought on when a group of Brownie Den Mothers were coming back from a regional convention in Connecticut and had the stagecoach driver stop at the Tavern for refreshments. There is, though, a foreseeable end to the Freshman dilemma. The Tug-of-War between the Frosh and the Sophs, if won by the Freshmen will end their indoctrination. But if they don't...

TURKEY TIME
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Turkey Time Again

FIRST WEEK

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ALL CAPACITY SCHOOL OPENS 1963-64 ACADEMIC YEAR WITH RECORD 602 STUDENTS

The 1963-64 academic year of Nichols College of Business Administration began with a record enrollment of 602, including 100 freshmen.

Dr. M. Owen, Dean of the college, said the college will be "at capacity" and added that the addition of five new staff members will enable the college to maintain a ratio of a desirable 1:10 of instructors to students.

In the School of Forestry, 100 freshmen are enrolled in the 1963-64 year school under the leadership of Dr. Paul White. The Forestry 1960 year division has 70 men enrolled.

Present at Nichols in 1963 are 132 juniors, 162 sophomores and 100 freshmen. The freshmen class completed the college last year's orientation program this morning. The freshmen check in to the completion of the newest dormitory recently and the completion of the education building. The institution now has 31 buildings on campus. Construction of a new dormitory, adjacent to the education plant is expected in the near future.

Fire Department In Anniversary Celebration

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Remember, competition for grad school is severe and by waiting you may miss your chance. If you have been thinking of going, stop thinking and start acting. Time is of the essence!

and we have more new ideas to try this year, plus some continuations from last year. Our main project for the present is the completion of the student bar, to be located under the new auditorium. We hope to have this new facility in operation by Homecoming Weekend. Whether we meet this deadline or not is entirely dependent on the student participation in preparing this area. We have received much assistance from the school on this project, but the actual construction is up to the student body. Contributions to cover the expenses of this project are being accepted by Mayor Hills, or anyone on the council. When the bar is completed, a plaque will be hung in it naming all those who contributed \$2.00 or more. You will want to use this when it is completed, so give a little help to speed up its completion.

Plans are already in full swing for Homecoming Weekend. A Friday night bonfire and rally are on schedule, and a dorm float parade, and Homecoming Queen are also planned.

The Mayor's Council wishes to extend a belated welcome to all new faculty and students at Nichols. We hope to get to know all of you. If you have any suggestions or questions for us, please feel free to express them.

A special word to all freshmen and transfer students: You are entering Nichols at a key period in its life. Growth and improvement in academics, activities, and facilities have been tremendous over the past few years, and this has been especially noticed and

have been here for the past three or four years. Our request to you is this: do all you can for Nichols. Act and behave in a way that will give Nichols a good name. Let people know that you are proud of your school. While on campus, help it to project a good image for Nichols. Don't throw trash everywhere. Keep your dorm looking as clean as possible.

But, by all means, have a good time. Make the most of your four years here. Join some clubs, support our teams, and attend our weekends. You will find that we have much to offer you, not only in education, but also in extra-curricular activities. If you just leave your room for meals and classes, or if you just drive here for classes and return home after they're over, you'll probably know as many people in your sen-
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ORIENTATION REVIEWED

by
Jim Bender & Tom Cardin
The Class of '71, spearheaded by Jack Cheney, left this year's Frosh with only one consolation, "Wait till next year!"
As Commander-in-Chief, Jack led his band of vigilantes into a surprise upset in the first leg of this year's orientation activity, "Capture the Flag." The freshmen gladiators fell before a home town crowd of an estimated 250 blood thirsty fans, by the score of 20-5. Although defeated, they were still not dejected.

Feeling the agony of failure, the young Frosh had to encounter more humiliation in event number two, "The Pie Eating Contest." Up for the occasion, the "Turkeys" devoured pies of apple, lemon, pineapple, mince, and blueberry which left a mark of distinction on many a chubby fellows face. In other words the team with the most pigs won and were dismissed from any further participation.

With still the final and most important event ahead, the Frosh realized that it was either do or die. While the NCFD lead the way toward Hayden Pond, sweat beads formed on every freshmans wrinkled forehead. Ha! Confident and determined, the Frosh didn't want to fall prey to another one of Cheney's masquerades. The Freshmen rallied with the help of a well positioned tractor and defeated the Sophomores at Hayden Pond, now known as "Cheney's Last Stand." Victory is sweet, ask any freshman.

Sam Holds Annual Smoker

On Wednesday night, October 2nd, at 7:00 p.m. the Society for Advancement of Management held its second annual smoker to introduce the club and its objectives to potential new members. The turnout was, as expected, very large. Before the meeting began various literature was passed out to those in attendance to give them an idea of exactly what the society was and what it would like to accomplish. The meeting then began and the officers reviewed the pamphlets and answered any questions that arose.

A. M. would have another productive year.



Prof. Donald Weidman
S.A.M. Faculty Advisor

Main points of discussion were plans for activities of the coming year including speakers and field trips. Last year's activities and industrial conference were also mentioned. Size of membership and dues were discussed but final decisions were postponed to a later date. When questioned after the meeting the officers expressed confident opinions that S.

HERE'S JOHNNY

by John Palazzo

Here we are back at Nichols College or formerly known as where the bull is. This year you'll be listening to the comedy of John Palazzo. Anyone not liking the articles being published may submit comments to Dr. Cross. I'll go in at 4:30 and pick them up off the floor. This year the column will center around all campus life, jokes and cutting down of people and places.

I presume everyone had a great summer and did the same old thing, and some of us learned some new things. By now the freshmen have hit all the high spots and some of the low ones. Your impression of the outer surroundings won't change because the town hasn't change in 100 years. For the residents of Webster I have a news flash "LINDBERG MADE IT". For freshmen the stagecoach leaves for Boston every three hours from the Main Lunch depot. For you upper classmen many of your old friends are still here if you look around. To name a few there are the following: Bee Bee "the bouncer" of PNA, Tony "fried bologna" of Victory Diner who played out her option with Main Dump, and Miss Pepsodent Smile our friend at the P.O. who was Miss Personality in high school.

Last but not least the "loop" downtown is still open and some new rags are on the prowl for a real man, "Don't get caught." If you do, don't pay no more than 50¢. I couldn't wait for the first dish of roast beef. (I should have waited another year). I still say the cafeteria squad cooked for the V.C. in the summer. For the four trailblazers of Budleigh, next time bring a tent to sleep under the bridge and leave Karney home—he cries out loud. For you other three, doctor's appointments will begin Monday and run for one year.

For the people who weren't at Waterfront Mary's two weeks ago Saturday, you missed "Bubbles Camiolo". He did the best strip you have ever seen. So good he'll be appearing regularly at Mac & Mary's, show time 8 o'clock sharp. He's also available for dorm Christmas parties and weddings. Any phone calls for Everett Mills he's at the library.

HONOR SEMINAR PROGRAM

by Stephen Buckley

On September 13 Nichols College instituted a new program for Honor Students. The program, quite appropriately designated as the Honors Seminar will certainly present a challenge to eligible members of the Senior Class. The Seminar is open to Senior students who have maintained a cumulative average of at least 3.0 and show a willingness to indulge themselves in hard work. Each student's project will be in the form of a thesis, thus requiring the utmost in planning and concentration on the particular subject matter chosen.

The contents of the Seminar will center around individual dissertations which will be due at the end of each semester. The Honor students will be graded on combined oral and written presentation and student participation in and attendance at Seminar meetings. The weekly meetings will be directed by Dr. P. H. Ragan who will also counsel Seminar members during the week. At the present time Dr. Ragan's main concern is topic selection since the student's ability to finish his thesis on time will depend upon careful selection now.

I spoke with Dr. Ragan recently and he was very encouraged and enthused about the program. He also mentioned the fact that after completion the theses will be published and thereafter be available at the Nichols College Library. Ok.

WHAT ARE YOU DOING FROSH?

by CHUCK MULCUNRY

The Summer has ended and as the upperclassmen turn to school for another grueling year, they will be confronted by the new group of wide-eyed freshman. Every coming class is much the same as the year before — confused, lonely and some even frightened. The rest of this article will be directed toward the class of '74 in trying to help them through their first weeks on "the hill."

Nichols does not have any formal hazing which is sanctioned by the college. There is, however, a program of mild harassment sponsored by the sophomore class which is called "orientation". The festivities last for one week and the activities range from a pie-eating contest to a slave sale. All the profits from the slave sale, by the way, are used by the Mayor's Council for the social events of the year. In general, the whole week is very humiliating for the freshman but then, this is the purpose of the program. It is felt that this is the only way for three-hundred boys to become acquainted and unified as a class. Just take all of the harassment as a joke and you will survive the week.

Academics is the reason you came to Nichols and this has to be the hardest part of the adjustment from high school. College work is very difficult and can only be surmounted by a steady application of studying. A certain amount of time, depending upon the student, should be allowed each subject daily. If this is done, a respectable average will surely be attained. Each professor has his own idea concerning the number of unexcused absences per student. Any number of "cuts" over this usually results in a penalty in the quality points of the student involved. One vitally important point is office hours. Each professor's office hours are posted and should be used if individual help is needed. Continued use of these help sessions usually assists the professor when grade time nears. The first semester is usually the worst for freshman so do not be alarmed at a poor first quarter grade because time for adjustment is needed. And by the way, the library is the best place to study when the dorm is too noisy.

The Social life for freshman is not extremely good at Nichols, although our student government is working hard to change this. Many of the college's social functions are centered off-campus, out of the reach of the stranded frosh. However, there are three big weekends on campus which you are strongly urged to attend. These

WIVES CLUB NEWS

The Wives Club at Nichols just beginning its fourth year. A number of married students have grown considerably, and the group makes up a good portion of the school. The club offers a chair for the wives to get to know each other and participate in various activities within the college community.

The new officers for this year are: Holly Marconi, President; Phyllis Lincoln, Vice-President; Laurie Damon, Secretary-Treasurer.

The first meeting of the year is the annual Welcome Tea which was held on Tuesday evening, October 6 in the Black Tavern. Plans for the first semester were discussed and plans were made for the various programs.

On Tuesday, October 20, Phyllis Lincoln, a Lamaze instructor at Cambridge City Hospital, will be coming to speak to the wives at the Senior Dining Hall. She will discuss the history of the Lamaze method and the way it is presently practiced in the United States. There will also be a film entitled "Not Me Alone", depicting a couple's Lamaze preparation for labor and delivery.

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1804 by Captain Hezekiah Healy and served as a halfway house on the Boston-Hartford Post Road. In front of the Tavern was the Tavern sign suspended from two large posts. The posts were just wide enough for a carriage to pass thru into the yard. A popular test of sobriety was to drive a carriage and team horses thru at full speed. A steady hand and clear head could clear the posts, but many an axle or wheel hub hit a post, piling the driver and carriage into the yard.

By 1968 Saturday classes were a thing of the past. So was the requirement of wearing jackets and ties to class. However, in 1968, jackets, ties and dress slacks were still required at dinner. Freshmen endured a week of "hazing", administered by the sophomore class. Each day competitions were held with the purpose of forcing the freshmen to "bond" together. Events included flag football, a rope pull and relay races across the football field. In the relay races, freshmen were divided into teams, then forced to race from end zone to end zone. At each end zone they were forced to eat a pie and do push-ups (vomiting was common). The winning team in each competition was exempt from further hazing. In 1968, my freshman year, the rope pull was held at Estabrooks Farm. The rope was extended across the pond with the freshmen on one shore and the sophomores on the other shore. The Woodsmen Team practiced at Estabrooks Farm at this time. As a member of the team, I had met Mr. Estabrook and so enlisted his assistance. We ran our end of the rope behind his house and attached it to his tractor. We then proceeded to pull the sophomores into the pond. The following year, 1969, the freshmen bonded by rising up against the sophomores in a different manner. During the rope pull, the freshmen, on signal, dropped the rope, pulled out eggs and pelted the sophomores. Needless to say, while helping the freshmen to bond together, this did not end the hazing. At all times during hazing week, freshmen were required to wear their "freshman beanie". Upperclassmen were always to be addressed as "Sir". Upperclassmen were allowed to cut in line in front of freshmen at the dining hall. Freshmen were often seen about campus holding hands, skipping together and singing, "we love the mighty sophomores" and "sophomores are great". On occasion a group of freshmen were driven to downtown Webster to sing and skip down Main Street.

Hazing Week culminated with the Annual Slave Auction. Under the direction of the Mayor of the Hill freshmen were auctioned off to the highest bidder. Slaves were forced into such duties as carrying books, washing and waxing cars, and shining countless pairs of shoes. The monies collected from the auction went toward staging the first dance or "mixer" of the year.

During these years campus life was dominated by "Dorm life". As a student, you were defined by what dorm you resided in. Dorms included Conant, The Annex, Budleigh, Merrill, Smith, Daniels, Goodell, O'Neil, Underhill, Olsen, and the New Dorm (later Kuppenheimer). The resident student population hovered around 500. The average dorm housed about 50 students. Each dorm, in a sense, was a small frat house. Intramural sports were an important part of campus life. Teams were made up by dorms. This strengthened the competitiveness and identity between dorms.

Another staple of campus life was "Bazzie's". This was the campus snack bar. It was housed in the old Clubhouse building. Besides the snack bar, there was a small lounge area. In the rear of the building was a barbershop. A local barber would come to campus a couple nights a week to give haircuts.

During the winter of 1969, Olsen Dorm, formally T-Hall, burned. This was the second fire to hit this building. Students were relocated in dorms throughout the campus. The Nichols College Fire Department performed courageously and no injuries were reported.

25-year-old Massachusetts anti-hazing law triggered by death of AIC student at Springfield frat house



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AGAWAM – The on-going investigation of a hazing incident involving several members of the Agawam High School football team marks an inauspicious silver anniversary for the state's anti-hazing law passed after the death of a Springfield college student.

A bill outlawing all types of hazing at all Massachusetts colleges and high schools **was signed into law** 25 years ago on Nov. 26, 1985, by then-Gov. Michael S. Dukakis.

The 25-year-old law resurfaced last week. Four players on the Agawam High School football team were suspended for 10 days and four coaches were put on paid leave following an undisclosed hazing incident in the locker room following a Nov. 17 practice. No physical or mental injuries resulted, the school superintendent said.

The state's anti-hazing law was itself inspired by another much-publicized 1984 Western Massachusetts hazing incident that left a 19-year-old American International College freshman dead.

The student, James "Jay" Lenaghan, of Watertown, died Feb. 22 after an initiation ceremony for Zeta Chi, at an off-campus fraternity house that was located at 112 Shattuck St.

The ceremony, called a spaghetti ritual, involved having pledges eat spaghetti, wash it down with wine, and then to induce vomiting in order to begin eating and drinking all over again.

An autopsy revealed the cause of death was acute alcohol poisoning. He was found to have a blood-alcohol level of 0.45, more than four times the legal definition for intoxication, which at that time was .10 and has since been lowered to .08.

During a court inquest, it was revealed that Lenaghan during the initiation had been made to consume about a gallon of wine in 45 minutes.

His death resulted in an inquest by Hampden District Attorney Matthew J. Ryan but a grand jury declined to issue an indictment against the fraternity nor any of its officers in connection with Lenaghan's death.

Shortly afterward, the college dismantled its fraternity system and closed its off-campus frat houses. Fraternities and sororities have re-emerged at AIC in recent years but only as service-based organizations that have no physical off-campus address.

Blaine Stevens, AIC's long-time vice president for Student Affairs and Dean of Students, recalled those events as a very hard time and difficult for the college.

"It was a different time, a different era," he said during a recent interview.

The fraternities were all off-campus, privately owned properties and no more a part of the college than the residences of any of the commuting students, he said.

That didn't stop AIC from receiving the brunt of the blow-back whenever one of the frats did cause trouble, he said.

While the college was aware that hazing activities were likely taking place there, he said there was little the college could do about

we are all beginners and inexperienced, but are determined to take the challenge.

you want it to be. It depends on us as

have something to contribute, don't hesitate. Get involved!



Freshman Seminar prepares new students for life at Nichols.

New Student Orientation a Major Success

by Alisa Craig

New Student Orientation is a time of meeting new people, learning about college life, and becoming acquainted with the whole college experience. Many people also associate the orientation process with long registration lines and boring activities. This year, however, the program has taken on a new look. Director of Advising Services Phil Sisson worked hard with his assistants to create a more positive experience for the incoming students at Nichols College. Various new activities and events marked a program much changed from previous years. Special events for new residents as well as for commuters and parents were introduced this year.

Almost all activities during registration revolved around the individual Freshman Seminar Classes. The smaller groups made the students feel more at ease while going through the sometimes intimidating registration process. This new format, Phil Sisson feels, "Went over very well." The students felt much more at ease about what they were doing. The students went through the registration process as well as computer pickup, campus tours, and even the unavoidable trip to the bookstore led

by their teacher-assistants.

Freshman Seminar Classes began during Orientation as teachers and assistants lectured on topics including time management and self-assessment. The role of the teacher-assistant this year is a very important one to the program. The assistants are upperclass students who were put through an extensive training period prior to orientation. Their role is important as teachers as well as role models. Each teacher-assistant will teach five of the fifteen classes this semester. Scheduled for the first four weeks of next semester is the Baldrige Reading Program, followed by workshops on contemporary issues for the remainder of the semester.

The focus of the Freshman Seminar Program is to familiarize the new student with the social as well as academic aspects of college life. New Student Orientation is also designed along the same line. To help the new student adjust to and enjoy his or her college experience is a goal of the faculty and the college as a whole. Although there were a few slight administrative problems, this year's Orientation can certainly be looked on as a success.

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Activities Board is responsible for the planning and execution of these programs, under the mentorship of the Dean. These activities complement the programs provided by the Cultural Enrichment Program and the Institute for American Values symposia.

Health Services. A full-time registered nurse functions as the Coordinator of Health Services in the Merrill Infirmary, an outpatient clinic which operates during the academic year. Services are free to all, including staff. A contract physician is in attendance approximately one hour per day. Psychological and substance abuse counseling services are also provided in the Merrill Infirmary. Health education outreach is provided by this staff in different venues, e.g., Freshman Seminar, Residence Life Programs, etc. Referrals are made to local hospitals, clinics and physicians. Off-hour emergency care is provided by the Hubbard Hospital Emergency Room in nearby Webster, MA. Campus Security provides transportation assistance in these cases.

Advising Services. The Director of Advising Services is responsible for Freshman Seminar, New Student Orientation, College Success workshops, academic advising, and academic counseling for students in academic difficulty. Advising Services essentially bridges the gap between Academic and Student Affairs.

Freshman Seminar. The Nichols Freshman Seminar program is based on the University of South Carolina model. It is in its tenth year, and has reached a high level of maturity for which the College can be justifiably proud. It is a noncredit two semester course sequence required for graduation for all students entering Nichols College with less than 24 semester hours of transferable and accepted college work. Freshman Seminar "A" meets once a week for 75 minutes, and focuses on transition to college, study skills, and life skills necessary for success in college. It is team taught by a faculty member or professional administrator assisted by a peer Teaching Assistant. In Freshman Seminar "B," students attend either a six-week reading comprehension program presented by an outside contract resource or six-week critical thinking program presented by the Director of Advising Services. In addition, students also attend a series of workshops and lectures by guest speakers on topics of current interest and importance in higher education (e.g., career planning, diversity, STDs/HIV/AIDS) relevant to new student needs.

New Student Orientation. A two-part orientation program is provided. The first part, directed by the Admissions Office, consists of a one-day campus program during June and July on three different days. Students are encouraged to attend one of these programs and bring their parents. This initial summer orientation provides an overview and introduction to the College. Students meet with a faculty advisor, preregister for their fall classes, meet their roommates and see their rooms. The second part of orientation, directed by Advising Services, consists of an intensive three-day program over Labor Day Weekend. (Transfer students with more than 24 semester hours attend an abbreviated one-day orientation program on Labor Day.) In their Freshman Seminar groups, students are led through the registration process. They take their first Freshman Seminar class and obtain and learn to use their personal computer. They also attend workshops on campus security, financial aid, alcohol awareness, and sexual harassment and violence; and meet with their advisors. Orientation

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also provides many organized and more informal social opportunities that rapidly assimilate new students into the mainstream of the student body and the life of the College.

College Success Workshops. College Success workshops are required for all students on Academic Probation, Academic Suspension Warning, and Academic Warning. The workshops consist of large group meetings on study skills, time management, goal setting, and stress management. Students in the workshops are also required to meet with the Director of Advising Services for one-on-one counseling sessions a minimum of four times during the semester.

Academic Advising and Counseling. Newly enrolled students are assigned initially to academic advisors who are usually faculty from the liberal studies division. At the end of their sophomore year, students are reassigned to faculty advisors in their major department. The Director of Advising Services coordinates those activities in close cooperation with the Registrar. Advising workshops are also conducted for all faculty advisors twice each semester. The Director of Advising Services is also responsible for counseling and remediation interventions with students in academic difficulty and students with learning disabilities. In this effort the Director works closely with the different tutorial labs and related resources.

Campus Ministry. While Nichols is a nonsectarian, private institution, it is not nonreligious. The College proactively encourages the spiritual and moral growth of its students. Since 1982, the Roman Catholic Diocese of Worcester has appointed a part-time campus minister to the Catholic students at the College. The incumbent clergy has also been designated the College Chaplain in an official nondenominational role. He has been provided with resources, including a chapel and residence, with which he pursues his mission. He has brought to the campus, clergy of all religious traditions and works closely with local places of worship to serve the pastoral needs of all our students.

Safety & Security. While Nichols was served for years by a "night-watchman" model, a more formalized program began in 1986 with the hiring of a professionally credentialed Director of Safety & Security. He has provided outstanding service in organizing and supervising a professionally trained, uniformed security department capable of addressing virtually all contemporary safety and security oriented campus issues.

Cocurricular Activities and Student Government. The Student Government Association's (SGA) fourteen-point "Standards of Conduct for Students" is the yardstick for civility and has remained in its current form for more than ten years. SGA's elected officers are encouraged to interact frequently with senior college officials and the trustees. SGA officers, as well as the class officers, and the elected officer positions of approximately thirty student clubs and organizations provide myriad opportunities for developing leadership skills and applying management theory outside the classroom. Student members dominate the Campus Judicial Board as well as the Shamie Hall Judicial Board. The Dean of Student Affairs is the primary mentor to SGA and the cocurricular program.

Athletics. The College provides an ambitious varsity program for men and women. Nine

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the classroom, increasing student involvement inside and outside of the college community, and preparation for postgraduate life after they leave.

Additionally, the College is exploring avenues to incorporate and integrate the evening undergraduate and graduate students into many of the initiatives that have, in the past, been focused almost entirely on the day population.

Services Addressing the Academic and Non-Academic Needs of Students

Description

The College provides the following support services to assist undergraduate day students with the transition to college, to support the pursuit of independent learning, to foster a healthy living/learning experience, and to encourage students to begin their career development in the early years of their undergraduate experience.

Academic Advising for First-Year Students

When a prospective day division student commits to attending the College, a first-year advisor sends a letter to begin the process of preparing the new student for his or her arrival at the College. The first-year student advisors serve as ombudsmen between the College, the student, and family and provide a single point of contact to answer questions or concerns that the new student or family may have about entering Nichols. In addition, the advisors are responsible for coordinating parent orientation and for the academic advising of first year and undeclared sophomore students. During their sophomore year, students who have declared an academic specialization are reassigned to a faculty advisor, usually one in their chosen academic specialization. Advising workshops are offered for all faculty advisors. The Director of Advising Services is responsible for counseling and remediation interventions with students in academic difficulty and for students with documented learning differences.

New Student Orientation

The College provides two overnight, one-and-a-half day orientation sessions for all new undergraduate day students in June, and a one-day, transfer student/make-up session in July. Students are separated into small groups and led throughout the programs by an upperclassman who has been selected and trained by the college staff. Programming during the student sessions encompasses student life (both on- and off-campus), the academic experience, diversity and alcohol awareness, opportunities to socialize with their fellow classmates, and exposure to campus resources. The students also meet their academic advisor and complete their fall course registration.

Parents and guardians are invited to attend parent orientation on the first day of each session and are offered programming on transition issues, campus life, paying college bills and financial aid, and academic support services.

For the fall semester, all new students are expected to arrive two days prior to the beginning of classes. During this prelude, students meet for a day and a half in their

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Professional Development Seminar classes. In January, the first-year student advisors host a short orientation session for students and parents who are new to the College at that time.

Academic Resources Center

Prior to 1997, there were a series of "learning labs" that provided academic support with writing, accounting, and math. No other disciplines were included, and the funding and supervision of the labs were divided among appropriate faculty members. In 1997, the Academic Resource Center opened and currently consists of peer, certified peer, and professional tutors covering all major areas of study at the College. The Center is additionally affiliated with the Learning Association of New England, the New England Peer Tutoring Association, and the National Conference for Peer Tutors in Writing, allowing peer tutors the opportunities to participate in research and presentations. The Center also supports a number of school-wide projects including an annual poster session and student portfolio development. The services provided by the Academic Resource Center are available to day division, graduate, and professional study student populations. Peer tutors have the opportunity to complete a three-tier certification program and to participate in regional conferences.

College Success Course

The College Success Course is designed for day division students who are in academic difficulty and is required for students on academic probation and academic suspension warning. The topics for this course include time management, goal setting, study skills, note-taking skills, test taking skills, learning styles, and wellness. The course also includes individual academic advising meetings.

Learning Differences Services

Learning differences accommodations are provided to students who contact the Director of Advising Services and submit the appropriate documentation. Appropriate documentation must include the test scores from the Wechsler Adult Intelligence Scale-revised (WAIS-R) or (WAIS-III). Documentation and testing must have been completed within three years prior to the enrollment of the student.

Conant Library

Conant Library provides a wide range of quality resources and services to all of our students, including access to print and electronic information on site and via the World Wide Web, interlibrary loan (and for Worcester-area distance education students walk-in borrowing privileges from area colleges), reference assistance (face-to-face, telephone, and via the Web), instruction (classroom and individual, print and web-based guides and tutorials), laptop loans, and recreational reading and audiotapes, as detailed in the Library and Information Resources section.

Mental Health Counseling

We offer day division students short-term mental health counseling for a variety of problems, such as stress, depression, anxiety, relationship issues, and eating disorders. Referrals to psychiatrists and/or other professionals are made where deemed appropriate.

skill development courses required of every student, regardless of their area of academic concentration. These courses teach students specific skills such as resume writing and interviewing skills, while offering opportunities for students to reflect on why they are in college and to set career goals. The students also create a personal portfolio that demonstrates their skills and includes examples of their best work.

Appraisal

Providing professional, administrative academic advisors for first-year students has proven to be a significant move for the College. Now, first-year students and their families have an assigned advisor that they can contact directly about many student or family issues. Students are encouraged to meet with their advisors on a regular basis to discuss their academic and life goals to foster and strengthen a mentoring relationship. Even after students are transitioned to a faculty advisor, the bond that has been developed between the student and his or her first-year advisor continues as many upperclassmen return to their advisor for assistance on a myriad of issues.

A stronger linkage between the first year of PDS and student advising services has also been developed in the past year. Students in the first-year PDS class are now required, as part of this course, to schedule time with their academic advisor. As a result, the fraction of first-year students making early semester advising appointments has risen from 50% to 90%. In addition, we recently developed a separate track of PDS for transfer students because their needs often vary considerably from those of the traditional new student.

In 1998-1999, the new student orientation program was completely redesigned to its current model of a late June overnight stay. The new model includes using upperclass students as a primary conduit for answering the students' questions about life at Nichols. Additionally, extending the program allowed for the inclusion of programs on diversity, more individual time with academic advisors, and time for students to socialize with their peers. Written feedback from new students and families has been extremely positive. The most common response is that this program helped alleviate their fears about going to college and made them feel like our college was the right choice. All suggestions for improvements are evaluated for potential inclusion in future orientation programs.

The Academic Resource Center has experienced continued growth in student usage and increased services that now include tutorial assistance in writing, accounting, academic preparation, sociology, psychology, management, marketing, math, statistics, computers, English as a second language, history, Spanish, economics, and education. Additionally, the number of students with documented learning differences has increased by 50% from Fall 1997 to Fall 2003. Limited funding for computers, tracking software, and staffing, within these academic service departments, is a concern that the College continues to address as it can. The Center frequently loses opportunities to help even more students because some of them cancel appointments too late for these time slots to be filled. The physical space is also very limited, and new quarters, including an isolated area for quiet testing, are needed.

Retention & Graduation

Description

As mentioned previously, Nichols offers admission to prospective students when there is a significant potential for academic success. The current three-year average retention rate for first-time/full-time students returning for their second year of study at Nichols College is 65%. The six-year graduation rate for first-time/full-time students is 44%. Retention and graduation rates reports are prepared by the Associate Dean for Academic Administration & Records. The reports are shared with all appropriate parties to assist in recruitment and the review of programs and services.

To support a student's transition to the College and academic success, students are offered the following support programs or services.

New Student Orientation. The College provides three, overnight, one-and-a-half day orientation sessions for all new undergraduate day students in June, and a one-day, transfer student/make-up session in July. Programming during the student sessions encompasses student life (both on- and off-campus), the academic experience, diversity and alcohol awareness, opportunities to socialize with their fellow classmates, and exposure to campus resources.

Parents and guardians are invited to attend parent orientation on the first day of each session and are offered programming on transition issues, campus life, paying college bills and financial aid, and academic support services.

First-Year Professional Development Seminar (PDS). First-year PDS is a required one-credit course designed to set a framework for a successful beginning of the college years. The heart of the course is the dissemination of information about the services and programs of the College that can aid students in their academic success, knowledge of the staff available to assist them, and individual learning on topics such as time management and study skills. A more detailed description of the program is provided elsewhere in this report.

Academic Resource Center. In 1997, the Academic Resource Center opened and currently consists of peer, certified peer, and professional tutors covering all major areas of study at the College. The Center is affiliated with the Learning Association of New England, the New England Peer Tutoring Association, and the National Conference for Peer Tutors in Writing. Services provided are available to all student populations. These services include online tutoring, in-class workshops, independent workshops, and group exam review sessions. Peer tutors have the

The college's evening undergraduate and graduate students are provided support services through GPS. Undergraduate evening students are provided support services through peer tutoring by appointment and online via the Academic Resource Center. Graduate students are encouraged to form peer student groups and can access additional instructional sites—websites, podcasts and online chat—as needed. All students in GPS are assigned student success coaches to help them succeed in their academic journey, and all students have 24/7 technical support for Moodle.

The College provides the following support services and programs to assist students in transitioning to college, support the pursuit of independent learning, foster a healthy living/learning experience, provide opportunities for leadership development, social interaction, and competition in a Division III athletics setting, and to encourage students to begin their career development in the early years of their undergraduate experience.

New Student Orientation

The College provides one and one-half day orientation sessions for all new undergraduate day students in June, and a one-day, transfer student/make-up session in July. Parents and guardians are invited to attend a family and guest orientation on the first day of each session (Exhibit 6.6).

In 2011, we extended fall orientation and now offer a 2½ day program prior to the start of classes. All new students are asked to return and are offered a series of sessions that reflect a deeper explanation of what to expect during their first year, opportunities to meet and connect with class peers, and to begin to develop connections with staff and faculty. Many of these sessions are led and coordinated by Professional Development Seminar instructors. In January, new students and families are offered an abbreviated orientation session, with follow-up by the student's academic advisor.

Residence Life

Over 80% of the college's Day Division students reside on campus in one of our eight residence halls. Since our last NEASC visit, we have invested in the renovation and addition of housing options for students to ensure that the living/learning environment is comparable to our peers and meets the technology and developmental needs of our students, i.e. wireless, independent living. The addition of the Copper Beech apartments in 2008 and 2009 is one way in which we recognized the need to provide junior and senior students with the opportunity to develop independent living skills that are transferable to life after graduation.

The Residence Life Office is staffed with five full-time professionals, one part-time professional, and 33 paraprofessionals (resident assistants), all of whom are available to assist resident students throughout the academic year. It also is the responsibility of the residence life staff, in conjunction with public safety staff, to insure that the halls are safe and students are abiding by the college's Code of Conduct. Staff members provide evening coverage and have been trained in crisis response, confrontation, and documentation of violations of the Code of Conduct (Exhibit 6.7). In fall 2014 a community standards coordinator position was added to manage disciplinary matters and the College's Title IX compliance.

In 2006, we added a Dudley Police detail on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday evenings to further enhance the safety of the community.