

COLLEGE COUNCIL TO ADVISE DEAN ON BARD AFFAIRS

Chairmen of Committees
Sit With Student
Council

TO MEET ONCE A MONTH

A Council of Bard College, composed of eight faculty members and eight students and presided over by the dean, will take the place of the old faculty Executive Committee in directing the affairs of the college this year. The Council, like its predecessor, will form a sort of advisory committee to the dean, and probably meet once a month.

The faculty members of the Council are the chairmen of the eight faculty-student committees planned last year, while the representatives of the student body on the Council are the members of the Student Council. Since there is a member of the Student Council on each of the eight committees, it has been suggested that the Student Council member automatically become co-chairman of each committee, thereby providing the Council of Bard College with the chairman and co-chairmen of all the committees. The dean has said that he would like the Council to be in direct contact with the committees and their actions.

Committees Handle Problems

Under this plan, the eight committees and their sub-committees will take care of the problems of employment, studies, sports, publicity, entertainment, admissions, improvements of the grounds, and occupation of the buildings and rooms. The chairmen of the committees will consult with the dean on major items at the meeting of the Council.

"We don't want the committees to become topheavy and unwieldy," Dean Mestre said. "Rather the whole system should be as flexible as possible."

Actually the Council has already
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Cremer To Start Work On Chattanooga Times

Jacob T. Cremer, Editor of THE BARDIAN in 1936-'37, will start work Monday, September 12, in the circulation department of "The Chattanooga Times" (Tennessee). Cremer, a member of the class of '38, visited the college on Labor Day with a classmate, Louis Koenig, who, during the summer, has been acting as legal adviser to the Poughkeepsie Highway Department. Koenig, chosen for Phi Beta Kappa last year, enters the Harvard Law School this autumn. He has already published two articles in nationally recognized law reviews.

HARRIS WRITES NOVEL ON WAR

Habit of Writing a Novel
A Year is Now
Rewarded

"I've been writing a novel a year for ten years. They were all bad, though. I'm very glad they didn't get published because they were so terrible." But then he wrote "Trumpets at Dawn," it was published, and Mr. Cyril Harris, professor of English at Bard, found himself welcomed into the literary fold by five or six favorable reviews appearing in the "New York Times," "New York Herald-Tribune," "Boston Transcript," and the "Saturday Review of Literature."

"Trumpets at Dawn" is a novel about the American revolution and its locale is New York and vicinity. Mr. Harris first became interested in writing the book when his father told him about his ancestors who lived in New York City in the eighteenth century. He began to wonder what people's lives were like in that precarious age when the colonies' war for independence divided the loyalties of so many families. So he started to read about the era. And

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FOUR MEN ADDED TO BARD FACULTY FOR COMING YEAR

Richards, Trawick, Parsons,
Schwartz Receive
New Jobs

Four new faculty appointments have been made for the academic year 1938-'39. Mr. G. Thayer Richards who worked for an architectural firm in Boston, has been named Associate and Fellow in Architecture and the Fine Arts. Mr. Richards holds an A. B. degree in Fine Arts from Harvard from which he graduated Magna Cum Laude, and a B. F. A. degree in Architecture from Yale University. He was architect of decorative project, Eastman Foyer, M. I. T. He will succeed Mr. E. Stewart Williams, who is at present traveling in Europe, and who will go into business upon his return to this country.

Mr. MacEldin Trawick has been named Instructor and Tutor in Psychology. He is a Phi Beta Kappa man from the University of Richmond. He has an A. M. degree in Psychology from Columbia University, and has recently been assistant to Professor R. S. Woodworth at Columbia and to Dr. Carney Landis at the N. Y. State Psychiatric Institute. Mr. Trawick is well-known to the college community for his recent work among the faculty and student body in preparing his doctorate. He succeeds Dr. C. Ray Carpenter, who is carrying on research in Porto Rico at the present time.

Parsons in Charge of Sports

Mr. John B. Parsons, who coached the University of Illinois last year, has been appointed Instructor and Tutor in Physical Education and Director of Sports. Mr. Parsons holds an A. B. degree from the University of Maryland and an A. M. in Physical Education from Teachers College, Columbia University. He has had much experience in group athletics and is interested in expanding the Bard intra-mural program. Mr. Parsons succeeds Mr. George L. Ackerman who is to teach and take courses at Columbia University this year. Mr. Ackerman was in charge of a camp in Maine this summer.

Dr. Erwin Paul Schwartz has been appointed to be Associate and Fellow in music. Dr. Schwartz holds the degree of Dr. of Philosophy in music from the University of Vienna. He has studied theory and composition, piano, conducting, musicology. He was a composer and teacher in Vienna in all branches of music.

Qualey Acting as Registrar

The Registrar's office will be under the supervision of Dr. Carlton Qualey. The former Registrar of the college Dr. Daniel S. Sanford, is at present assistant to the Secretary at Teachers College, Columbia.

Dr. Abbot E. Smith, Assistant Professor and Fellow in History, has moved to New York to complete work on the subject for which he received his doctor's degree. He will continue to teach his full schedule of classes at Bard, coming to Annandale during the week for three days.

CHOOSE SIX MEN AS JOHN BARD SCHOLARS

Six men were named winners of the John Bard Scholarships, awarded each year to upperclassmen for "distinguished achievement" in their fields of study. The scholarships range from \$100 to \$1,000, depending upon the needs of the recipient.

Alan Fraser, Senior, received one of the awards for his work in biology; William Jordy, Senior, in fine arts; Donald Worcester, Senior, in history; Douglas Schultz, Junior, in mathematics; Andrew Storer, Junior, in economics; and William Rueger, Junior, in languages and literature.

Tests for the honor scholarships given to Freshmen were taken Tuesday, September 6, and seven men qualified. They are John Feiner, William Fox, Alden Manley, Carlyle Jones, Wayne Horvitz, Scott Bowen, and Karl Sleicher.

19 New Students Register at Bard

From the Dean

For Bard and for THE BARDIAN this is a most important year. My confidence that both will come through it with new honors and with distinction is unbounded.

During the year just passed, we have gone through a change in administration, a major financial crisis and an extensive reconstitution of our Board of Trustees. We stand today, strong, united and, for the first time in years, with a clear vision of a secure future.

To the editorial staff of THE BARDIAN, in their dual role of reporting our news and of interpreting Bard to the outer world—my best wishes.

HAROLD MESTRE.

SMALLEST CLASS IN BARD'S ANNALS

Number May be Increased
Before Beginning
Of Classes

YEAR OPENS TOMORROW

Nineteen new men have registered in Bard College for the coming school year, 1938-'39, THE BARDIAN learned today from Dean Harold Mestre. One of the group is an upperclassman, the Freshman Class having a total registration of eighteen, the smallest in the history of Bard. Several more applications are being considered and the number of new men may increase before classes start next Monday.

Tomorrow night the college will be officially opened for the school year at the formal dinner in the dining commons. The dean will welcome the new students and will introduce William Jordy, president of the Senior Class, who will extend the formal greeting of the student body to the newcomers. One of the Freshmen will reply to Jordy's remarks, as has been the custom of other years. The dean has been trying to secure a guest speaker and may have one of the Board of Trustees at the table. Following the speeches, the college will adjourn to the theatre where "Vivacious Lady" will be shown. The opening Convocation service will be held Sunday morning in the chapel with Rev. Miles Lowell Yates in the pulpit.

Address New Men

At the Freshmen Smoker which took place last night the new men were informally addressed by several members of the faculty and student body. John Honey, presiding Senior Marshal, introduced the speakers. Mr. John Parsons, new instructor in physical education, was the first to talk to the audience. He described the growth and workings of the intramural system in sports, a system which has been suggested as a re-

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Bard Exists in Summer, Too, As Painters' Work Testifies

Number of Students on Campus During Summer
Much Larger Than Usual

by William H. Jordy

There are those unsophisticated enough to believe that the college exists only during the nine months they spend in it. Presumably during the sultry summer months Bard is wafted away on a magic oriental as varied-patterned as its architecture, and the campus is left to rag weed and Queen Anne's lace.

Come September, the College soars down again to Annandale; its lush oriental choking out all *via sauvage*. Lo! it is as simple as that.

It Takes Work

But it isn't. There's a lot of work back-stage before September's curtain rings up a perfect set to a chorus of delighted "ohs" and "ahs." A set full of elm trees without the Dutch elm disease, full of clean windows, full of numerous blank cards which are to be "filled in" during Freshman week; a set which shows that stage hands have been busy all summer spraying, polishing, printing, mailing, manicuring, etc.

More students than ever before found employment on campus this summer—fourteen in all. By far the largest number made up the notorious "paint gang." Artists Decker, Dochtermann, Honey, Jordy, Paget, Sanville, Schultz, Harris, Worcester, and Weissert painted the gymnasium trim and its foyer terracotta, the Lewis cottage ivory with traces of green culminating in a sky blue roof over the front porch, the new Dean's office buff, the new Registrar's cream with a question-

able rust around the baseboard, Bard Hall in subtle shades of gray from ridge-pole to cellar door, and three new Aspinwall guest rooms in French gray with Venetian blinds.

Library Roof Tough Job

The most dangerous job was that of correcting the rusted "sandstone" entablature atop the Library. Painters swayed perilously aboard a scaffold, the nearest landing field being forty feet straight down. The peagreen roof is Benjamin Moore's idea of corroded copper. They explain rather desperately that it fades finally.

Just in case you're interested, a look into Brigg's little black book of statistics shows that 3,754 hours were spent painting *in toto*. Biggest job, the Dean's house, pretty colored from head to foot, taking 768½ hours. The smallest, one day in July when Reg Paget and a couple of brush-fulls of oak stain refinished the Albee doors in two hours. The lowest accident rate in years included only half a gallon of paint spilled and a certain Albee toilet seat which stubbornly refused to dry.

Busy In Other Fields

Meanwhile Duffy Carr and Don Worcester catalogued books; and Don Platt looked for lost room keys along with Mr. Knapp. Harry Winterbottom (and Benedict Seidman for a couple of weeks) dozed peacefully at the air-conditioned switchboard.

George LaBelle was chief horticulturist.
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FACULTY TOUR IN EUROPE, AMERICA

Edwards Travels Through
Russia; Voorhees
Sees U. S.

A number of Bard faculty members were on extensive trips during the past summer.

One of the farthest travelers was Dr. Lyford Edwards, who, accompanied by Mrs. Edwards, toured modern Russia. They went first to England. Then they boarded a Soviet steamer for Leningrad. Visits following covered Moscow, the Dnieper Dam, Kiev Monastery, and Odessa. Next, Dr. Edwards traveled through Rumania, Bulgaria, and Turkey, and passed through Athens, Brindisi, and over the mountains to Naples.

Corti In Italy

Mr. Louis Corti spent the early part of the season with relatives in Turin, in northern Italy. Thence he moved on to Bologna, Florence, Siena, and to Rome, where he enjoyed the famous Tivoli sulphur
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Mrs. Roosevelt Visits Bard; Pleased by Library Exhibit

Afterward First Lady Writes Her Views Of College
In Column, "My Day"

Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt paid a visit to Bard Saturday afternoon, September 3, at the invitation of Dean Harold Mestre. She spent an hour and a half making the rounds of the campus and then left for an appointment at Ward Manor.

With the Dean and Mrs. Mestre as host and hostess, the First Lady got her first glimpse of the college on whose behalf she lectured in Poughkeepsie last Spring. Besides the speech on peace, she has several times given Bard much helpful publicity by way of her syndicated column, "My Day," which is one of the most widely circulated columns in the country. On Tuesday, September 6, Mrs. Roosevelt reported her trip here in her column. Of the sights on campus, the Bardiana collection in the library and the theatre interested her most. She wrote:

Attracted by Love Letter

"I was particularly attracted by some of the old pictures of the Bard family and some of the letters and books which form part of an exhibition in the library. I asked them to copy one delightful love letter. For the benefit of those who may never visit Bard College, I shall put it into my column when it reaches me, as a model of the way a gentleman should write to the lady he loves.

(The letter is one written on May 11, 1707, by Peter Bard to "Madam

Dianah Marmion." Dr. Felix Hirsch, the librarian, has made a copy and Dean Mestre has sent it to Mrs. Roosevelt.)

"I was very much struck by the little theater where the students themselves have done so much practical work in designing scenery, costumes, and arranging the necessary lighting, thus actually learning the mechanics of producing a play."

Praises College

In the remainder of the article, she praised the surroundings of the college, the faculty, and the size. She called Bard the sort of college which she would like to attend if she were young.

Dr. Hirsch said Mrs. Roosevelt enjoyed perusing the old documents on exhibit and recognized many of the names appearing in them as being identical with ones engraved on the tombstones in the cemetery of St. James Church, Hyde Park. The Bardiana display, which Dr. Hirsch prepared at the end of last semester, may draw the President to the college. Mrs. Roosevelt said she would like to bring her husband here in as much as he, too, would be interested in a collection so related to the past of his home county. The First Lady indicated that she herself will return to Bard if she is in the vicinity when the Bard College Theatre presents one of its performances.

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ALL ABOARD FOR PROGRESS . . .

THIS is the beginning of the fifth year of Bard College. Under normal conditions it would be fitting to talk of how far we have progressed and how far we are going to progress. It would be fitting to welcome heartily the Freshman class and tell them of the goal they have set for themselves by entering Bard. It would be fitting to look confidently into the promising future.

But conditions are not normal. We must face squarely the facts that Bard almost closed last year and that the present Freshman class is the smallest in the college's short history. We must remember that the student body of last year, torn so violently apart by factions, somehow — and rather miraculously — united itself and Bard did not close.

And so, as we pat the Freshmen on the back in welcome, we ought to tell them that, if they want to realize the ideals and possibilities of a progressive school, they'll have to lend a hand to the administration and the upperclassmen in setting into motion once again the machinery which hesitated and so nearly sputtered out last year. If the cooperation of the entire college is assured, there can be no doubt of the future. The fifth year will mark the continuation of the college along the roads planned by its originators. We ask for this cooperation in face of the realization that the factions of last year may, in all probability, rise again this year. The only way these factions will be amalgamated is by the frank, open expression and discussion of their opposing ideas in an effort to hit upon the best path to a successful, progressive school. Honest discussion means cooperation. Cooperation means progress.

MR. HITLER SEES IT THROUGH . . .

EVEN Tommy and Jimmy with their sensational trial in New York must yield the first column space to the news from Prague these days. And as each day passes the world sits nervously on edge awaiting the words of Hitler — words which never seem to come.

But when and if they do come, they will mean disaster. They will mean disaster to their author because either of his alternatives will lead him to defeat. Hitler has worked himself into a position whence to take Czechoslovakia will result in a long war with France and probably Great Britain and Russia, from which war he cannot emerge victorious; a position whence to ignore the Sudetens' pleas for intervention will only be a slower road to downfall. In the event of the latter, the German leader would suffer such a great loss of prestige that his own people would discard him.

Whatever Hitler's words, the man himself seems doomed. But he sees a way out, and he's trying for it. He is trying to maneuver Great Britain into supporting him in his annexation of at least part of Czechoslovakia. And John Bull may do it. For England certainly doesn't want a war—even if it would mean the end of Hitler — which would bid well to make the World War a pleasant memory. The words which tell of the solution of this crisis won't come from the shouts at Nuremberg but from the whispers of Downing Street.

Looking Around

—WALTER H. WAGGONER—

According to all reports, the first issue of THE BARDIAN will be devoted, in a sense, to the task of acquainting the new men with information of, for, against, and by the college, and welcoming them into the bonds of our fellowship with a firm handshake and a hearty slap on the back. (We have three swanky fraternities here, two of which frankly "rush," and the other which, according to its minister of propaganda, is "spontaneous," and a neat non-society organization besides.) Competent colleagues Jordy (page 1) and Worcester (page 3) will give you the information, and The Editor (page 2) will probably extend the welcoming editorial handshake; all of which leaves this columnist very little to do but say, as sincerely as he can, "Welcome, men. Welcome to Bard, the college with a hectic past and a promising future, where a mixture of good will, distinctive abilities, and an occasional quick one adds up to a pleasant, successful eight months, where faculty are learning, and students teaching, and where you may, if you like, be a woman-hater from September to June, which is no joke."

The Editor deserves real praise for getting this paper out on the opening day of college; ask the man who didn't. While Freshmen are lazing through General Culture, literary acquaintance, and language tests, probing into our past, and searching out spots of interest in neighboring towns, and while the upperclassmen are extending their vacations to the deadline of registration, the Editor leaves Maine, the last frontier of the Republican, to publish a newspaper that never is as good in print as it is in type. Wielding blue pencil and profane epithet, he harrasses reporters and columnists, inveighs against the business manager, pleads with the sports editor, and wires to Chesterfield to inform them that the ad has not yet arrived. And of course, no Chesterfield, no newspaper. It is this columnist's humble opinion the Editor should have remained up north and left well enough alone. Even Maine in preference to a first issue. He'll have dark circles under his eyes soon enough.

Even were this columnist a grinning optimist finding silver linings in every cloud, he could find no silver in that black cloud called the Dies Committee, currently investigating "un-American activities." Someone has predicted that when fascism comes to the United States, it will be called Americanism. The Dies Committee has all the qualifications of being the vanguard of American fascism. It has become increasingly apparent that Representative Martin Dies is less interested in exposing un-American activities than he is in smashing the only labor movement with which big industry has been unable to cope, and in spiking the New Deal. Even the reactionary "New York Herald-Tribune" has suggested that "the testimony be taken with a grain of salt." All testimony so far has resolved itself into a charge that the Communist Party, the C. I. O., and the New Deal are linked together in the most frightening display of un-Americanism since the Emancipation Proclamation. The Communist Party has succeeded in organizing unsuspecting liberals into the subversive "united front," according to J. B. Matthews. United front! The nearest united front of the week is the collection of labor renegades, anti-New Dealers, radical informers, Roosevelt-haters, Wall Street zions, Tom Girdlers, tory newspapers, and southern planters now testifying in Washington. It is the same united front that defeated the anti-lynching and reorganization bills last spring. It is the same united front that will substitute martial law for the Bill of Rights. It is the same united front that threatens to bring fascism to this country in the name of Americanism!

It's all the way you look at it: whether you prefer a newspaper with the wrong ideas, or one, for all you know or can determine, with no ideas at all. Day by day comparisons of the "Herald-Tribune's" and "Times'" editorial pages support our original contention that the former bats about 900 in wrong ideas and promises to do so while Ogden Reid owns it; on the other hand, Sulzberger, of the "Times," baffles his readers by filling three 18 pica columns with nothing at all, like the head on a nickel beer. For news, we'll take the "Times," which is generally as objective as it can be. On interesting contrast between the handling of the same news story by the "Times" and the "H-T." was illustrated last spring when Norman Thomas had his first disagreement with Mayor Hague. Thomas being ousted from the state was a good story and the "Times" made the most of it. At the end was also the note that Alfred Landon disapproved of Hague's behavior in a public statement. But the "H-T." wrote the story and the head around Landon's statement, observing in only an anti-climaxing paragraph that the Socialist war horse also objected strenuously. Oh "Civil Liberties" Landon! But maybe that is news.

Poughkeepsie is still buzzing with talk of the 2nd World Youth Congress, held at Vassar from August 16th to August 24th. An interesting feature is the disagreement between the normally reactionary and conforming "Poughkeepsie Evening Star" and the municipal government. In this case, the newspaper has gone liberal by ridiculing the red charges made by the city's government. Catholic Mayor Spratt and Catholic, American Legionnaire William Duggan, president of the Common Council, may not be taking orders from Rome, but it's not improbable that their political and social views are affected by their affiliations with the two most outspoken opponents of the Congress. Politically and socially, the Catholic Church has a pretty black record, but we are glad for its sake that such courageous liberals as Shaemas O'Sheel, literary critic and poet, of Red Hoov, Father Michael O'Flanagan, and Joe Curran, chief of the National Maritime Union, are also Catholics.

ALMS FOR OBLIVION

THE COMING VICTORY OF DEMOCRACY by Thomas Mann . . . Alfred A. Knopf, N. Y. . . 1938.

It is only within the last half decade that Americans have stopped their school debates on the question of whether or not democracy is a failure. As a nation we are slowly awakening to the priceless nature of our freedom, and yet there is over-enthusiasm in these words of Thomas Mann. "America," he writes, "is aware that the time has come for democracy to take stock of itself, for recollection and restatement and conscious consideration, in a word, for its renewal in thought and feeling." Precisely because Dr. Mann's words are not true, because they do not convey a fact, but an urgent need, is it important for "The Coming Victory of Democracy" to reach many people and to spread its philosophy as widely as possible.

Democracy Product of Intellect

It is essentially the duty of the educated man and woman to give training in the democratic principles, for democracy is a product, not of brute forces, but of the intellect. The appeal to inherent animal instincts distinguishes fascism. Democracy is an extension of the idea of justice, an equally inherent instinct, but one which is easily sublimated.

It is in the vein of one who is rediscovering, that Dr. Mann has analyzed democracy to its very roots. That man is distinguished from the other animals through his ability to reason, we all know. The democratic principle is based on this ability. Man, a self-directing force, creating the greatest good for the greatest number, is the ideal of democracy. And the component parts of the ideal are truth, justice and freedom, each equally important to the whole. Thomas Mann says, "It is a complex of an indivisible kind, freighted with spirituality and elementary dynamic force. We call it the absolute. To man has been given the absolute—be it a curse or a blessing, it is a fact."

Contrasted With Fascism

Against this conception of democracy as a social expression of the finest spiritual and intellectual attributes in man, is contrasted fascism. A political philosophy with its basis in force, fascism appeals to the brutal nature. It abolishes the Christian conception of original sin, "frees man of conscience and teaches him noble heroics (in order to make him a better fighter in its defense), but at the same time degrades and enslaves him without the slightest feeling for his dignity, convinced that he deserves no better fate and that every other attitude is antiquated sentimental talk."

What is to be done for democracy? A reaffirmation of the individual's faith in its intrinsic worth must precede any other steps. And when that has been made, Dr. Mann believes, we must proceed to a reform of freedom, a social reform of spiritual and economic nature. Economic progress of the sort typified by Roosevelt is giving new life to democracy. A people which is willing to place in its government the authority to create social well-being, without jeopardizing freedom, will make democracy more and more secure.

Of spiritual reform, Dr. Mann also speaks. He says, "What is needed is a humanity strong in will and firm in the determination to preserve itself. Freedom must discover its virility. It must learn to walk in armor and to defend itself against its deadly enemies. And after the most bitter experiences, it must finally understand that a pacifism which admits it will not wage war under any circumstances will surely bring about war instead of banishing it." Spiritual reform, expressed in the above words, should read to Americans: "war against fascism." The belief that militant action must be taken to halt the dictatorships in their sweep of disaster, is gripping the democratic world. Dr. Mann has the European viewpoint that unless fascism is violently crushed it will take the upper hand. And in this belief a truth is forgotten. We will learn sooner or later that democracy cannot fight militantly for itself and survive. For war means the end of freedom, truth and justice—even war against fascism, waged by the democracy-lovers. Modern warfare can be no gentle rebuke. It must be a complete annihilation, wherein all of the democratic attributes succumb to attaining victory. "The Coming Victory of Democracy" presents a sharp inconsistency in its analysis of the futility of force, and its subsequent recommendation that "freedom . . . walk in armour."

Democracy Will Survive

With fascism running wild, we can only wonder what will become of our democracy. War means action — immediate, decisive. Pacifism is a long-range philosophy, and human nature is impatient to achieve the ideal. But democracy as Thomas Mann sees it, is a vision of which we now see but a small part. Beyond the disturbing facts of the immediate hour—beyond our fighting or keeping the peace for the sake of democracy, we can be certain of its survival. For the democratic principle is rooted in an essential quality of man—his love for justice.

—J. C. HONEY

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

In the ledger of the Entertainment Committee there has been noticed, for consideration at its first meeting, a proposal for a program which should develop into an integral part of the Bard campus life. If accepted, it would provide for the possibility of visitors, individually or collectively, to stay at Bard for periods of a few days or a week. The men and women coming under this classification, though, would be more than mere "visitors" since they would necessarily contribute to the life of the community or of some campus group.

Bennington and Black Mountain, our two "related" colleges, both have similar arrangements, extremely successful for everyone concerned. Faculty and students alike have often felt and said that Bard is not in sufficient touch with persons active in various professional and artistic fields. The possibilities are almost infinite for securing workers in science, art, literature, music, politics, etc. The contact with persons facing the practicalities of these fields would be invaluable.

Visitors Come From Various Sources

The sources for these visitors would come largely from faculty members, various organizations on campus, and the student body in general. Undoubtedly, many members of our "community" have contacts which would prove valuable in this connection. The guests need not be well known or "big names"; the only requirement would be that they be vital. They would be free to

roam the campus during their stay, free to do as they might wish, attending classes, working in the library or laboratories, talking with students and faculty, even giving occasional lectures if they so desire.

The benefits for the guests would, it seems, well equal the benefits for the college. A rest and change, along with a completely relaxed freedom, would be a major reward for the visitors. Several times in the past, speakers have expressed a wish to remain on campus to observe our educational program in practice. Our library offers good facilities to anyone who might want to spend a large part of his time there. Various people not directly connected with Bard have very, very often come to consult our volumes. "Budding" novelists as well as established writers may well enjoy the country atmosphere, for rest or for work.

Plan Has Publicity Value

It is only natural, of course, that visitors of this kind should carry news of Bard along with them when they leave. The publicity ought to be extremely valuable, for these persons would have a good understanding of Bard after having actually lived in its environment for a short time.

It is hoped that, if the Committee looks favorably upon the proposal, the program will become a general college policy enjoying the full cooperation of the entire college community. For it depends on the college as a whole if the service is to be effective and successful.

—DOUGLAS SCHULTZ

With the Squad

Don Worcester

The ability and efforts of John Goldsmith, last year's Sports Editor, will be missed this year, since he has withdrawn and transferred to the University of Colorado.

The problem faced by the Committee on Sports in determining the future of Bard's athletics, is a most profound one. If the Committee proposes, as it should, a drastic curtailment, if not cessation of intercollegiate activities, the air will soon ring with the wails of the traditionalists — those who think a college cannot exist without interscholastic sports. The heyday of buying football teams to "advertise" colleges is past. Advertising gained by any team's activities is dearly bought and of doubtful value. Certain trips and contests may receive widespread publicity, but in order for it to be good publicity, the team must win. Since Bard has no money for buying players to win games, even if a winning team would make everything all right, which is improbable, it should not go on year after year, spending money on sports from which only a small percent of the students can derive even a minimum of pleasure.

Practically the same group plays in every major sport. Those who are unable to make the varsity squads, or who cannot spare the time, have to be satisfied with whatever interclass or interfraternity contests there are. It is usually agreed that some exercise is good for everyone. Yet under past conditions the only possibilities were to devote every afternoon and weekend to soccer, cross country, basketball, or baseball or else to do push-ups in the silence of one's lonely room, quite apart from any team competition which would have made exercise a pleasure. There is no good reason why everyone interested in athletics should not have an opportunity to play whatever he wants to—individual games or team games—without being forced to take the time necessary to maintain a position on a varsity squad.

The current trend in educational circles is to do away with high-pressure inter-collegiate competition. Exercise for health and enjoyment is all that should be expected from our athletic program. An extended interscholastic competition is not necessary for the fulfillment of those expectations.

Suppose that the entire student-body were divided into three or four groups of nearly equal strength. Team rivalry is easy to create—witness the interclass track meets and interfraternity softball games. A wider variety of sports could be enjoyed. Touch football, basketball, softball, volleyball, tennis, and badminton could all be played competitively. A point system and a method of awards would have to be worked out. More pleasure from competition can be had when evenly-matched teams meet than in the many one-sided contests in which Bard athletes have learned the meaning of humility. If all of our opponents were in our class, there would be more to say in favor of continuing the present sports program. With at least three competing groups, a series of leagues, starting with touch football, would always find enthusiasts. Those of each group who did not want to play the main sport of each season could amuse themselves with table tennis and badminton tournaments. Not many persons will deny that the greatest satisfaction in playing games is in winning them. A hasty survey of last year's activities reveals that the instances of rejoicing were practically nil as compared with those of sorrow:

Sport	Won	Lost	Tied
Soccer	2	2	1
Cross Country	0	8	0
Basketball	4	10	0
Baseball	0	6	0
Totals	6	26	1

In an intramural system the winning team would always be a Bard team. No more would Bard's scalp be lifted week after week by such chance acquaintances as should desire it. The same staunch supporters who manfully hid their chagrin would be able to sit up straight and thoroughly enjoy sports club contests.

As previously mentioned, many in-

Parsons Named New Sports Director

HAS EXPERIENCE IN DEVELOPMENT OF MANY SPORTS

'Ackie's' Successor Favors Opening Of Gym Every Night

Seventeen years of coaching and playing forms the sports activity of John Parsons, recently appointed Bard sports director and instructor and tutor in physical education to fill the position left vacant by George Ackerman. For three years Mr. Parsons played varsity football at the University of Maryland, as well as participating to some degree in basketball and track. His interest did not end with the conclusion of his work at Maryland—he has taken summer school courses at the University of Michigan, Northwestern University, and Teachers College, Columbia, where he received his A.M. in physical education. Six of his summers have been spent in instructing and directing camp recreational activities.

Handled Many Sports

During eight years of coaching, Mr. Parsons has handled a wide variety of individual and team sports, including football, basketball, and track and field activities. One of his primary interests has been, and is, the developing of individual sports, especially the type which may become hobbies after students leave college. Mr. Parsons wants to have the gymnasium facilities always available in the evenings from 8-10, and to have special rooms set aside for table tennis, billiards, etc. He has in mind the purchase of golf clubs and the construction of indoor and outdoor practice ranges, so that those interested in golf will be able to practice at all times whether they own clubs or not. Four-wall handball courts and a shooting range he also considers as extremely desirable.

Following with the Committee on Sports' report of last June, Mr. Parsons has made tentative plans for organizing sports clubs at Bard. In line with the Committee's suggestion for boating, Mr. Parsons has investigated the possibilities and prices of kayak building.

The long and varied activity and interest of Mr. Parsons has given him insight into the needs of small colleges such as Bard, which are out of the football class. His experience in team and individual sports and his friendly interest in students make him especially desirable for the post of Sports Director at Bard.

Institutions are taking steps to develop their intramural programs at the expense of their inter-collegiate ones. The process is still in its early stages. Bard College has an excellent opportunity to be a leader in this field by developing a worthwhile intramural program. Instead of Bard trying to wear pants that are too big, effort should be deflected in a direction which other institutions will want to follow. The Student-Faculty Committee should take action toward building up a suitable club system for Bard.

Anyone who wishes to oppose or defend the views taken in this column is invited to do so in the pages of THE BARDIAN. The matter in question is one which concerns the entire student-body. An early settlement of the issue will make it possible to get sports activities moving while there is still good playing weather.

Soccer Team of Last Semester Won 2, Lost 2, Tied 1 for .500

Successful Season Ends In Victory Over Panzer; Tie With Hamilton Disputed

Although the future of intercollegiate athletics at Bard remains in doubt until the Committee on Sports hands down its momentous decision, it is probable that, with the return to college of so many of last year's varsity men, the soccer schedule of four games will be carried out. So a review of last year's rather successful .500 season is in order.

The opening contest saw Bard play host to the hard-playing teachers from East Stroudsburg, on October 2. After eighty-eight minutes of undecided play, the visitors snatched a 3-2 victory. The Bard eleven displayed undreamed-of power, both in defense and offense. Goalie Ray Filsinger of Bard emerged from the fray with a broken wrist. October 9 saw the Bardians lose their last game for the season when they were overwhelmed by one of the best Eastern soccer teams, the engineers of R. P. I. The absence of Filsinger and Merscher contributed to the 4-1 beating.

First Win in Three Years

Trinity fell before a determined Bard team on October 16, to be the first Scarlet victim in three years. Bard's early lead was once tied, but a goal by Captain Winnie Stearns broke the tie and clinched the victory for the home team. Hamilton College failed to overpower Bard for the first time since the two schools have competed in soccer. A muddy field, strong winds, and heavy rain made playing difficult. Faulty officiating nearly lost the game for the Bardians, when the referee tried to rule out a goal made on a penalty-

kick by Bard's Joe Pickard. A ruling by the National Soccer - Football Board gave Bard the contested point, which made the final score a 1-1 tie. The forward line, heavily outweighed, could do little on such a slippery field. Strong defensive play throughout staved off defeat.

End Season in Victory

The final game and season climax was played before a crowd of Prom guests on November 6, when the little red men from Bard entertained a team from Panzer College of physical education. The New Jersey players came as an undefeated team. Out of their last thirty-five encounters they had lost only three. In a roughly played, bitterly fought game, Bard came out on top to end the season with a thrilling performance featuring both offensive thrusts which kept the ball near the Panzer goal, and an unconquerable defense through which the Panzer attack failed to penetrate. The final whistle blew with Bard still holding a dangerously slim lead of 1-0.

Captain Winnie Stearns and Bill Weissberger played their last season for Bard. Returning this year are Bates, Burnett, Sharp, and Burroughs of the forward line; Pickard and Stewart, halfbacks; Holt and Bjornsgaard, fullbacks; and Worcester, goal. Several freshmen possess soccer experience, which makes the prospect look bright for this season. David Burnett was elected captain for the 1938 season.

Schedule

October 8—R. P. I.away
October 15—E. Stroudsburg.....away
November 5—Steven's Tech.away
November 12—Trinityhome

College Very Much Alive With Students On Vacation

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tourist. He and Albee Hoffman are responsible for the showiest accomplishment of the summer—the blue-stone walk from Albee to Warden's Hall — which incidentally passes through a circle of beautiful geraniums, which when you get closer, fortunately turned out to be zinnias.

We're no scientist, but we understand that Dave Whitcomb and Vail Church have very successfully inventoried, checked, and constructed apparatus for physics and chemistry respectively. One day we accidentally came upon Dave tinkering with some piece of electrical equipment housed in an ominous black box "Don't touch it, or you'll get killed," he said cheerfully.

So we gaily write all about it—just to prove that we're still alive.

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LIST REGISTER ERRATA

THE BARDIAN has been asked to publish the following corrections of mistakes in the Bard College Register issued in August:

On Page 32, Section B, the following courses were omitted:

History 53.54 History of the United States.

History 65.66 Medieval History.

History 67.68 English History.

On page 41, last paragraph, add: "These charges may be waived by consent of the Dean, if circumstances warrant. Registration will usually be permitted up to the end of the first week of instruction."

On page 43, in the end of the paragraph at top of page, the last sentence should read:

"A freshman can easily earn \$150 even without previous experience. If he is able to sing in the Choir and wishes to wait on table half-time in addition to his other employment, he may earn up to \$350. A skilled senior may make between \$500 and \$600 if he has one of the better positions and also waits on table."

SUGGEST CUTTING INTERCOLLEGIATE GAMES THIS YEAR

Sports Committee Urges Larger Development Of Intramurals

The committee on sports which surveyed the athletic activities of last year, proposed in its report of June, 1938, various changes in the present program. One of the first recommendations was that an enlarged project of intramural games be instituted. The next suggestion was that intercollegiate activity should be reduced to soccer, basketball and tennis, with considerably smaller schedules than formerly, in order to finance the intramurals.

The committee also favored the playing of one intercollegiate game at the close of each intramural season, using players who had been outstanding in intramural play.

Suggests Outing Club

The development of an outing club which would include hiking, archery, and boating, was another of the committee's recommendations. Boating activities were to be confined chiefly to the construction and use of kayaks, an inexpensive and popular pastime, as well as one suited to this vicinity.

Mr. Parsons will fill one of the two vacancies in the committee caused by the absence of Mr. Williams and Mr. Spang. He will act as chairman. The other position will be filled by some other faculty member.

Committee to Decide Future Sports

The revamped student-faculty committee on sports will select the recommendations which they will follow in their present action. It seems likely that some steps will be taken in the direction of developing a club system in place of the interfraternity and interclass activities which have heretofore been the practice.

Nineteen New Students Register For 1938-1939

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placement of the present type of athletics at Bard. After Mr. Parsons, Richard Elting spoke as representative of the Student Council; William Rueger, of THE BARDIAN; Dr. Felix Hirsch, of the library; David Whitcomb, of the Science Club; and Honey, of the Forum and American Student Union, in that order. The last speaker was Dean Mestre, who explained fully the new committee plan of government practiced at Bard. Wesley Phillipson, a Freshman, asked for support in organizing a riding club this semester.

The Freshmen have been taking tests most of the week, while the old students have been gradually filling the campus again. The total enrollment in the college is slightly over one hundred at present, just thirty-odd short of last year's registration.

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POLITICS COURSE OFFERED AT BARD FOR FIRST TIME

English Class to Study Social Angle in Literature

Among the new courses to be offered to students this year, the international relations seminar, an advanced course in politics, will provide the most widespread group of lecturers. Although Dr. Carlton Qualey is scheduled to conduct the class, it is planned to invite other faculty members to participate in some of the discussions and also to ask outsiders to attend and, perhaps, speak to the group. This course, together with the introductory class in politics, is the first seminar in political study to be given at Bard.

Mr. George Genzmer will have a new English course this year. Studying American literature mainly since the Civil War, the class will attempt an approach to American social history through the writings of this country. Other new courses in English are those by Mr. Edwin Upton and Rev. Miles Yates in English composition and the history of English literature, respectively. Dr. Felix Hirsch is giving a course in German civilization, including the history, art and thought of Germany. This is open to students not acquainted with the German language as well as those who are. Dr. Joseph Harry will offer a course in the history of Greece, which he alternates each year with Greek '15.

In the science division, Dr. Harold Phalen is going to teach astronomy and physical geology, a course which was not given last year, and Mr. Harold Hughes will hold seminars in advanced electronics.

The only new course in the field of drama is that in the history of dramatic literature, and it will be conducted by Mr. Jack Lydman.

Harris' Novel Published; About Revolutionary War

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the result: his first published novel.

Writing Another Novel

Mr. Harris spent almost a year writing the book. Besides the Bard Library, he used the Columbia and Lenox libraries in New York. He is now at work on, and approximately two-thirds of the way through, another novel. This, too, the author said, is an historical tale of revolution. "But it is the revolution we are going through now in this country. It is from 1919 to the present."

Scribners', which published "Trumpets at Dawn" late in August, informed Mr. Harris that the sales on the book are moving along fast. The publishers have asked him to appear in New York later in September for an interview on a radio program of station WJZ. The program, which is publicizing the World's Fair, will include the reading of a chapter, taken from the novel, on the last days of Major Andre. The World's

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Saturday, September 10

LETTER OF INTRODUCTION

Edgar Bergen—Charlie McCarthy
Adolph Menjou—Andrea Leeds

Saturday, September 17

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Friday, September 9

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Friday, September 16

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LIBRARY GIVEN LEAF OF GUTENBERG BIBLE

Mr. Christian A. Zabriskie, neighbor of Bard College, has just given the college library a well preserved leaf of the Gutenberg Bible. Dr. Felix Hirsch, Librarian, announced yesterday. The Bible was printed in 1450-1455. The leaf contains parts of chapters 5 and 6 of the book of Baruch, which, in the Vulgate, follows the book of Lamentations. The leaf is printed in Gothic type, double columns, 42 lines to the page, with initial in red.

The Library owes another valuable gift to Mr. Louis Corti. He induced his friend, Dr. Luigi Vittorio Fossati-Bellani, to donate to the library four original prints by the famous Italian engraver, Giambattista Piranesi. The large prints show views of Rome in about 1760.

Council Of Bard College To Advise Dean Mestre

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held one meeting. On Commencement Day, last June, the dean called the Student Council and the faculty chairmen of the committees together in his present office and reports were heard from the Committee on Admissions and the Committee on Sports. Due to faculty changes, the Council, when it again meets, will be somewhat altered. Mr. John Parsons, the new director of sports, is now chairman of the Committee on Sports. Besides Mr. Parsons, Dr. Carlton Qualey, Mr. Edward Fuller and Mr. George Genzmer have been definitely named as members of the Council, being chairmen of the Committees on Studies, Admissions, and Publicity, respectively. The other faculty members of the Council have not yet been appointed. The students on the Council are John Honey, Roger Merrill, Richard Elting, Walter Waggoner, Harold Hencken, William Rueger, Scott McKeown, and Frederick Wright.

Student Committee Members Listed

The student members of the committees as appointed last year by the Student Council are: Committee on Studies: William Jordy, Walter Waggoner, Harry Winterbottom, Frank Wigglesworth, William Rueger, Bert Leefmans; on Entertainment: Herman Holt, Frederick Wright, Alan Fraser, David Burke; on Sports: Joseph Pickard, John Honey, Harold Hencken, Lincoln

Fair is celebrating, among other things, the one hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the inauguration of George Washington as first president of the United States, and episodes of the revolutionary days have publicity value.

The success of "Trumpets at Dawn" will not mar the string of annually written novels, which the author commenced ten years ago. "I shall continue writing a novel a year for twenty-five more years," Mr. Harris predicted.

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REV. YATES TO PREACH AT OPENING SERVICE

The opening convocation of the college for the 1938-1939 academic year will be held at the Sunday service in the College Chapel at 10:30, September 11. The Reverend Miles Lowell Yates, Chaplain of the College, will officiate and preach the initial sermon of the year to the college.

Father Yates has announced that the regular Chapel program of last year will be maintained throughout this coming academic year. It is expected that this program will be augmented by services of special character in which guest speakers and specially arranged musical programs will be heard by the college community.

Faculty Tours Europe, America, Asia Minor

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Armstrong; on Employment: Robert Ficker, Roger Merrill, Andrew Storer, Peter Leavens. No other committees have been formally chosen.

Dr. Harold Phalen spent some time on the Isles of Shoals off Portsmouth, New Hampshire, where he gave an astronomical lecture. Then he journeyed up through Nova Scotia and back down to Cape Cod. On

NEW STUDENTS

Scott H. Bowen, Jr. Forestport, N. Y. ...Phillips Academy
Frederic Bowlan New York, N. Y. ...Edgewood School
George Burnham Wynnewood, Pa. ...Cheshire Academy
Frank Van Hise Carthy Long Branch, N. J. ...St. Bernard's School
David Livingstone Dunham. Yakima, Wash.Yakima Senior H. S.
William Fox P'keepsie, N. Y.Arlington H. S.
Leo Tolstoi Franklin, Jr. Cedarhurst, N. Y. ...Kew-Forest School
Wayne Louis Horvitz New York, N. Y. ...Edgewood School
Carlyle Warner Jones Yonkers, N. Y.Loomis School
John Kreiner Norwalk, Conn.Norwalk Senior H. S.
Joseph Alden Manley Brattleboro, Vt.Williston Academy
James Starr Nash Norwalk, Conn.Choate School
Wesley Brainerd Phillipson. New York, N. Y.Horace-Mann School
Norman P. Ream Greenwich, Conn.Admiral Farragut Academy
Ray Carver Schnitzer Great Neck, N. Y.Columbia Grammar School
Karl Sleicher Woodstock, N. Y.Edgewood School
John Collins Troy Kingston, N. Y.Kingston H. S.
Philip Quentin Upton St. Joseph, Mich.Deerfield Academy
Harris E. Worcester P'keepsie, N. Y.Mesa Union H. S. (Ariz.)

July 2 he was married to the former Elizabeth Kinder, who graduated from Wellesley in 1914.

Dr. Felix Hirsch, during the summer revealed his intentions of entering the bonds of matrimony, also. The wedding, however, will not take place until October.

Mr. Edward Voorhees saw America. He traveled through the southwest, California, and up to Seattle, visiting parts of twenty-four states on a two-month trip. Particularly interesting, he said, were the arts of the Amerinds. While on his journey, Mr. Voorhees did research in American history and literature in libraries, newspaper files, and court

records. He describes his summer as one spent "getting further acquainted with America."

Frauenfelder Returns

Mr. William Frauenfelder returned to Bard in August, having been in Europe for eight months. His headquarters were in Switzerland, where he conducted research at the University Library in Basel. He also visited and traveled through Germany and France.

Dr. Irville Davidson visited the ancient cities and outstanding archaeological sights of Greece. From residence in Athens, he went into Asia Minor and voyaged by boat around the islands.

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