Thirteen Members Added to Faculty

Thirteen additions have been made to the Bard Faculty for this year. The Observer is presenting profiles of five of these and will present the others in the next issue.

Mrs. May Gelfand, professor of oriental sciences, was born in Portland, Oregon. She graduated from Reed College and went on to Columbia Graduate School where she is currently earning her Ph.D. An interested high school student of her life commented: "Mrs. Gelfand is the one this week." Mr. Marvin Gelfand completed his undergraduate studies at Reed College and his graduate work at Columbia University. His thesis became a minor interest in his intellectual life. He is a current student of philosophy at Columbia Graduate School, and he is interested in the result of the dissertation work. Mr. Gelfand believes his position to be a liberating one in an intellectual sense, as he intends to continue his work on the more of the burden of education which he feels is necessary. In the field of medieval literature, he has become interested in the efforts of various groups of intellectuals to formulate a new understanding of the problems of today. He is the President of the New Dorm.

Bard Attends N.A. Meeting

Students from 380 colleges and universities representing a majority of accredited schools in the U.S. were present at the National Student Association's 14th Annual Meeting held this August at Cambridge, Mass. This year, the focus of the conference was on issues affecting students in the United States and abroad, on campus programs, and continental, national, and international student services. 900 delegates (representation strongly favors the smaller colleges, which are also the most numerous) considered resolutions ranging from opposition to academic freedom in Africa and Cuba, the nature of the Peace Corps and student leadership programs, to student-faculty-administration relations and educational standards. The meeting was convened by the American Student Councils, a national organization of foreign students' student unions, and was attended by representatives of 776 organizations and 254 universities from the United States and abroad. Student advisory personnel aided the delegates with factual material.

This year's Congress was opened with a minute of silence observed for the attention of many of the delegates and was followed by a discussion of the nature of the issues and the manner in which they were handled. The discussion of the issues was followed by a presentation of the resolutions which had been adopted at the last meeting. The resolutions were then referred to the appropriate committees for further consideration. The closing of the conference was marked by the presentation of a plaque to the President of the New Dorm. The Committee on Resolutions of the college received a resolution expressing appreciation for the work of the committee.

Term Club Budgets Face Action Tonight

The budget committee will present its term's budget to the college faculty next week. The committee will discuss the budget in detail at its meeting tomorrow evening at 7:30 in Albee Hall. The budget will be presented to the faculty for its approval on May 16. The budget for the term's budget will be discussed at the faculty meeting at 7:30 in Albee Hall. The budget will be presented to the faculty for its approval on May 16. The budget for the term's budget will be discussed at the faculty meeting at 7:30 in Albee Hall. The budget will be presented to the faculty for its approval on May 16.

Newest Trustee Appointed

President Kline has announced the appointment of Mr. Russell Brown to the Board of Trustees. Mr. Brown is President and Chairman of the Board of the American Melanie Distilling Company of New York. He makes his home in Green- wick, Conn.
EDITORIAL

Course Dropplings

At preliminary registration this year a number of upper college students signed up for advanced courses in three areas of the social science division. They entered formal registration, believing that all they needed was some form of evidence that they were entitled to take the course. In actuality, the evidence was that they were admitted by the Dean of Men. Thus the problem was one of verifying the student status before they could register.

Things didn’t go so smoothly, however. Students in two of the courses were told that the courses had already been cancelled at a divisional meeting that day. Students enrolled in another were informed of the cancellation a few days later. The courses were dropped in spite of the fact that enough students were enrolled to constitute full classes.

All three courses were cancelled in order that additional sections in introductory courses might be offered. President Kline said this action was necessary because of "budgetary concerns." In short, these offerings had to be omitted in order that there might be enough classes for the 190 students in the entering classes.

Result was that the upper college was forced to bear the burden of the school’s numerically increased student body. The blow was a heavy one. For example, the only upper college sociology course offered this semester was dropped. Seniors and junior year students who wished to take the course were told to look elsewhere for a course.

Responsibility for this situation rests neither with the individual nor the school division. It can be attributed to the short-sightedness of the administration.

Whereas the number of teaching faculty, according to the president, is greater than in the average school, the number of available upper college students has dwindled.

It was assumed by the administration that an increase in size of faculty would offset the increase in enrollment. Such was not the case. The addition of a full-time man in the science division, for example, failed to alleviate the load. He would have been needed even if the student population had not increased drastically.

The administration neglected to consider that those students who would be needed to teach introductory level courses, some of the school division faculty members, are now forced to teach more than one introductory course.

It is too late to remedy the situation now, but we hope that in the future it will not be permitted to persist. We hope that next year’s introduction of the "six point program," which was recently adopted by the faculty, and the efforts of Educational Policies’ Committee will see to it.

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Civil Defense

Last Monday Community Council approved President Kline’s recommendation for a study on civil defense prepared by the Civil Defense Committee. The committee is a body which has received advice from a variety of sources, including the Civil Defense Committee of the Governor Rockefeller that minimum plans be made regarding where to go in the event of a nuclear bomb war.

What does this advice mean for the Bard campus? Will there be air raid drills, stockpiling of food and fresh water? It seems from the announcement that Dr. Kline has asked that the paper for interested students to be put out and that the announcement that the Civil Defense Committee will see to this.

It could, as President Kline implies, be seen as a battle against the tide of a new generation. The Civil Defense Committee is one of the things, a school seeking to educate as an individual approach to education, to Bard looking for an educational system outside Bard, that the civil defense issue seems to be cut off from the surrounding air, which is dangerously radio-active. Yet people think this way, and thereby almost necessarily give up hope for mankind to save itself from the perils of atomic war. This outmoded notion of protective defense out of fear and only can create more fear. It limits people’s outlook to their war.

Further, Bard seems satis­fied to follow the pattern of the post-contemporary, instead of leading them, as one might expect of a college of Bard’s long fa­mous tradition and pretension to do. I refer to the administration’s statement that freshman social regulations would be similar to those of other colleges of this type.

But what shocks me most is Dr. Kline’s enthusiasm for one of the facets of the Ameri­can government’s response to its citizens. That the Bard College should subscribe to the notion that Civil Defense is protection from the dangers of nuclear attack, and that the imminence of such attack should procure every sane man to find faith in the validity of the education we are receiving. I have no intention of partiticipating in the amendments to the basic law that are provided by Civil Defense "precautions." Am I not a person, nor am I sympathetic to a community which believes in safety at all costs, and which frankly avoids, with the first frost.

With concern,

SAUL ROSENFIELD, possibly '64

Letters to the Editor . . .

Freshmen Restrictions

In the first all-school meeting, Dr. Kline consistently deprecated the upperclassmen and praised the freshmen. We could see no wrong that a few of our upperclassmen could make to the return of most of the supposedly dis­senting upperclassmen to the supposedly more united freshmen. To most of the freshmen at the meeting, this struck us as a very sour note.

We have told that our health­ful attitude and mature behavior would aid in the "restoration of balance" at Bard, yet our social privileges were much more limited than those of our fellow students. Dr. Kline’s remarks were ill calculated to make us feel at home in the college community. We were with chagrin that there were so few restrictions to be ex­pected.

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Bard Attends

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The "showdown issue" was the House Un-American Activities Committee’s recent demonstration in San Francisco. Seven hours of debate, amendment, and parliamentary struggle preceded the final vote. In an outside debate, sponsored by liberal and conservative groups, Harry Harris, a Social-Democratic leader, criticized "Operation Abolition" as a box of and challenged the veritable propaganda which is based on the idea that the American government is the only one of its kind in the world. In this way, he drew attention to the fact that the American government is the only one which has the power to destroy the world. Accordingly, he suggested that the American government should be considered as a "superpower," because it has the power to destroy the world.

The Community speaks...
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