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The road system as Bard will appear next semester. Administration plans, according to president Rameker Kline, include the fencing off of what is now the main driveway. There will be blockades at the Faculty Circle Road where it passes the library and in front of the president's house. The main entrance across the street will be closed off as will the Stone Row hill at a point halfway down. The Stone Row hill will be blocked by the addition to the dining commons anyway so truck delivery will have to be by way of the lower hill next to the infirmary. The other buildings will be able to be serviced from the rear - the trucks entering through what is now the service road, which will be turned into the main entrance. The service road is being widened and will feed into the new parking lot which has not received its share of traffic this semester.

The transfer on the Stone Row Drive will not be removed next semester (although removal and grading over are eventually planned) since unseen problems caused by the blocking might make a permanent grassland impossible. Since there will be no main campus, the dirt road behind the gym, the main entrance to Bard's, will be gravelled and widened.

A new parking lot will be made which will access the eventual main entrance to the college - directly off 9G.

Other roads which will be created will service the new Art Building (see article last issue). The crossover from the dump road to the park will be extended to the field to be the entrance to the Art Building. There will be a walkway, an extension of the parking circle to the south of the chapel, which will proceed from the main entrance to the Art Building. Any other new buildings will get their own roads too.

**New Parking Lot**

**Now Ready for Use**

By Dick Cross

A complete modernization of the college facilities will begin with completion anticipated for the fall semester. The project will cost approximately $800,000 and will provide for the expansion of about 600 square feet of existing facilties which were built to accommodate 200 students. Total area will be increased by twenty-five percent.

Financing will be handled by the college, in cooperation with the Slater System. However, Mr. Artz, Business Manager, informed the Observer that the arrangement was finalized according to a contract with the Slater System. At the school's discretion, the financial obligations could be transferred to another catering service. The remaining balance will be added to the existing structure, the project will be directly related to improving the efficiency of existing space. Hence the present faculty dining room will be closed for student use and will remain partitioned off from the main dining area for use by small groups. The new dining hall will provide a faculty dining area for 2430 people.

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**Ward Manor Arrangements Completed**

By Dick Cross

Ward Manor has completed its arrangements with Community Services and the Astoria Life Insurance Co. for the purchase of Ward Manor. The college paid $600,000 for the property, which consists of two large dormitories, a Gate House, several smaller buildings, and 90 acres of land.

President Reamer Kline has agreed to provide housing for approximately 90 students at cost far below what would be necessary for construction of a new dorm. The Manor also contains a modern kitchen, additional space for offices and classrooms, and living quarters for at least four faculty members.

"The new facilities will permit Bard to become a college of 550 students," President Kline said, "and educational authorities currently agree that the small liberal arts college needs to be of at least this size if it is to maintain a strong program of instruction in the principal academic fields."

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EDITORIAL

With this issue I relinquish my duties as Editor of the Bard Observer. The Editorial Board has selected Donald Baier for the position for next year. I am grateful for all those who have helped in the operation of the newspaper.

but I regret that so few members of the Community have joined in this happy effort. I earnestly hope that many more students will come to Don's help in publishing the Observer. This has been a good year on many accounts, and the newspaper has flourished along with the college. More news has been printed than ever before in the five years of the present regime; we hope that quality has kept pace with quantity.

Yet a newspaper at Bard College is bound to be a precarious operation, and the transfer of organization from one year to the next is a difficult process. There must be a sound basis from the very beginning, but often very little is preserved from the old order. I wish Don the best of luck next semester in an uneasy business, and I remind the Community that the Observer is everybody's business, since everybody pays for it.

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Higgs Speaks on Civil Rights

by Rick Smith

William L. Higgs, Mississippi lawyer and graduate of The University of Mississippi and Harvard Law School, will be disbursed later this month for making public a Southern judge's warning not to represent James Meredith. Higgs is now a fugitive from law in his home state. His talk at Bard on May 16th was one of the most impressive and meaningful events of the semester. It is only too bad that so few students and indeed no faculty members attended.

Mr. Higgs' outline of his plan to prevent re-election of the racist Southern Congressmen who, because of seniority, now have so much influence in Congress that civil rights bills rarely survive. He feels that through active support of Republican nominees, the seemingly invincible fortress of white supremacy can be weakened substantially in the South. He feels also that as soon as the Federal Government forces the southern states to loosen restrictions on the Negro voter, there will no longer be a "solid south" and that, in fact, the South will lead the nation in the fight for civil rights. He foresees this within the next six years.

Higgs attacked the Kennedy Administration for "playing politics" during the riots at Oxford and for being more concerned with property rights than with civil rights. He said that Kennedy should have sent troops into Mississippi at the first sign of violence rather than waiting until a full scale riot was in progress.

Currently Mr. Higgs is involved in a suit against The Federal Bureau of Investigation. He charges the F.B.I. with not responding to calls for help from Negroes whose houses were being attacked and with failing to provide protection for Negroes who were registering to vote in southern towns where violence was inevitable.

Higgs' ready sense of humor erased a tension which could have broken the spirit of the talk. "Everyone was quite pleased to hear a Mississippi white refer to the likes of Eastland and Barnett as "those jokers."

Let us hope that future lectures are of the caliber of this one and of the one last week given by Northrup Eyer. The community thanks Mark Mellett for persuading Mr. Higgs to speak.

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A cafeteria system will continue but a second service line will be added to reduce waiting time. Modern coun-
ter-service will eliminate the need for students to pass through the cooking area of the kitchen. Arrangements for self-service tray return to a separate dishwashing sec-
tion are also planned.

Internally there will be new cooking equipment consisting of baking ovens and modern gas ranges. Storage facilities will also be im-
proved with the addition of new freezers and refrigerators. Better service is ex-
pected to result from new display stands, hot-food tables, and food-warming units.
As a result of these im-
provements, use of the din-
ning facilities at Ward Manor is not expected at the pre-

cent. Mr. Asip explained this decision by citing the econ-
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ing two separate dining halls as this would require a double staff.

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