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Council Tonight

Council will meet tonight in Sottery Hall at 7 p.m. There will be discussion of the Trustee's action on the Social regulations.

Evaluation Forms Now Ready; EPC Asks Cooperation

by Eugene Kahn

Educational Policies Committee's Faculty-Course Evaluation, conducted for the first time solely by students, will be in each students' mailbox tonight.

The evaluation forms consist of 29 questions for each course, with space for additional comments.

EPC hopes to have the forms back by Tuesday, May 30, so they can compile the results and prepare confidential summaries of the courses for the appropriate professors and to the Executive Committee of the faculty.

"We are also considering the possibility of publishing a general report of the results of the evaluation," said Bruce Lieberman, chairman of EPC, "but we won't know for sure until we see the results. At the very least, we will publish a report explaining our methodology in conducting this evaluation, which we hope will be of some benefit to future EPC's."

In the past, the faculty immediately collected the evaluations conducted by EPC and the committee never saw the results.

"As a student committee," Mr. Lieberman continued, "we feel that we have a responsibility to the students to not only see the results of our own evaluation, but also to inform the entire community of any significant points which might arise from it."

3-Penny Opera Plays On Friday

by Glenn Bristow

Lotte Lenya appears in the film version of the Brecht-Weill "Threepenny Opera," which will be shown at Bard this weekend.

Produced in 1931 in Berlin, the movie stars Lotte Lenya, currently in the Broadway show "Cabaret," as "Jenny," one of a motley crew of Victorian Soho residents in the peak of respectability. The movie, directed by G. W. Pabst, is an adaptation of the play by the same name which suffered countless setbacks and criticism before its opening on August 28, 1928, at the Schiffbauerdamm Theater in Berlin, and unanimous praise during its five-year run.

The film will be shown on Friday and Saturday at 8:00 p.m. in Sottery Hall.

The opening song, "The Moritat," ("mord" meaning murder, "tat" meaning deed) of "Mackie the Knife" was composed literally overnight at the insistence of a particularly vain actor who was dissatisfied with his first entrance.

Destine Conducts Master Dance Class In Gym

by Anita Schnee

On Saturday, May 13 the Bard dance club sponsored a master dance class given by acclaimed Haitian dancer Jean-Léon Destiné. Together with his drummers (one of which he brought with him to Bard for the class), singers, and dancers, Destiné has toured extensively in the United States and abroad. Heralded by critics all over the world, Mr. Destiné is now teaching in the new School of the Performing Arts at New York University.

Destiné has created a vivid and exciting ethnic dance form based on the lore of his native land. As he explained to the fifteen odd dancers assembled to take his class, the original, indeed paramount purpose of Haitian dance was to communicate with the gods instead of an audience. As a result the native Haitian dance was completely expressive of the soul and self, rather than outwardly directed to an audience.

It was therefore Destiné's task to revise his native dance to suit his own creative idiom and the conventional theatre as well. Out of the religiously-based original Haitian he has created a dynamic and spirited dance that is distinctly Destiné.

Haitian dance is deeply rhythm-based. An inner awareness and an almost instinctual feeling for the complex metrical patterns is necessary for the dancer; the movements are motivated from within the body instead of being imposed upon the dancer or cerebrally designed.

Trustees Defer To New Study Group

by Peter Minichiello

President Kline announced at 11 a.m. this morning that the Board of Trustees, after a two-hour meeting with student representatives last night in New York and several hours of closed discussion afterwards, had rejected the proposed changes in social regulations but had set up a special committee to represent all sectors of the Bard community to study problems of student life and a three member committee empowered to act for the Board in the present situation.

A 500- word statement explaining the action and position of the Trustees will be released some time this afternoon. Dr. Kline said this morning that this was the first time in his seven years at Bard that the Trustees had met to discuss one single issue, and that both he and the Board were very impressed with the students' presentation and the dialogue that had taken place.

The larger committee will consist of one Trustee, one faculty member, a member of the administration, and two students. The sub-committee to act in the present situation is composed of Trustees Schwab (chairman), and Schmidt, and Mrs. Domandi. Dr. Kline said that this sub-group would try to meet on Saturday, and that Bob Edmonds and Linda Boldt would be invited to participate.

"We recognize a tense situation," Dr. Kline said, adding that the sub-committee would "deal with the situation until some reasonable equilibrium is arrived at."

NEW YORK, May 22 — The

Voting Begins Tomorrow for All-Student Government

by Eugene Kahn

REFERENDUM

The referendum for both the Association Constitution and the new social regulation proposed by HPC will be held tomorrow, all day, in Hege-man, outside the coffee shop. The results will be made public sometime after the polls close at 5:30 p.m.

Board of Trustees of Bard College today met with nine Bard students for the purpose of hearing and considering action on a proposed new set of social regulations. These were regulations written by a sub-committee of the House Presidents Committee and voted by students to go to the Trustees.

At the conclusion of the two-hour meeting, no definite word was given to the students about the Board's decision on the matter. Robert Edmonds was later called back and told that the Board would make a decision as soon as possible.

The discussion mainly centered on the ethics behind the regulations, the need for new ones at Bard, and the effects these might have if approved and begun.

The question of possible feelings by College donors and financial supporters about these regulations did not arise.

This meeting was requested some weeks ago by Linda Boldt, co-chairman of House Presidents Committee. It is the first time that the Board of Trustees has gathered to meet with students in this way. The meeting was held at the Princeton Club on West 43rd St., in New York City.

Bard students present at the meeting were Linda Boldt, Robert Edmonds, Richard Naylor, Jane Forman, Mark Favus, Brad Gunn, Ward Feurt, Jeff Roseman and Anita McClellan.

There were fifteen trustees present out of the total twenty-four, and the meeting was chaired by Trustee Paul Williams. Dean Hodgkinson, President Kline, Mr. Asip and Mr. Boynton were also present at the 4:30 meeting with students and a later meeting with the Administrative Board was scheduled.

"We're a very heterogenous, catholic board and we represent all different walks of life," said Mr. Williams as he began the meeting with this introduction. "We are cosmopolitan as well and a little bit older than most of you."

DeGre's Speech Heard

Linda Boldt introduced the proposals and asked that the trustees hear a tape recording of Dr. DeGre's speech at last Thursday's Assembly. Throughout the meeting, Miss Boldt acted as spokesman for the regulations, although several other students spoke at length.

After the five-minute DeGre (Continued on Page 3)

Students will have the opportunity to establish for the first time in at least two decades an all student government tomorrow when the referendum for a new constitution will open.

The new constitution if passed by a simple majority of the students will bring to a legal end the concept of the Bard College Community, presently in effect but under severe criticism from both students and faculty.

The decision to vote on the constitution of the Bard College Student Association, as it is called, was made at an Assembly meeting last Thursday night. Under the present Community Constitution in order to make any major constitutional revisions it is necessary to obtain a quorum of no less than half of the members of the community before anything can be put to a referendum.

395 Came

The Assembly, the second one this term, and third one in three years, drew 395 people. Only 316 were legally required. Also debated were the changes in social regulations as proposed by House Presidents Committee.

Final decision on both the new constitution and the social regulations is subject to the Board of Trustees' approval.

The constitution provides for a nine member student Senate, led by a president. There is also a House Presidents Committee, similar to the present one, except that all disciplinary measures are dealt with by a House Rules Committee, which acts as a Student Court and has the final interpretation of the constitution.

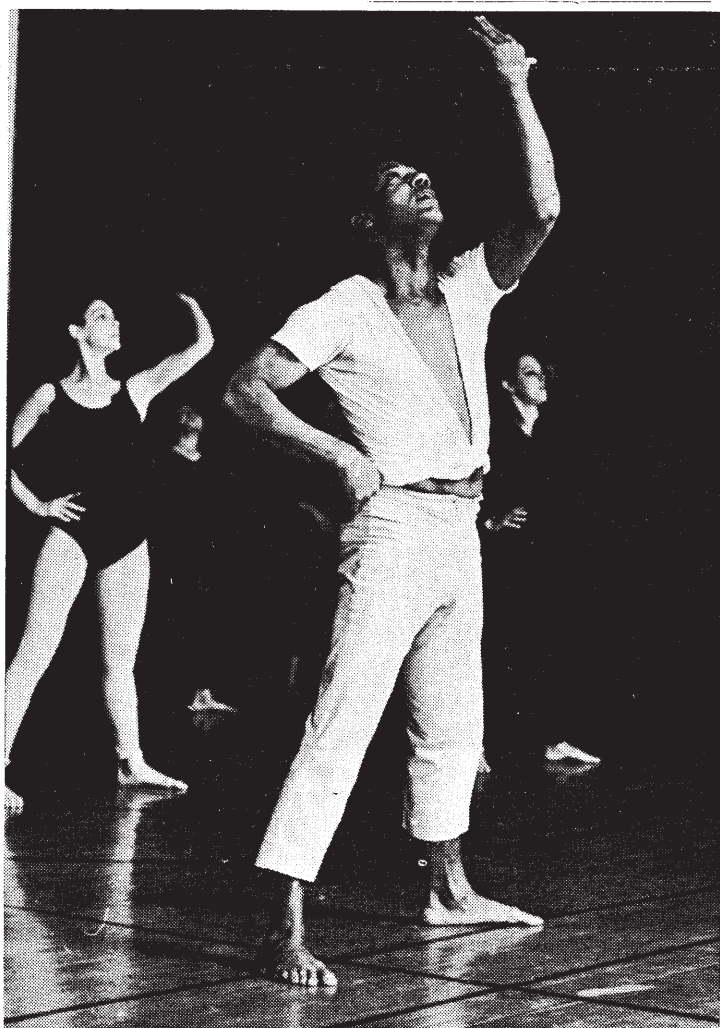
House Presidents will be elected by each dorm as with the present procedure. Under the new constitution, HPC would take on an investigative function on non-academic matters at the discretion of the Senate. The house presidents in addition to witnessing violations and room searches, would be "responsible for maintaining proper decorum, protecting both public and private property, and advising the members of his dormitory of their rights and privileges."

House Rules Comm.

Each dorm would also elect a representative to the House Rules Committee, which would meet weekly to act upon all intervisitation, curfew, noise, and (Continued On Page Four)

Anti-War Meeting

The Bard Committee to End the War in Vietnam will hold a meeting for all interested persons tonight. Under discussion will be distributing anti-war leaflets to the local high schools, and summer mobilization in the mid-Hudson area. The group will meet in Albee 100 (old art library) at 7:15 p.m.



JEAN-LEON DESTINE

photo by Howard Dratch

Bard Observer

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More Than "Fifteen-Twenty"

Social regulations have always been decided by a referendum of the Bard College Assembly, and the administration has used the previous referendum votes to substantiate its claims that "the majority of the students do not favor the liberalization of the Social Regulations."

For the first time leaders have the chance to make known to the administration and Trustees that changes are honestly advocated by more than "fifteen to twenty students," as was claimed in a confidential letter to the Trustees on Monday.

Let us for once vote for the rules that we believe in and can live under.

Positive Action Tomorrow

The Constitution of the Bard College Student Association is far from an ideal document. The Constitutional Committee may have spent "many long hours" working it out, but that in itself does not ensure its value.

Nevertheless, tomorrow the students of this college can once and for all institute a government which operates on the more realistic premise that a so-called "community government" at Bard is a thing of the past. More than a few faculty members have expressed their doubts as to what role they are supposed to play in an essentially student-run and student-oriented government.

The proposed Association Constitution will no longer require calling those unwieldy Assembly meeting—a naive attempt at direct democracy which invariably ends in more doubts and confusion—in order to make constitutional revisions. Either the Senate or ten percent of the students could propose an amendment for referendum.

At the present, the Community Council is functioning (more or less) without the stipulated representation from the administration and the faculty, leaving it on a tenuous legal basis. This contradiction necessitates immediate action in the form of a positive vote in tomorrow's referendum.

The Observer will not be able to publish next week. Our printer will be closed on Tuesday in observance of Memorial Day.

William Sherman conversations with myself

There is a new thing. It's more powerful and mystifying than LSD, as gratifying as sex, as easily performed as the act of sleeping, and yet more difficult to maintain in its original form and concept than a Constitution. It is possibly older than anything else in the world besides human life itself. That "thing" is living in a complete state of selflessness, that is, sharing and giving.

It used to be . . . some years ago, that the human condition or dilemma was described simply in terms of desires, "I want, we want." It was acceptable, that the motivating force of humanity be the gratification of desires. But this new thing has arisen, perhaps it is a new-old thing, since countless numbers of "utopian" communities, cooperative tribal societies, and/or completely socialized worlds have been written about.

These were experiments, predictions, and "noble" philosophies, all of which fell short of their mark in one way or another. But this new thing is here, it's happening, supposedly in this country, in Haight-Ashbury, in New York City, and at Bard. It was described to me by one almost-advocate as complete socialization, a transition to Eastern Culture, and "people who are not yet ready for a career," people who are afraid. This person's definitions are too varied, too delimiting, to be definitions. I think, instead, that they are points of view. The thing itself is a point of view, a view that computerized America should not be, that the present order maintained in America by the Reagans and Johnsons is regressive and lousy, that all of contemporary American civilization minus the thing which includes drugs, although I would prefer thinking that it didn't, should be chucked and that the thing should be THE way of life. Essentially the thing seems to be an extremists kind of naturalism. The thingists, or thingers, would like to see all modern values and order, and everything that a sociologist could name thrown away. This includes money, class stratification, prejudices of all and any kind, politics, all of government, all organizing and enforcing authority; all this must be done away with. At once this seems to be an attractive proposition, even for the conservative perhaps, much of naturalism is attractive in an aesthetic sense. On the one hand, for the subsistence-level hippies the system is a boon, for the poor it is a blessing, but for the well-off it is damnation. "Why should I give everything that I've earned during my lifetime away to some bum?" And then there is this business of drugs, or at least the argument that the thing is drug-oriented, not in the East, and not in Western thought. Drugs at best may be defined as extra-real, at least those of the conscious expanding nature, and that which is real is the present situation in America and the thingists don't want that, they don't want a Drug dominated 1984 or do they? a book burning, everything purge.

Aside from the other asides, what evidence is there that the thing will work? They say that it is working; if it is working it's working in an isolated community, and they fear that with the summer influx of impoverished hippies that it will no longer work. That is the crucial matter, whether or not it will be accepted (by a nation?, by a world?) by people to whom the thing is as foreign as the bubonic plague. Two or three billion people dancing and giggling, and giving, all painted up, high? MACABRE.

The thingists want a certain type of world, and the non-thingists who are in the majority want to varying degrees a world something like it is now, with changes, to be sure, everyone aspires to the ideal condition. The thingists want, and the non-thingists want, the thingists want, and the non-thingists want, and that is where the case stands. We are right back in the old slot, people wanting, people trying hard to attain their goals and gratify their desires. That is acceptable, that the human condition, or dilemma be defined in terms of desire-gratification. That is where it's at.

On Bard And Its Future by Mrs. Heller

by Alexandra Heller

The specific issue of open or closed dorms seems unworthy of all the attention it is getting and, frankly, is rather boring to me. I am most interested and concerned with some more basic issues which rear their heads far above the original one. First: the matter of who and what influences an individual in his choice of behaviour.

The emphasis being placed upon the financial whims of donors as determining the course of action of any individual or institution is rather frightening—comparable to the position of an artist being asked to conform his style to that which is currently most saleable. Nothing is more obnoxious than the notion of letting gain determine aim.

The vision of any one person, much less a whole campus, being coaxed into the groove of compromising himself for the sake of approval, security, position, or worse (i.e., the bourgeois comforts of fine new dining halls and dorms) is scary.

Bard Not Ivy League

Is Bard Ivy League? No. Does anyone want it to be? I hope not. It has, or used to have, more important aims.

But is it fulfilling those aims? Will it continue to do so?

If all of the fuss were being made about the matter of holding to the original aim of a truly progressive college, i.e. individual and creative research, supported by individual and creative conference-work and inspired by individual and creative teachers, then the ferment now raging would be exciting.

Environment That Strangles

For it is true that many creative individuals on the Bard faculty have left, are leaving, or are seriously considering leaving an environment that strangles them either as creative teachers or as creators in their own fields. Bard is becoming a college where a teacher, in order to abide in peace, must either cease to be a truly "progressive" teacher or must cease his own work—sometimes both.

This situation could be relieved by hiring more teachers, thus reducing their work load. But this is not being done. On the contrary, the aim this past year was to reduce the teaching staff, in order to raise salaries. In a two-year period, the workload for some teachers has almost doubled.

Instead, the money is being spent on, or projected for, new dining commons, new dorms, new art buildings, new presidential receiving rooms, new landscaping, new traffic circles, new truck-barns, new paved walks with fluorescent lighting, etc. etc. If students rose into a furor over this it would mean something. And I doubt very much if they would be told "Quiet down or you won't get your donations."

See Where The Money Goes

But as these matters are not the issue, then students here have to make a decision. They must decide what they care most about—the principle of sexual freedom, without financial support, or an education in depth—with it.

But if they do re-evaluate their aims, and, incidentally, find themselves substantially endowed, then they'd better look sharp as to how that money is spent. For who knows? Perhaps if they care enough, they can actually help determine the policy on this rather important matter by working with the administration to redirect the dollars of those donors who prefer to have their gifts take a visible, tangible form. Heller had about the Assembly meeting of last Thursday, at which she was present. It was written "without the advice or knowledge" of her husband, Professor Peter Heller.)

(Ed. note: This essay grew from thoughts Mrs.

Letters

R. Deutch's Collie

To the Editor:

I would appreciate your printing this letter. I am writing really in response to Michael McMillan's recent note about Jonah which you printed.

I have a collie also, very different both in markings and temperament than Jonah, but everyone seems to get them confused nonetheless, which bears out my theory that people do not really look at dogs any more than they look at other people. My dog is registered with the AKC, never bit anyone in his young life, and is fairly well trained. I have informed the Dean, B&G and President Kline that if any harm comes to this (Continued on Page 4)

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Trustees Hear Students

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speech was played Miss Boldt spoke to the trustees and said that "at the moment there is a great and growing lack of respect for the present regulations." She cited "advantages" to the new proposals in their "allowing individual commitment to honor the rules" and stressed that freshmen would live under the present regulations.

Mark Favus spoke next and mentioned an aspect of the problem that was to recur several times in two hours. "Bard must have social regulations," he said, "which coincide with its philosophy of education." He pointed out that the social regulations must have their source in the "academic grounding."

Questions of Freedom

It was the turn of the trustees to speak and question the students. "I thought Bard had as much freedom as many colleges," said Chairman Williams. He was answered by both Anita McClellan and Jane Forman who said that this was relative to other colleges, and that Bard presently needs better regulations for itself.

"There isn't at Bard," said Miss Boldt, "a feeling of non-conformity for its own sake. It's much more a feeling of living one's life as an individual, so as not to impinge on someone else's."

Trustee Sidney Shelov then said "You're asking a personal

integrity. What eludes me is how you don't apply it to the regulations at the moment?" Miss Boldt responded by saying that the women's dorms now were closed to men and this was amplified by Mark Favus who spoke of visitation hours at women's dorms in schools such as Sarah Lawrence, Earlham College, and Vassar. As reflected in the proposals, some visiting hours in women's dorms are seen as "necessary".

Trustee Shelov, most active in the discussion, asked Miss Boldt what kind of support the proposals had on campus. She answered by saying that one faction did not support them simply because they favor no regulations at all; another group on campus saw the students' meeting with the trustees as "presumptuous".

"Has there been any assembly meeting on Vietnam?" inquired Shelov, referring to the difficulty of obtaining successful meetings of that size at Bard. Favus cited the Deinhard case of two years ago as an incident which drew numbers of people for support.

Trustee James Fusscas asked if the parents of any students present knew about these proposed regulations and the answer was a "Yes!" from several people at once. Miss Boldt said that their parents knew the important issue to be the one of "freedom of choice." Continuing

his questioning, Fusscas asked how "an open-dorm policy might affect the college. Would students be kept away by the liberal social regulations?"

Anita McClellan answered this by stating that anyone who comes to Bard knows he is "on his own, socially and academically." The point was made as well that few students who visit Bard or their parents ask to see a copy of the social regulations.

Rules for Men's Dorms

Intervisitation in men's dorms proved to be a critical point in the discussion, when Trustee Shelov asked about the provisions for regulating the hours a woman may be in a men's dorm. The proposal says that the men's dorm may be completely open if so decided by that dorm. "Could a woman live in the dorm," he asked, "or would she be breaking the rules under your proposals?"

In an attempt to clarify this important matter, Chairman Williams also asked "This (a woman spending the entire night in a men's dorm) wasn't embodied in your proposal. Are we correct in thinking it would be no violation?"

"No, it would not be a violation," replied Miss Boldt and Miss Forman.

Some time later Trustee William Reuger asked if the controversy over social regulations was disrupting life on campus. It was not, answered several students. Mr. Shelov then inquired "Do you consider that you have a liberal set of regulations now?" The answer was again no. "Compared to Virginia Military Institute, they're liberal," said Mr. Shelov, and he added quietly "but I know they get away with quite a lot there."

Dean Hodgkinson was given the floor and said that "earlier in the semester, curfews for senior women were abolished and social rooms were opened for more hours in girls' dorms." At the March 1st assembly meeting, the rules were acceptable to most students, he said, and then asked, "why are they right now intolerable?"

"This is an excellent example of the snowballing process," said Miss McClellan in response to this question. She said that the HPC meeting which awarded two points to the forty-two demonstrators was an important one in that members of that committee started re-thinking their responsibilities. This event gave impetus to the making of the proposals.

Antioch Cited

The Dean later cited as "sheer hypocrisy" a statement in the Antioch handbook which said the College "forbids premarital sexual intercourse," but allows open "halls." The Dean mentioned this because it had been previously suggested that Bard

BARD COLLEGE CALENDAR

ACTIVITY	PLACE	TIME
Tuesday, May 23		
BRAC presents Calvin Hicks, Community Organizer, teacher at the Free University	Albee	8:45
Peter Browne, organ recital	Chapel	6:30
Council Meeting	Sottery	7:00
Wednesday, May 24		
Educational Policies Committee	Albee	6:00
Professor Peter Berger of the New School Sociology Department on "The Humanities and the Social Sciences"	Red Balloon	8:30
Friday, May 26		
Brecht-Weill "The Threepenny Opera," in the 1931 film version by Pabst, with Lotte Lenya	Sottery	8:00
Saturday, May 27		
Tennis: Bard vs. SUNY at New Paltz	New Paltz	2:00
"The Threepenny Opera"	Sottery	8:00
Sunday, May 28		
Chapel Service	Chapel	11 a.m.
Tuesday, May 30		
Economics Club presents a reading of the new play "Veblen," by Leonard Silk, economist (a world premiere). Informal discussion on Veblen will follow.	Red Balloon	8:30

College could also make a stipulation of this sort. It was later learned that Antioch's changed phrase was a ruling against sexual relations which resulted in "an exploitation of the individual."

At 6:25 p.m. Chairman Williams called for a summation and Mark Favus made these points. "Excellent professors and students remain our primary goal," he stated, "but social regulations are important because they're a part of our life at Bard." He then read a statement by Robert Nixon, psychiatrist at Vassar College, concerning the differences in the past two generations of students.

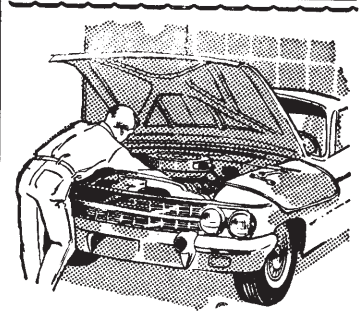
Miss Boldt thanked the Trustees for seeing (the students) and added "We wouldn't be here if we didn't think this very important. We should like your word on this as soon as possible."

Edmonds Called Back

Chairman Williams adjourned the meeting at 6:30 p.m. The Trustees were then to start a dinner meeting with the Administrative Board. Professors Eismann, Bertelsmann, Domandi, Walter and Driver joined them for this meeting.

Robert Edmonds was summoned back to the Trustees' meeting later that evening, at approximately 8:00 p.m. After

answering several questions about the proposals, he was told that the Trustees had not yet made a decision on the matter. The possibilities were that a sub-committee would be formed with power to make a final decision, or that the new regulations would be accepted or rejected by the entire Board.



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New Constitution

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traffic violations, and make recommendations to the Dean's office.

The Association constitution also outlines an Educational Policies Committee generally similar to the existing one, with the function of conducting at least one evaluation of the faculty per year. Criticism of individual faculty members could be made only at meetings not open to the public.

One of the major advantages to the new constitution is the greater ease with which it could be amended. There would no longer have to be an Assembly meeting. Instead, amendments could be presented either by majority vote of the Senate or by petition of ten per cent of the members of the entire Association.

Passage of any amendment would require a two-thirds vote of the Association within one week of a meeting of the Asso-

ciation to discuss the proposed amendment.

50 People Stayed

There were less than 50 people left in the gymnasium by the time the new constitutions came under discussion at about 10 p.m. last Thursday.

There was a feeling of uneasiness over whether so few students should make the decision on the constitutions. Some felt that there had not been enough debate over the new documents, particularly the Community Constitution, which was eventually tabled for future discussion.

Another problem was whether the obvious lack of a quorum would make any vote taken illegal. This was brought up by Charles Johnson, who asked for a quorum call which resulted in something of a parliamentary impasse.

Bruce Lieberman, parliamentarian, advised that legally the quorum is not needed because the present constitution does not require that an Assembly be held to introduce a new constitution in a referendum.

The purpose of the Assembly was to obtain the consensus of the students on the social regulations.

Bob Edmonds, key member of the constitutional committee, said that "we cannot continue to function as a viable student body with the existing constitution." He reminded the gathering that there is some question as to the legality of the present government since it is without the faculty and administration representation stipulated. Moderator Harvey Fleetwood was in full agreement.

Easier to Amend

Fleetwood did not want to rule Mr. Johnson's motion for a quorum call out of order, but felt that it would be best if the vote were taken that night. He added that any further action would mean having to call another Assembly meeting, while under the proposed Association constitution, amendments were much easier to adopt.

It was approaching 11 p.m. and many of the students seemed anxious to take advantage of the opportunity to change the student government rather than putting it off until next term, which would mean it could not go into effect for another year.

The quorum call was withdrawn and a voice vote was taken shortly afterwards. The resounding chorus of "ayes" indicated that there was a two-thirds approval.

Letters

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dog at their hands I shall press charges against Bard College immediately. I received a letter from President Kline to the effect that his attorneys are ready. So are mine.

As Mr. Griffiths has so eloquently worded the college's position on animals on campus, it seems they believe they have the right to pick up any dog who might stray onto the campus—no matter who he belongs to (e.g. Miss Settle or Father Shafer) or what his worth—and "humanely" dispose of him. I do not believe they have such right morally, or legally until they fence off the waterfall.

I have also written the ASPCA on the matter of the college's policy towards animals, and strongly suggest that anyone else who feels the way I do should do this also.

It is time this ridiculous tyranny was ended, and that the silver-tongued Mr. Griffiths, the president, and the dean remember that in a real sense they are our employees.

Lastly, here's a poem of Pound's: I offer it to Mr. Griffiths, the dean and the president, along with the Albert Schweitzer Award of 1966-67.

When I carefully consider the curious habits of dogs
I am compelled to conclude
That man is the superior animal.

When I consider the curious habits of man
I confess, my friend, I am puzzled.

Thank you.
Sincerely,
Richard Deutch
May 12, 1967

Failure Of Leaders At Assembly

To the Editors:
At last Thursday night's Community Assembly those present witnessed a tragic display of incompetence, blundering, and complete failure of Bard College student leadership to launch an effective response against the reactionary forces pressuring this campus.

These same student leaders, in continuation of their inept

tactical course, have sacrificed effective student power on this campus.

Last Thursday night's meeting utterly failed to bring to the understanding of the greater majority of those students present, exactly why the proposed Social Regulations are a viable system for Bard College and why their institution would not wreck the financial fund raising efforts of the College.

In conjunction with this tactical defeat, the student leadership failed in detailing the basis of student power which existed at the moment, namely, that the College cannot function (financially, academically, and in the light of public opinion) with the dismissal of fifty Upper College and fifty Lower College students.

Those present at the Assembly were spectators to the total abortion of the revolutionary atmosphere which had existed on this campus since last Monday's fated letter from the Administration.

It is not enough to merely have the imagination which resulted in the proposed Social Regulations—one must be in touch with political reality.

Thomas K. Noonan
May 21, 1967

Evaluations - -

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"We spoke to many faculty members about this, and, on the whole, were encouraged to experiment with an evaluation which would be created, distributed, compiled and reported solely by the Committee."

When questioned about the Evaluation, EPC member Jeffrey Levy stated, "It is poten-

tially the best evaluation of faculty and courses which has ever been conducted by Bard students. In order to ensure its success, it is essential that the entire student body cooperate in this project by carefully completing and returning the evaluation forms."

Each student will receive in his mail box five evaluation forms and a letter of explanation. He is to complete one form for each of his courses, tear off the flap of the envelope with his name on it, in order to preserve anonymity, and return the completed forms in the envelope to EPC no later than Tuesday, May 30.

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