Secretarial Elections

A little controversy

The results for the election of Thursday and Friday are in. Intezar Mannan has replaced Malia DuMont as Secretary of the Student Association. He received a total of 104 votes. His opponents Luis Alcacer-Roman and Brandon K. Weber received 55 and 65 votes respectively.

Malia DuMont steps down in the final semester of her senior year due to time constraints. She sums up her student government career by saying, "I enjoyed it."

Secretary Intezar Mannan took his post on Monday, March 5th, at the Central Committee Meeting.

The Bard Constitution spells out ten duties for the Secretary. He or she must:
1. take the minutes of all student forums
2. publicize forum agendas 48 hours in advance
3. publicize the budget as proposed by the Planning Committee 72 hours before the budget forum [which has already happened]
4. announce the dates and times of the forums for the semester within two weeks of its beginning [which has already happened]
5. keep abreast of all constitutional amendments and other legislation and have them executed
6. provide the library with a copy of the constitution to be kept on reserve
7. keep and archive all agreements between the Student Association and other organizations
8. organize and chair the Election Committee
9. chair any Ad-hoc Referendum Committees or appoint a chair
10. be a member of the College Grievance Committee

There has been some controversy concerning the election procedures. The Observer received two letters (both of which are printed in the Another View section) in complaint over the availability of the ballot box and over some alleged lobbying by an unspecified member of the Student Life Committee.

The letter submitted by Eva Olgard states that Thursday afternoon, "as I walked up to the box I was assisted by a member of the Student Life Committee who very loudly and confidently informed me that I must not vote for the candidate of my choice...I was surprised not only by their fervent action, but also by the fact that a member of the Central Committee stood idly by and, in essence, condoned this action."

The ballot box was manned on Thursday by Educational Policies Chair (and Observer columnist) Sean O'Neil from 10:25 a.m. to 12:20 p.m. Planning Committee Chair Jeff Rhyme resumed operations from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m.

O'Neil said "I was physically there" for the duration of his shift, and otherwise declines comment since he was not there in the afternoon.

Rhyme said that "nothing untoward happened. As far as I know there was no impropriety."

The ballot box was manned on Friday by Malia DuMont from 10:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. and Goldie Gider from 12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

"I don't have any comment because it doesn't involve me," said Secretary Mannan. Because they were uncontested, the election results stand. Mannan does however invite anyone with complaints to voice them at the next forum (Tuesday, March 14th).
Security update

Vandalism and a torn lawn

Pedro Rodriguez
Managing Editor

"Last weekend was a bust; we didn't have too many incidents come in," said Director of Safety and Security Kim Squillace during a rather short interview.

On the weekend before, however, someone had the driver's side mirror of her car vandalized. It happened Saturday, February 25th, while she attended a party at the student center. Being a visitor to the campus, "she was very upset."

The lawn in front of Manor and Robbins has been torn up a bit. Someone has been driving what is probably a four-wheeler vehicle over the moister grounds. "It is an area we'd like to have well groomed," said Squillace. If caught, the perpetrator will be fined.

With the thaw of the approaching spring comes the theft of bicycles. Squillace urges students to use "substantial locks" and park in well-lit areas. For those with high ceilings or hard to reach areas, "they have bicycles in dorm rooms are available through Buildings and Grounds."

The shuttle between main campus and north campus picks up and leaves students at the Klune Commons parking lot. Students can be dropped off at any north campus dorm, but are asked to walk to Klune lot. Doorstep service for medical appointments is reserved for those who are "really sick."

Volunteer opportunities

by Rich Kelley

In order to provide an opportunity for students at Bard to involve themselves in social service programs, they must first be made aware of what is available. During the next few weeks, there will be articles highlighting several organizations that provide various services to the surrounding communities. If you would like additional information or to speak with someone about the programs, please contact Rich Kelley in the Dean of Students Office, ext. 7454.

Hurley Historical Society

The Hurley Historical Society is searching for people interested in volunteering their time to help maintain history. The Historical Society is a small museum filled with photos, paintings and artifacts found in the town. Established in 1969, Hurley has a rich heritage that many residents think is worthy of preserving. Volunteers are needed to help maintain the site, help with the writing of the history of Hurley and to speak with people as they come through to tour the facility.

The Museum opens in May and volunteers are needed during the weekends only. Any amount of time you are able to provide is needed and accepted.

News and notes

Having easily passed in the House, the G.O.P. Balanced Budget Amendment, the centerpiece of the Contract With America, floundered in the Senate.

The vote, originally scheduled for February 28th, was postponed by the Republican majority leader Bob Dole when it became apparent they were one vote shy of 67. The move was called "udawry" by Democratic Senator Robert Byrd of West Virginia.

The vote which took place on March 2nd found the measure again one vote shy of the required two-thirds majority, although it was recorded at 65 to 35. Senator Dole reversed his vote thereby reserving the right as majority leader to return the amendment for a future vote.

Governor George E. Pataki, New York's first Republican governor in years made the death penalty a staple of his election campaign. The legislature has passed death penalty bills every year since 1977 only to be foiled by Democratic governors. Prospects are good that the measure will be passed.

Senator Dale M. Volker, a major proponent of the death penalty, said, "there are people who would be alive today if we had had a death penalty."

Nicholas W. Leesom, a trader working in the Singapore office of Barings P. L. C., a British investment firm, gambled big and lost.

The firm which financed the Louisiana Purchase faces losses of around $1 billion when the 23 year old trader made an unauthorized and risky investment in the Japanese stock market. It turned ugly on Friday, February 24th. He was apprehended in Frankfurt March 2nd.

Two rival teams of physicists revealed what they assert is the discovery of the long sought after top-quark. This discovery would fulfill the Standard Model theory which states that there are a total of six quarks in existence. The other five have been known since 1977.

The Australian team participating in the 1995 America's Cup Race were unable to finish when their $3 million yacht sank in all two minutes of the Pacific.

After Monday's eclipse of Australian hope, skipper John Bertrand said, "there was a lot of wind at the time, and it was raining."

Raul Salinas de Gortari, brother of Mexico's former president Carlos Salinas, was arrested February 28th for allegedly paying for the assassination of a senator official in the Mexican government.

Special prosecutor Pablo Chapa Benzaulla lists circumstantial evidence which "without any doubt" proves him guilty. Salinas denies any wrongdoing.

Are you a film major or simply a film fanatic? Then, you hopefully know about Upstate Films, located off of Route 9 South in Rhinebeck—about 10 minutes from Bard. From March 3-16 you can see The Last Salutation, a stylish film noir about a femme fatale named Bridget who destroys the life of every man she meets. During March 17-28 The Secret of Rain Inish, John Sayle's new film set in Ireland will be shown. Upstate tickets are a mere $4.50, and with a student membership fee of one $15, tickets are only $3. The Upstate film calendar is available in Preston. If you would like more information about show times or would like to be put on our mailing list please call 758-2515.

SUMMER SURRETS The Graduate School of Environmental Studies is looking for student housing for this summer, mid June through mid August. If you wish to sublet or rent, please call 758-7483 or, see Molly or Liz in Sottery.

The Bard Music Festival needs people. If you are going to be around this summer, or would like to be around this summer and would like to get first hand knowledge of how a music festival works, even if you are just curious, please call Robin Leibward at 758-7410 (x. 7410).

Remember: all classifieds and personals are free to members of the Bard community.

Baccalaureate Service

The Baccalaureate Service will be held this year on Sunday, May 21, 1995. The service is an interfaith gathering attended by the senior class and the faculty, which marks and celebrates the coming of age of the senior class. We are looking for creative contributions to our program. This would be a marvelous setting for the presentation of some of your work. If you have composed a piece of music, written a poem, or created a dance which you feel could be incorporated into the service, we are eager to include you. Your piece need not be of a "religious" nature. Also, we would like to include in this service prayers, readings and readings from all religious traditions, however, we are also eager to include you. Please contact Rabbi Michael Kennerly through the campus mail or at his office in Hopkins 208, if you are interested.

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An old campus institution stages a comeback

Returning to Annandale House after a semester of virtual homecoming, the Women's Center is busily planning activities for the spring.

In an organizational meeting last Wednesday, co-leaders Pauline Gnesin and Reka Prasad introduced their ideas to a group of interested students. "The school needed this space for temporary housing last semester, so we really need to reestablish ourselves and make a difference. We don't want to get kicked out of this room again because it is such a wonderful place for our library, listening to music, or even just studying," said Prasad, emphasizing the center's desire to be an effective feminist force for the Bard community.

"We have lots of ideas, but of course are open to any suggestions—this club exists for you," she continued, before launching into her extensive list of plans. The center is organizing film nights, to show movies in the Preston screening room, though the times for these are yet to be determined.

Jean Kilborn, a lecturer on film and body image, is an another guest scheduled for later this semester. They also hope to co-sponsor a feminist dancer, Malika Sarabhai, with the Dance Club. Perhaps the most renowned personality the center is attempting to lure back is folk singer Ani DiFranco. She has been a popular performer here in the past, but with recent success, is less available and more expensive.

Bringing people to Bard is not the only way the center is trying to make an impact. For those interested in talking about eating disorders, a session is planned with the head of counseling Dorothy Crane. Friday at 2 p.m. in Olin.

They will also be releasing a monthly newsletter, chronicling developments in the world of women and related issues. A Young Feminist summit sponsored by the National Organization of Women is taking place this April, to which the center is planning to send a contingent.

Also in April, NOW is holding a rally in Washington D.C. to protest violence against women. The center and Coalition for Choice are combining to coordinate buses for the April 9 event.

For those interested in information on women's issues, room 110 in Annandale House serves as a library, with books and periodicals, and a women's health file, containing facts and figures about issues from eating disorders to breast cancer.

Anyone with time and concern is welcome to volunteer to act as librarian. The more volunteers, the longer the center can be open as a resource for the community.

Meetings of the center are scheduled for Wednesdays at 7 p.m. Feel free to attend meetings with discussion topics in mind.

"One of my goals is to make this a place where we can talk about things. Business and fundraising are important, but discussing issues will really help us get things done," said Gnesin, "it's your center, make what you can of it."
Aristophanes' The Birds

An exercise in excellence

Last semester the Classics Department presented to the Bard Community a work directed and produced by Professor Chris Callanaan that was so delightful that this review shall be incapable of describing its utter brilliance. But before I begin, let me dispense with the pretense of objectivity. I have none. The Bird's was an amazing work, witty and full of sophisticated humor, oh so that the performers used the language more impressively than made for the language difficulty.

The show had several highlights which must be mentioned. Sean and Kevin Callanaan shocked and impressed the audience with their command of the language - a feat made more impressive given that they are both still in grade school. Rachel Pearsall's singing was lovely, and Kelvin Daly's accompaniment was appropriate to the overall production. But the definite highlight of the evening was the appearance of Dean Levine as the Barbarian God. If you missed it, well, I'm sorry.

The production owes many thanks to Professor Lunn and the Drama Department for their generous help with costuming, and I profet them here on behalf of everyone.

There will be other Greek plays. You should go see them. Better yet, you should sign up for Greek and thus be able to, well, maybe not act, but be in them.

The Student Telephone Directory is available. Copies may be picked up at the Dean of Students Office (2nd floor Ludlow) or the office of the Executive Vice President (1st floor Ludlow).

Bard Journal of Social Sciences

The Journal is now accepting submissions for its Spring issue. Academic research papers, opinion pieces and book reviews on gender studies, philosophy, political studies, sociology, and any other field of the social sciences welcome.

Have your writing published.

Write P.O. Box 37, call 876-9448, or contact Brandon Weber personally.

Knitting workshop

Another exercise in excellence

You might have seen some brightly colored signs around campus inviting you to a knitting workshop. Those who didn't attend missed a leisurely evening in the Moon Room, with yarn covering the floor, and the clicking of knitting needles filling the air. The knitting workshop is just one of several activities sponsored by the Lentil Soup Coop, to involve students in crafts. Beginning last semester by Brent Armendinger and Kristin Sikes, the Coop offered such projects as candle-making to anyone interested.

Now in their second term of operation, Armendinger and Sikes are asking students to sign up in the Health Food Store if interested in the activity of the week. This Friday's craft is sculpey (bead making), and will meet in the store, because the environment is right for the mess. (And a good mess is always fun!) The limit is 10 students; and there is no cost.

Future plans include calligraphy, paper making, more knitting, crocheting, spinning, and weaving. If you can teach a craft of some kind, feel free to contact either Armendinger or Sikes in campus mall.

What to do with your Bard degree?

We are writing to invite you to a program on Saturday March 11th at 2pm in the Olin Art History Room. The program, called "What do I do with my Bard degree?" is a colloquium of Bard alumni/ae geared specifically for students. Students will have the opportunity to hear from alumni/ae about their careers and ask questions on a range of career opportunities. The careers that will be represented include writing, teaching, law, business, medicine and art. We hope to see you at this exciting event!

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### Almond Macaroons

- 1/2c. ground roasted almonds
- 6oz. sugar
- 2tbs. cornstarch
- 2 egg whites (beaten)
- 1 1/4ts. almond extract
- 1/2 c. slivered blanched almonds

Preheat oven 375F. Mix roasted almonds, sugar & cornstarch in med. bowl. Add egg whites & extract. Stir into a thick paste. Spoon mixture into pastry bag (fitted w/ 1/2" star tip).

Pipe out macaroons 2" apart from one another on greased baking sheet. Sprinkle w/ slivered almonds. Bake 18-20 min.

*Makes 16 macaroons*

### Ginger Snaps

- 3/4c. softened margarine
- 1c. sugar
- 1 egg
- 2tbs. molasses
- 2 1/4c. flour
- 2 ts. baking soda
- 1 pinch salt
- 1ts. ginger
- 1/2ts. cinnamon
- 1/4ts. ground cloves

Preheat oven 375F. Mix all ingredients in med. bowl. Chill dough. Roll teaspoons of dough into balls and place balls on greased baking sheet. Bake 9-10 min.

*Makes 7-8 dozen snaps*

### Chocolate Chip

- 1c. softened butter
- 3/4c. sugar
- 1/2c. brown sugar
- 1ts. vanilla
- 4 egg whites
- 2 1/2ts. flour
- 1ts. baking soda
- 1/4ts. baking powder
- 1 pinch salt
- 2 c. chocolate chips

Preheat oven 375F. Mix all ingredients in med. bowl. Drop dough, by tablespoonfuls, onto greased baking sheet. Bake 9-10 min.

*Makes appx. 4 dozen cookies*

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**Cooking Column**

**Jean C. Breton: Columnist**

Baking cookies takes very little time and energy, but there are tricks to the trade that should be learned before any aspiring baker begins. I am going to term them the ten rules of successful cookie making.

**RULE #1**

Make sure the oven rack is positioned in the center of the oven NOT close to the heating elements otherwise your cookies will most likely burn.

**RULE #2**

Follow recipe directions exactly unless you have had so much baking experience that you feel confident using alternative ingredients and/or measurements.

**RULE #3**

Unless a recipe specifically says not to, ALWAYS grease your baking sheet so that the cookies do not stick. Also, it allows you the opportunity to alter cooking time, or dough consistency if necessary before baking the next batch.

Once you are sure your cookies are going to come out alright, it is safe to place more than one baking sheet full in the oven. REMEMBER that the sheet closest to the heating element will finish baking first.

**RULE #4**

When a recipe calls for rolling out dough make sure that you have lightly floured the surface you intend to roll the dough out on as well as the rolling pin. Most cookie recipes want you to roll the dough out to either 1/4" or 1/2" thickness. You can roll it thinner or thicker, but be warned this means the cooking time will change. LESS for thinner cookies, MORE for thicker cookies.

**RULE #5**

If your dough is very wet or sticky to the touch you are going to end up with runny cookies. AVOID this by adding 2-3 teaspoons of extra flour to the batter, until the dough seems manageable, but still moist.

**RULE #6**

ALWAYS place cookies approx. 2" apart from one another on your baking sheet so that they have room to increase in size while baking, and so that the cookies do not stick together.

**RULE #7**

Even if you can fit more than one cookie sheet in your oven at a time, only bake one batch of cookies to start with. I learned this from one of my friendly dorm-mates. This way if something goes wrong, all your cookies will not be ruined. Also, it allows you the opportunity to alter cooking time, or dough consistency if necessary before baking the next batch.

**RULE #8**

CHECK one cookie before they are supposed to be done, just in case. Not all ovens are exactly the same and temperatures can vary. Cookies are done if they are starting to lightly brown around the edges. Check bottoms of cookies to make sure that they do not burn.

**RULE #9**

Allow cookies to COOL before trying to remove them from the baking sheet. If you do not obey this rule, your cookies will most likely crumble when you try to pick them up (peanut butter cookies are especially fragile).

**RULE #10**

While waiting for cookies to finish cooling, keep them on a plate or other flat surface. Do not stack them until they are no longer warm or else they will stick together. After cookies are cooled, store them in a cookie jar, tin, or other airtight surface so that they stay fresh.

"Cookies are best served warm with cold milk."
What's What

When soap operas and real life become indistinguishable

by Sean O'Neill

Ah, the similarities between the wonderland of television soap operas and Bard's "social life!"

25 million Americans tune in each mid-afternoon to hear tales from the fictive TV towns of Oakdale, Salem, and Genoa City. Viewers want to escape to a place where everybody is feckless, self-pitying and gorgeous. Which places Bard two-thirds of the way to becoming a national "daytime drama."

Not enough blackmail happens in Annandale, New York, for it to be identical to TV's Pine Valley, New York, but in both places everyone sleeps with everyone else.

The popular characters on "daytime dramas" are those who lack self-assurance, who are short-sighted, and who are unresourceful. These "good guys" fall in love with creeps from the wrong crowd; they bumble into heartache and abandon promising opportunities.

The satirical saga continues

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the soap opera is that Jersey, Vinnie Butari is a model character. The three most dramatic changes in twenty-six years of Vinnie's life since May are his withdrawal from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute for a job with Northern Telecom in South Carolina, his engagement to a dumb blonde named Samantha, and his purchase of an eighteen-thousand dollar, red sportscar to impress women.

Vinnie's dream is to one day design the microscopic mechanical brushes that might course through people's arteries, undetecting the results of high-fat diets. If he achieves that goal, it will be after the sales of innumerable McDonald's hamburgers and Domino's pizzas — he judges a parent specified. This would, according to Hernandez, diminish the incentive of the food service to supply bad food that is often a worker who regularly skirts the edges of burnout to pay for his credit card bills.

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Musical Scavenger Hunt

by Rami Cohen

Hey! Do you like contests? How about prizes? Well, here is your chance for both. This is a song contest in which you must find songs to fit the requirements specified in the following list of categories. (One song per category.) Record the songs on to a tape and send them to me at Box 686. I’ll listen to your submissions to verify their fulfillment of the categories, and then send them back to you (so this is not a scam to get blank tapes.) Submissions must be received by March 15th. Winners will be notified by mail and probably announced in the Observer. And now...the prizes. First place will receive a new car! Not! Actually, the 1st place winner will get a pint of Ben & Jerry’s from deKline. 2nd place winner will receive a large bag of chips from deKline. 3rd place winner will receive a diploma for being smart enough to actually place. No. 3rd place will receive a half-pound of candy from (you guessed it) deKline. Please include a list of songs and the categories they are for.

So come on music lovers, here is a chance to apply all that knowledge of your music collections and get something for it. Find a song that:

1) Whose title is also the title of a movie (no “Theme from” songs.)
2) Fades out as if it is going to end...BUT DOESN’T.
3) Whose title is a number (and only a number)
4) Which is under ten seconds long.
5) Has vocals but no words—at all.
6) Mentions at least two different people with the same first name.
7) Has a mistake in it (specify the mistake)
8) Which mentions body parts on the wrong parts of the body.
9) Praises television.
10) Protests censorship.
11) Mentions intentionally intoxicating someone besides the singer.
12) Which is about getting a haircut.
13) Is about the demise of a cartoon character.
14) Mentions at least five different games.
15) Is about a beverage that does not contain alcohol.
16) Which has at least two different animal noises in it.
17) In which the singer expresses his/her distaste for the song that is played.

Oh yeah. The entire song must be recorded or it is disqualified.

Good luck and happy hunting.

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By John Menna

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TAOMM the Gypsy Queen's Forecast

Taurus (April 20-May 20): Just try to begin your school work (reading, projects, etc.) sometime before 1 AM this week. You will find that even the most obscure readings make much more sense! Finally, try to avoid discussing qualia outside of class. (It is rude.)

Geminis (May 21-June 20): A romance heats up when the weather is cold! Take extra time for that special potential someone.

Cancer (June 21-July 22): Take the time to return calls to old friends or lovers with whom you ought to make peace. Bury the hatchet, and use the kitchen knife to split the sourdough bagels!

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): Your brashness can be offensive, because your strong solar side is blinding when not properly controlled. As you are a sign of the sun, pay close attention to its ability to sometimes burn!

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): In the past things have been difficult—your sex life bit the big burrito—but now you can relax. Spring, and... go loud... are on the way

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Even though you are known by friends to be impartial, you find it impossible not to take sides occasionally. Keep in mind that the end is uncertain, so think well about the means.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): It's a good week to open up to those that you care about. Find the tender side of your heart and use it to your own personal advantage. Use your often-dangerous temper only on those who are truly deserving, i.e., the bastards!

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Finding the right thing to wear isn't always as easy as it seems. Take a few extra minutes to consider your wardrobe this week.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You can look forward to a nice surprise this week! Use your many talents to do something nice for yourself—you will profit greatly from relaxation and a little self-indulgence.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Although you haven't been feeling well lately, your health will return soon. You have a remarkable healing power, which will come on the rise as Uranus (your very own planet!) continues its journey on your chart.

Places (Feb. 19-Mar. 20): What may seem unrealistic to some is actually just another person's dreams. And if we can't dream, what can we do?

Aries (Mar. 21-Apr. 19): Strength! That is the key to your week. Your nature is one which simply refuses to give up! After this week, things will run much more smoothly.
Another View

The Student Judiciary Board's Role

by Andrew Fowler, SJB Chair

I hope this article can serve two purposes. First, I would like people to know more about the Student Judiciary Board and its function on this campus, and second, I want to inform the Student body that Kapil Gupta, the former SJB Chair, has offered to act as a resource for students thinking of bringing cases to the Board.

You may wonder why I have not written on the function of the SJB before. I was concerned that any strong public statement from me about the SJB and the process involved in bringing cases could be seen as an endorsement of one side or another in potential cases we might see. At this time, I feel that the need for public information about the SJB overrides that concern.

There are several things every student should know. The Board is by no means controlled by the administration, or in particular by the Dean of Students. Within the two years that I have served on the Board, students have cast the deciding vote in cases more than once. Every member has an equal vote, while I have the same right to a decision on suspension or expulsion as Dean Morgan.

There are five student full-time members, including myself, and two student alternates. There are also one faculty and one student representative, with respective alternates, and the Dean of Students. We need a total of six members to hear a case, and there is no stipulation of the ratio of students to faculty/staff beyond that the Chair and the Dean of Students be present. This usually means that on any given case, there are more students than faculty/staff sitting to hear the issue.

I mention this to reassure student plaintiffs and defendants who may fear being railroaded. The number of students on the Board guarantees that students' rights will be closely protected; at the same time, the presence of faculty and staff members also provides protection for the rights of non-student community members.

The Board understands the difficulty in bringing cases, especially when physical or sexual assault is involved. We strive to make the process as easy as possible, and we carefully consider the emotions of all involved. Although bringing cases is hard, I urge anyone who has been wronged to come forward. That is the right thing to do, both for yourself and for the community.

There is always the danger of appearing to support only one side in a dispute. Though we stand behind bringing cases, for the protection of everyone's rights we must assume any defendant is innocent until proven guilty. This means we consider both sides of each case, without prejudging and without presumption one way or the other. This is the only way to reach a just decision, but sometimes it can be frustrating for someone who legitimately feels that they have been victimized. I guarantee our best efforts to get at the truth and bring the matter to a just conclusion.

This brings me around to my final and perhaps my most important point. We are interested in truth. People come before the Board accused of minor offenses, major offenses, and everything in between. We only want to hear the version of what happened. We are not vindictive or arbitrary. Telling the truth cannot make matters worse, but lying can. Unfortunately, some defendants try to bend the facts a bit to try to increase their chances of getting off. If we determine that anyone involved in a case lied to us, this disappoints us terribly. I can only implore you to stick to the truth, whether you are bringing a case of defending an accusation.

For those interested in more details about the Board and its functions, I suggest you read p.114-118. Section Three on page 116 is most informative about the process of bringing cases. The most important things about bringing or defending a case include the following:

1) You must submit in writing to either me, Andrew Fowler, Box 776, or to Dean Morgan's office which will forward the statement to me. The accused will receive notice of the changes and the name of persons bringing the case. The accused have a chance to prepare a written statement, and once they have submitted it, each party will get a copy of the other's statement.

2) All, repeat ALL, written material, evidence, character witness statements, and any other documentation, must be submitted at least 24 hours before the hearing. This is to assure that all parties get time to see the material. Also, all written statements that describe the matter in question are distributed to both plaintiff and accused.

3) You may bring witnesses, but only those with first-hand knowledge of the events at hand. You may also ask me to call witnesses for you, but I cannot compel anyone to appear as a witness.

4) Barring legitimate concerns of safety, both plaintiff and accused must attend the hearing. Hearings are always private, unless both parties agree otherwise.

5) Attorneys are explicitly banned from all proceedings. Whether you consult them or not is your business, but they are not allowed in the hearing for any reason.

6) Each party may have a silent support person to comfort them during potentially difficult proceedings. The key words are "silent" and the supporter may not speak or communicate beyond offering comfort.

7) The Chair must issue a written decision within 72 hours of the rendering of a decision. This decision will be made public, minus all specifics of the case and without the names of those involved, at the next Forum. Such a statement sounds like this: "The SJB heard case of alleged theft (or a fill-in the blank), and determined that the defendant(s) were involved. The sanction was three days swabbing the decks in Kline." Hurge anyone with more substantive questions to address them to me or Kapil Gupta, who has offered to advise and answer questions from those interested in bringing cases. Please read his statement and attend the Forum on Tuesday, March 14, where we will get your input on this issue.

The context and purpose of the SJB Case Advisor

by Kapil Gupta

The statistics regarding reported thefts and sexual assaults on campus are limited indicators of the state of the community. These statistics are limited in the sense that they show only two types of negative activities that are perhaps inevitable on any college campus. Another indicator of the state of the community has an interest in minimizing instances of its standards of behavior, one would hope that the number of thefts and sexual assaults would begin to approach the number of corresponding SJB cases. Unfortunately, this is not the situation. Although we must recognize that not all thieves are apprehended or all survivors willing to submit cases, one can reasonably observe that the Bard community currently underutilizes the SJB.

Apart from its dealings with specific cases, the SJB's only claim to be fully effective when all members of the community would be willing to bring cases before the SJB where individuals are ignorant of, immune to, or removed from the serious consequences of their actions, the SJB can establish accountability in the better interests of the community and the offending individual. Nevertheless, in order to function, the SJB requires that victimized/concerned students initiate and participate in the case process. The ability to hold one's peers accountable for their irresponsible actions (through the SJB or otherwise) is obviously an individual right; I propose it is also a community responsibility. Imagine a case where A steals from B, and B is the aware of the fact. If D does not report the case, then A is likely and capable to continue stealing, from B, C, D, and everyone else in the community. In short, (ignoring constitutional arguments...) It is logical that students file cases with the SJB when they can do so.

The SJB is necessary for reporting (legally and otherwise) to follow certain standards of procedure that may make the case process seem cold or too bureaucratic. The SJB and its members are prohibited from actively assisting either side in a case beyond providing adequate information regarding the process. I am concerned that SJB process is intimidating or inaccessible to persons who may have legitimate cases to file. This troubles me as a member of the community and as a former Chairperson of the SJB. On these grounds I have developed the SJB Case Advisor position, to help persons who have submitted SJB case process easier, more understandable, less straining, and most effective for the person filing the case. Until the SJB is commonly and unreservedly accessible for resolutions of student misconduct, it will remain ineffective in addressing (possibly continued acts of specific injustices. Although the details of the position are still being finalized (concerning its student government status) I would like to publicize that I am currently accessible for consultation on potential cases. Depending on how much information you are willing to give me, I can give you some idea about what your case would involve if it were to go before the SJB. If you have already decided to file a case, I am also available to assist you with all aspects of case preparation. My number is 752-7116. Do not hesitate to call, confidentiality is guaranteed.
On the Convocation and Free Lucnh
(For You)

by Gabor Boglar, Treasurer

Now that the storms (?) of the Budget Forum have quieted down and the uncertain flow of funding requests is reaching toward its predictable tide, this treasurer thought you—you, club obsessed, club treasurer you, you—you—wouldn't mind to hear a word from him on budgetary matters. His understanding of your reasoning for appropriations detail is only a partial explanation for this column's appearance. The sudden spectacular revival of our cherished Observer—I honestly do notice, plus I'm willing to give the benefit of the doubt—further entices him to contribute his fragmentary verbiage in a thinly veiled attempt to latch on to new glory.

But the real reason I'm writing you on these pages is not to practice my polemics. As I think it became clear at the Budget Forum, we have not only had success at making available more money than ever—$72,000 for a single semester but just think about the Fall 1993 when the total in the Convocation Fund (CF) in short came in around a mere $50,000—but we have also made some progress on how clubs are financed. I would like to summarize these developments so you clearly see where your Activities Fee is going, and how we are making a strenuous effort to preserve it. I also want to give some information on how you can access the Emergency Fund (EF for simplicity, $12,563 remaining) and the Laundry Fund (LF similarly, $1217 before this semester's collections).

First on balance carry-over—now you're giving excited. The Budget Forum passed a resolution giving all monies left in the EF at the end of the current semester to the senior class—a potentially huge sum regardless of whether one's normative evaluation of the right or such action. The same resolution provided that all further leftover funds in this semester's CR (minus the total of any bills that might reach Barn during the summer) be transferred into next semester's (Fall 1995) CF.

This had never before, to the knowledge of anyone I know in student government, been allowed by the Administration, so to you who know this treasurer was quite worried about the passage of such proposals. I have since conferred with both Shelley Morgan and Mary Thomas, two responsible officers—in my mind, at least—of the reservations, that such a thing could be done. I take this to mean—and there is disagreement or doubt on the part of any party that has not so far voiced their opinions they should now do so on the same pages as I write this column—that this resolution of the Budget Forum will go into effect without delay or qualifications.

Next, your money access. If you've gotten this far, congratulations: you have officially become more informed on balance carry-over than you ever deserve to be punished with please drop me a note in campus mail and you can have a commemorative certificate with the Treasurer's autograph. You'd also be stupid to quit now, as I'm getting into how your club can have a shot at a more lavish (and more productive if you care) activities than ever before thought imaginable. That is, how do you tap the EF and the LF?

First, the LF is a share of all laundry machine income the school generates semester by semester. It can be spent on capital expenditures, that is equipment purchases and such. The procedure followed is similar to the regular budget submission to the point when the Planning Committee decides to recommend or not recommend an LF request. At this juncture, the Planning Committee collects all the requests and puts them to a campus-wide referendum where you and everybody else will be able to say which proposed expenditure they like most. The referendum is not an election in a win-lose sense. You can simply say, "Yes, I like this idea." If you don't, you don't vote for it, but you don't vote against. The results of this referendum are then show to the Administration, who passes their final red. Once someone's proposal is approved, they can request funds in exactly the same way as regular funding, except they have to make sure it's spent on the proposed capital improvement.

Given that there were no allocations from the LF last semester and that a number of clubs have expressed interest in the past several weeks, please submit your Laundry Fund request by March 27 for a first round of Planning Committee decisions and a referendum to be held in early April. The funds available, as mentioned above, will total $1217. This is last semester's LF, so it's high time to allocate it. It is in my intention to make this semester's new LF—amount yet to be determined—available to clubs before the end of the semester, so if your club cannot submit a request by this date, you won't be left out of the riches.

Now the lucrative bit, EF. Write an emergency budget, again similar to the regular one, and hand it to Planning Committee Chair Jeff Rhyne. Within ten days, the Committee must give your club a response, and any allocated money becomes immediately available through me. You can also spend your EF allocation on whatever the hell you want—hold it—not alcohol, sorry, so it is less restrictive than the LF. There is also more of this type of money available. Yes, twelve thousand five hundred and sixty-three dollars was the figure you saw a few paragraphs above. Requests for the EF can be submitted at any time before the end of the semester. The biggest boost for you: You could really call the EF the Supplementary Fund (no, not complementary). You won't need to dream up an emergency scenario for your request to be considered, any reasonable proposal goes.

Now even I am bored with myself, so it might be overdue to finish this thing up. However, I still need to subject you to the pain of some last thoughts. As I promised you in September, you funding request will be acted on—check in your hands by the Friday of any week, if you make sure the request is in my hands by the previous Tuesday 9 a.m. (sharp). That's a turnover of no more than four days, and you can't beat that. If you have any concerns, or questions regarding the EF, LF, or anything else that I'm supposed to know about, find me at 752-7276, or in North Hoffman 104.

(Two more sentences and it's over. Given the success of the resolution on balance carry-over passed at the Budget Forum, I will personally sponsor a constitutional amendment at the next forum on March 14 that will establish a similar process in perpetuity. If it is important to you to that your Activities Fee should stay in your own pocket and not flow somewhere else under some manufactured excuse, come and support it.)
The sports page returns

Volleyball team stumbles, while fencers finish season.

Ooops. Sorry about that. Last week there was no sports page. That is not because no sports were going on. Quite the contrary, quite a bit happened in the last two weeks that unfortunately space and time constraints made it impossible for this reporter to report upon. (The faster you go, the smaller you get—the special relativity of a second semester senior.)

Anyway, let me immediately apologize to all the hard working athletes whose exploits did not grace these inky pages.

Michael Poirier
Staff Writer

Varisty Sports

Sebastian Salazar from Lima, Peru has been named Athlete of the Week. A middle blocker with the men’s volleyball team, Salazar has posted some impressive stats working in the net, behind and above the net. Averaging 3.5 kills a game, Salazar is also averaging 40 aces a game (9th in the NCAA) and 2.7 digs a game (8th in the NCAA).

While Salazar has shone, his team has unfortunately lost at least four of their last six matches. Back on February 23rd, the Blazers defeated Rivier College in four close games (15-13, 14-16, 15-2, 15-11).

Then, on February 25th, the Blazers lost their two matches at the imposing-sounding Gothic Knight Invitational Tournament. The team fell to both Ramapo and Jersey City State in straight games. The month of March did not get off to a much better start. The team was beaten by Sacred Heart last Thursday by the score of 15-4, 15-6, 15-7.

On Saturday, the Blizers snatched defeat from the jaws of victory when, after crushing Baruch in the first two games without losing a point, the Bard team ultimately lost by a final score of 15-0, 15-6, 15-11, 11-15, 4-15.

Assistant Director of Recreation/Intramurals Kristen Hall told me that if the team were to lose another game, he would be without the special relativity of a second semester senior.

Bard skiers brave Belleayre

Misti Williams
Guest Writer

On Friday, Feb. 24 the Bard Ski and Snowboard Club traveled to Belleayre Mountain. Leaving Bard with sunny and 50 degree conditions, we were greeted at the mountain by wind and snow. Although the weather wasn’t perfect, that didn’t stop the ten Bard skiers from braving the half-pipe and conquering the chair lift (Jennifer Novik was victorious.)

Encountering a blizzard upon our departure, we were fortunate to have Kristen Hall as our navigator, she’s one of the most experienced ski and snow drivers in the east; but she’s not too swift with the rear anti-lock brakes.

Our next trip will be Saturday, March 11th for twilight skiing at Catamount Ski Center.

Look for the flyers and contact the Department of Athletics and Recreation if you’re interested, 788-7930.

Editorial Policy

The Bard Observer is an entirely student-run publication. Submissions from the community are always welcome. Letters to the editor should be under 300 words, and may be edited for spelling or grammar. Pieces for the Another View pages will not be edited without the consent of the author. Only that which is slanderous or libelous will be denied publication. Anonymous submissions will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis for publication—but we prefer them to be signed.

Campus organizations are also invited to publicize their events free of charge in the Observer. Space on the Calendar Page is provided through the Dean of Students’ Office.

The Observer is published every Wednesday while classes are in session. Only those items which arrive in campus mail, or to our office, the Friday prior to the next issue will be guaranteed immediate publication.
My Two Cents

by Michael Poirier, King Misile

As the front page article and the couple of letters on this very page attest to, there was almost an interesting development in student government. Nearly a scandal of Watergate proportions, a brouhaha reminiscent of the Profumo debacle...

Well, no, not really. Not even Whitemouth or dishwasher, to be quite honest. Just a few lonely hours outside the post office and a loudmouth version of democracy in action. But go, it sure is refreshing to hear at least three voices angry and disgruntled by Bard politics as usual, and also to witness an election (other than the Entertainment Committee) where there is more than one candidate!

Let's look at the situation. It is the responsibility of the six members of the Central Committee to oversee campus-wide elections. These members of student government, our previously elected officials who receive $300-a-semester stipend, could only manage to be available for eight random hours spread over two days.

That is patently ridiculous. Sure, everyone has classes, even on Thursday and Friday. But why couldn't the Central Committee at least post the hours when they would be available? That way, voters could schedule their chances to vote. That way, nobody would be excluded from the democratic process, whether by incompetence, negligence or hectic schedules. Watch for an amendment at the next forum meeting this procedure for the future.

And how about that alleged "harassment" near the ballot box? So long as this anonymous member of the Student Life Committee didn't physically or verbally assault the voter, or somehow prevent the voter from actually voting for the candidate of her choice, there really is no constitutional or democratic issue at stake here.

That is the way democracy works kiddo. Voices in favor of a candidate, and opposed to that same candidate, must be heard. If only the candidate is allowed to speak for him or herself, what guarantee (indeed, what precedent) is there that the truth will be told? What is the likelihood that the highest candidate will reveal his or her secret agenda? Freedom of speech, of campaigning both positive and negative, is an integral part of the democratic process. And it is that process which Bard students still need to practice with only one-tenth of us actually vote (so much for that 100% participation claim).

None of this is to say that any of the candidates for Secretary where particularly insidious or blameworthy. I simply insist that opposing and perhaps unpleasant opinions are allowed to be heard. I am also demanding that the election process be reformed to guarantee every student a designated time to vote. It is the lazy hinges of unpunished bureaucracy that harm the workings of democracy far more than the righteous voices of protest.

March 8, 1995

Letters

Where's the ballots?

Dear Editor,

Hear ye, hear ye. Listen, I went to the pool room last Thursday morning to do my duty as a student and vote for Secretary. The only problem was that there was no one to take my vote. Alright then, I thought, I'm a flexible guy, I'll come back later. So I came back after lunch and to my surprise there was still no one to assist me in exercising my franchise. Now I was somewhat perturbed by this but I knew it had to be an accident because our glorious Secretary must have been too busy---too busy what? I'm not too sure. So, I decided to return midday on Friday. When I did there was still no voting apparatus. This is bullshit. I tried to vote not once, but twice, three times. I was unable to and I am pissed. The few times I try to vote participate in student government I get shit from.

Name withheld by author's request

Where's the beef?

To the editor,

Greed has no conscience! If it's on behalf of animals, pressure groups glamorizing the abuse and slaughter of animals for pleasure and for profit, can be counted on to offer opposition. The same organizations are backing "Animal Owner Rights" legislation, while blocking laws and ordinances to protect animals.

If greed, greed is the name of the game, caring people. (not buying beef) can impede at least one group whose policies affecting lawmakers have a harmful impact. Around the country, large numbers of legislators and local officials are, in fact, cattle ranchers—perhaps the same ranchers who are trying to wring control of land (belonging to all Americans) from our government in order to block range reform. Overgrazing and other abuses on our public lands can be directly attributed to cattle interests.

When rancher-legislators or rancher-officials control law-making bodies, conflict of interest and ethics involved should be questioned. Those who care about animals and our public lands can, also, protest without being a local majority, without writing letters, picketing or otherwise going public. They can simply stop buying beef.

Political changes, the result of cattle industry lobbying, may bear testimony to the triumph of greed. Beef (you ate) paid for the changes—changes harming all but the wealthy. But, all the victims together can effectively protest.

No one can help every good cause but most forgotten Americans can help their cause, too, by being part of a "Save Our Overgrazed Public Lands—Don't Buy Beef" movement.

James Griffin
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Disappointing democracy

Dear Editor,

Every year the Princeton Review publishes a guidebook to colleges and universities nationwide. In it one can read about the activities and clubs that are available at the colleges and universities listed. Bard is highly rated in many areas, but the one that interests me most is student government. The Princeton Review states that student government involvement at Bard is one hundred percent. For the most part, this is an accurate assessment.

We can all participate, when we are allowed to vote. Officially there is no structure that prevents any student from participating. But as the election last Thursday and Friday demonstrated, it is possible to exclude people through incompetence and lack of care. Last week I went to the pool room to vote on Thursday. I found there was no poll in which to cast my ballot. The Princeton Review informing us of the election said voting was on Thursday and Friday. It said nothing about limited times. I assumed that the person in charge had just left or was visiting the restroom. I am fairly certain that at least a few students did not vote because of availability. This next matter alarmed me more than lack of ballot box availability. The issue at hand is intimidation and unethical campaigning in front of the ballot box. When I re-

Eva Osgood

Book/stuff sale

To the Bard community:

The Student Life Committee would like to sponsor a book/stuff sale towards the end of the semester. The idea would be for you to sell your books to a student who will need them in the future and for seniors to get rid of all the stuff they’ve accumulated over the past year at Bard. We would like this to be a widely advertised event. I’m sure plenty of locals will be going off to college and would like to buy futures, chairs, refrigerators, etc. Just know this will be on going and be thinking about whether you have anything you want to sell. Also, if you would like to help with the organization or have any suggestions, let me know.

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Robbins: 8:30a, 8:50a, 9:10a, 9:30a, 9:50a, 10:10a, 12:00p, 12:20p, 12:40p, 1:00p, 1:40p, 4:00p, 4:20p, 4:40p, 5:00p, 5:20p, 5:40p, 6:00p.


Tuesday: Van to the Lyceum in Red Hook, 6:30p - 10p.

Wednesday: Shop 'n Save Run, 6p - 9p.

Friday: Vans to Rhinecliff Station at 4:20p (4:55 train), 6:00p (6:31 train) and 7:20p (7:51 train). Vans to Poughkeepsie Station at 5:30p (6:19 train). 7:45p (8:35 train) and 10p (10:45 train). Poughkeepsie Galleria Mall 7p, leaves at 5p and returns at 9p.


Sunday: meet at 9:15a to go to various churches in Red Hook. Rhinecliff and Rhinebeck (St Johns, St Chris and St Paul). Pick ups at Rhinecliff Station for trains arriving at 6:15p and 6:02p and 10:12p. Pick ups at Poughkeepsie Station for trains at 6:45p, 8:45p and 10:45p.

Meet all vans behind Kline

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<td>Bard Opinion Table. Allen Josey and Rich Kelley. Resident Directors will be available, along with a member of the Student Life Committee. Kline Commons, 12p.</td>
<td>Van to SUNY Albany Library. Leaves at 10a and returns from Albany at 4p, arriving at Bard at 5:15p. Sign up at the Dean of Students Office. &quot;What do I do with my Bard Degree?&quot; A panel of alumni/ae will speak about their years after Bard, followed by a question and answer period. Olin 102, 2p. Reception will follow at 5:30p.</td>
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Tuesday: AA Red Hook, 8p - 9p, leaves at 7:45.

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Thursday: AA Bard, Aspinwall 304, 7:30p - 8:30p.

Friday: OA Kingston, 5:30p - 7p, leaves at 5:15p. AA Red Hook, 8:30p - 9:30p, leaves at 8:15p.