Rodriguez and Kolda are back in school

The current event at Bard College is the college has signed a contract with the Slater System, Inc., for the provision of educational services, including the college's dining services beginning with the 1958 spring semester. Prior to this time, the college has changed its own decision to manage these services. The increasing competition of food services, according to a release from the public relations office, persuaded the administration that improved service as well as more economical operation could result from a decision with a specific group.

The Slater System Manager at Bard College is C. Arnold Voge. He approved his resignation on January 15, succeeding R. M. Kolda, who was named as of December 1.

Along with the 150 other industrial, business college, and school clientele of the Slater System are the American Can Co., Caterers, Right Corp., Ford Motor Co., General Foods Corp., Union Theological Seminary, and over a hundred other educational institutions. +

THE COMPLETE TEXT OF MR. SHAHN'S REPORT APPEARS ON PAGES 3 AND 6

SHAHN HITS COMMUNITY DO-NOTHING ATTITUDE

Bard, Vol. 3 - The College last week had a meeting, the first Community Government meeting of the semester, which was attended by over 100 students. The meeting was highlighted by the discussion of the recent report of the Student Government that called for changes in the college's government. The report was presented by Mr. Shahn, who stated that the community government should be more active in its role.

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Dr. Werner Wolff, Professor of Psychology at Bard College, will give a report on Wednesday evening, March 3 at 8:30, on the proceedings of the Inter-American Conference in Psychology held in the Dominican Republic in December. His topic will be "The Psychology of International Relations." The meeting, sponsored by the Psychology Department, will be held in the social room of Albee. At the meetings of the conference attended by delegates from nearly every country in North and South America, Dr. Wolff was elected Secretary-General of the Inter-American Society.

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FLEMISH LANGUAGE
BERN SCHOOL

ACADEMIC FREEDOM Today will be the theme of the keynote address at a conference sponsored by the Intercollegiate Committee on Academic Freedom to initiate preparations for the observance of a National Academic Freedom Week. The address will be given by Dr. Lawrence Siegel, Counsel for the Academic Freedom Committee of the American Civil Liberties Union.

Invitation to this conference, which will be held on March 6 in the auditorium of the Mechanics Culture Society, 2 West 6th Street, have been sent to over 250 campuses on an hundred and fifty campuses in the north east, as well as a dozen student and non-student organizations. Following the keynote address by Mr. Siegel at 10:30 AM, there will be three workshop panels at which the repre

BARD ART DAYS IN FEBRUARY
BEGIN FEBRUARY 1ST

THE EDITORS AND STAFF OF THIS MAGAZINE WOULD LIKE TO
WELCOME + the new students + Mr. Schubert of
+ Anne Shadoff + Ad Rosenblum
+ old ones back here + Arno, P. Feicht (this Sat)
+ Saul Bellonte's award + a new horror +
+ the Student Council + Armand Spanglet

BATES, continued

the ministry in the Protestant Episcopal Church and in December, 1951, was ordained as a priest by the Right Reverend George W.B. Denogen, Bishop of New York.

At Bard College, the Reverend Bates has the distinction of being the oldest undergraduate, Never having completed his work for a Bachelor's Degree, he matriculated in the Fall of 1952 as a non-resident advanced student. It is expected that he will graduate this June as a member of the Class of 1954.

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Francesco Contarino's Communications Board report was composed mainly of a review of last semester's resignations in the field of communications media. He suggested to the new Communications Board that they investigate a new weekly publication that had recently sprung up amidst a single cover possible legal obscurities. The name of this weekly was not disclosed.

The Entertainment Committee, represented by David White, revealed a program calling for only four planned dances this semester thus leaving the initiation of social events largely in the hands of the student body.

Student initiative was also called upon by David Kirsky, Chairman of the Institutional Committee. He called for participation in a plan to re-examine the social and recreational facilities of the college. Mr. Kirsky stressed the necessity of cooperation in this plan.

Last semester's work of the Orientation Committee was discussed by co-Chairman, Willie Ann Rosenberg. She also announced the resignation of co-Chairman Benny Klukob who was replaced by Roger Callahan. Very Griscom followed with a very brief statement.
BARD BEGINS MONEY CHANGING CONSERVATION

Last Tuesday, Coll Avry and a small band of foresters were gathered near the gym. One of
Bard's white elephants is about to be turned into a money-maker. Under the supervision of
Coll Avery of the B & G Department, a pine plantation is in the process of being cleared up and
already the plantation has been visited by New York State Foresters who feel that
many of the trees are still of great value despite past neglect.

A visit to the plantation disclosed boys and girls stripping dead limbs from the various
pine types.

The conservation program is part of the physical education program, and students spent two hours
each week meditating trees, hopers, and wrecks in one of the most constructive projects I have
seen yet at Bard.

The next from the plantation will be used for chips, fences andumber. According to Mr.
Avery, there are already several interested customers.

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Arthur Bortin, present chairman of the Judicial Committee, defined the function of the committee and advised the
students that a Judicial Board would continue to look into matters of extra-scholastic violations and would deal with them as
they thought best.

At this point in the meeting, Mr. Shahn explained the bombshell. It stated that EPC had
failed to fulfill the objectives set up for it in the constitution and asked for a redefinition of its purposes by
the community.

Joel Berno, a speaker for the Committee on Academic Freedom, informed the gathering of the prospective symposiums that
are going to be held on

this subject and announced the time of a meeting for interested people. He also revealed plans for an academic freedom
two weeks, sometime in April.

George Waltuch, speaking for the Committee of House Presidents, told of the creation
tion of the committee as a result of the reorganization of Open house at the beginning of last semester. He called
attention to the fact that there had been an alarming loss of interest in house organization and asked the community to let the house presidents know if they wanted
house organization continued. He also expressed concern over the abandonment of the plans and statements of the committee.

The first speaker of the evening was Mr. Robert Hobitz, chairman of COSG. He reviewed the outline prepared by his
committee and expressed optimism in referring to the results obtained by the various committees concerned with social
problems.

A question period was scheduled to follow but this was cut out at the suggestion of
Mrs. Bourne who was the opinion that the community would be better prepared for discussion at the next meeting.
It was announced that these meetings would be a regular monthly event.

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BARD'S SPORTSCOPE

by John Baruch

As many of you may know by now, Bill Arent, our Physical Education Director, is on extended leave this semester. All activities, course changes, tournaments and the like will be handled by Mr. Arent. Those who are familiar with the physical education system at Bard need no introduction to the facilities and recreational activities conducted each semester. To those of you who are newcomers at Bard, I should like to say that your cooperation is appreciated, so the program for you may run as smoothly as possible.

All students who have not completed four semesters of physical education must take 3 hours of activities a week. If you have not signed for this semester and you lack one or more semesters of physical education, please do so. You will save the entire staff of the department considerable time. Each course will have an instructor and it is his responsibility to give you the names of those present at each meeting of the activity. Instructors are there to help you. If you cannot make a class contact the instructor or me and present an excuse. You need not make a personal appearance if excused by the infirmary.

There will be some inter-community sports coming up in the next few weeks. The faculty has challenged the student body to a badminton match. I know that the faculty want to pin our ears back, so let's get together and show them. There is a sign-up sheet on the Hegeman bulletin board. There will be too practice sessions for faculty and students in which (continued on Page 5)
We noticed that President Case dipped his toe in the caffeine-stained cess of the coffee controversy. In his memorandum on the Bard College Co-op store, he suggested that the $1,562.38 loss last fiscal year coincided with the difference between coffee sold at ten cents and coffee sold at seven cents which was last year's tariff.

One hears so much talk about numbers in the news nowadays, we took pencil in hand and quickly calculated that 32,076.3 cups of coffee were sold last semester. Further investigation showed that 283.4 cups were sold every day which in turn meant that each member of the community consumed 5/8 of a cup per day.

We felt a bit alarmed when looking back on President Case's low estimate until we recalled the proprietor of a New York restaurant whose coffee was made available at a penny a cup. Reporters quickly asked him why (over a cup of his coffee) and he said that too many people were making too much money on coffee as it was.

With this latter fact in mind, we began wondering why we are suffering a loss when the Co-op does peddle brew at ten cents a cup (as we began to do last semester) and does not pay electric, water, gas and maintenance bills. With such advantages, our friend of the penny-a-cup could no doubt be willing to give his precious coffee away gratis.

We wish Mr. Ottolenghi luck in his new undertaking as keeper of the bean.

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THERE WILL BE A MEETING IN FAIRBAIRN SOCIAL FOR STUDENTS INTERESTED IN APPLYING FOR POSITIONS ON THE "AU" STAFF TONIGHT AT 7:30.
I believe it was Sidney Hook who first announced the credo for those times to which I feel all to many of today's intellectuals are adhering, "Heresy Yes; Conspiracy, No." Nice words, to be sure, but in the framework of today's complex politics (and unpolitics) they are meaningless, and perhaps even dangerous, for the possibility is great that a person who either refuses to echo this dogma, or worse yet, disagrees with it, will quickly be branded a conspirator.

To speak one's views in these times it is necessary that a person be of a background that is beyond reproach, unless he wishes to run the risk of a degrading and totally unpleasant assassination of character. The current holder of the currently unorthodox point of view is indeed in the most embarrassing position of either expressing this view, and becoming a branded conspirator, or not expressing it and becoming a de facto heretic.

Despite its indignation, Bard is not free from this peculiarly American trend towards conformity, kowtowing and fealty there is a significant lack of difference in expressed opinion and what in perhaps worse, diversity and criticism are not welcomed. At Bard we have assumed the habit of only accepting self-criticism as valid criticism. We can criticize Bard, which everybody does, and we can subject ourselves and the committees on which we work to careful scrutiny, which we are encouraged to do, but to the point of criticism of anything with which he is not directly connected not on our in turned, not a thought is given.

Such comments are passed off as "briefing" (which in today said to a healthy escape), and the only way in which such beliefs may be recorded any attention is for the person who feels strongly enough about something to speak his mouth, the outsider, to try his luck at the situation and offer something "constructive."

If such is the case, and I believe it is, there is no reason to be surprised at this report. Some of you may recall a community meeting a year and a half ago at which the Educational Policies Committee delivered what has been referred to as an incident charging the student body with "apathy." I rarely heard that word used before that time, and since then I have heard it spoken at Bard accompanied by a slight sneer. On the basis of last semester's activities of the ERC we do not feel we could retaliate that charge, neither, we would level one that, while slightly different, in scope, it is just as, if not worse, daring. It is in the academic community at Bard has acquired a smug complacency, a sense of satisfaction and contentment with its past leadership in what is called progressive education, and a self-righteous attitude that almost precludes the possibility of major change, to anything of progress. The faculty, retreating into the unknown, make much of their privileges and prerogatives, and do not, from the student's point of view, offer the stimulation and cooperation we expect of them. The students, searching for a place in the world, (and though it be at Bard) insist upon assuming additional responsibilities while selfishly neglecting to discharge some of their fundamental commitments.

The constitutional functions of the Committee are "To establish liaison between the Faculty and the student body on matters of common academic concern; to acquaint itself and the members of each Division with the

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Continued from P. 3 which we will try to determine a suitable pairing. The tenters are listed on the sign-up sheet.

The basketball team will open its season on March 9th with a home contest. The team will play fifteen minutes during the month of March. The boys are looking for five in a row this year, and I know they would like to have student support all the way. Let's get behind the team and give them the support they need.

There will be a pool ping-pong tournament in two weeks. Sign-up sheets for three tournaments will be posted soon. The rest of the summer may see a golf tournament, a swimming festival, and some good tennis matches with outside organizations. Golf may get under way before weather permits if a new indoor golf range is set up. Most of these activities are up to you, the student body.

Bill Zepf will be able to work better at his PhD at NYU if he knows that everything is going smoothly up here. I will be in the gym office every day during the week, so don't hesitate to call upon me for any questions and problems. Glad to welcome all at any time.

John Baruch

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Principles of the educational program of the College: to provide technical and theoretical training which the principle may be realized and continually improved. If success of a committee is to be judged by the extent to which it completes its functions, it can only be said that we failed.

Last semester the Committee concerned itself
with three major projects. In each we were only successful in barely formulating a statement of a problem before we became completely frustrated by our utter inability to cope with it. These problems, which at the end of last semester were still unresolved as far as the Committee was concerned, perhaps deserve the attention of the entire community.

The first of these was a joint faculty-SCC meeting (the first of what was hoped would be a series) the subject of which was a "re-evaluation" of that singular board center which we claim, amidst discreet charges, countercharges and suggestions, made by both students and faculty (and accepted by both) we tried to determine whether our type of education did, in fact, "create in a broad cultural outlook, marked by the power and will to continue self-education throughout (our) adult life," in an atmosphere of soul-caring in which both faculty and student admitted to negligence it was felt that the meeting had been a great success. So far nothing has been done, and by the end of last semester we seem to have forgotten our valuable experience.

The following week, this time with a different group of faculty, we ambitious-ly attacked the problem of and the rationale behind the senior project, as well as various other suggestions of ways in which the senior year could be more valuable. Our recommendations are now waiting for a joint meeting of SCC and the Faculty Committee on Academic Standards.

Last semester we also seem to have griped with our personal task of doing something about student evaluation of the faculty. It is easy to comprehend the concept of filling out a form which can in some be tabulated into an evaluation of an instructor, but the decisions of which the student's rights in this area end and where their privileges begin, for when the evaluation is to be conducted and what information is relevant, the extent to which these evaluations should be weighted in the granting of academic appointments, if at all, -- these decisions or some complex it is impossible for the faculty, students and administration who are working on the problem to agree, in other than the most general terms.

This is the state of the Educational Policies Committee. Our minutes are filled with unfinished business which will perhaps remain unfinished for a longer period of time that we would like to imagine. Whether this is due to none intrinsic inopportunity of the Committee or a lack of understanding on to the actual extent of our functions among the groups between which the Committee is supposed to be a liaison, we do not know.

The solution to these problems and many others equally basic, will be reached only when the entire community, if such there is in fact, will take more than a barely passive interest in the work done by the committee. This might start if the community were to attempt to define the Educational Policies Committee in terms that would have some meaning when the Committee tried to execute its functions.


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