Changes Made As Result of Recent Hearing

By Iris Johnson

If Bardians want a better Dining Commons, they have begun working toward it.

This was the consensus in a meeting between Institutions Dining Comm., Mr. William Asip, Business Manager, and Mr. Larkin Hoyt, Head of Dining Commons that took place last Tues. evening.

The meeting attempted to open all complaints about Commons to see if anything could be done about it. Already two improvements have occurred: a variety of “specialties” and a generous supply of most “seconds” are being served.

But additional improvements remain.

There is a question of cooking facilities. The college has added a new dish washer and a steam table; but a stove and oven are still needed.

Also there is the matter of the centers of the Slater dining room. The $420 paid each year for board, most of it goes to Slater is automatically reduced.

Mr. Asip said he based that assumption on the idea that there would be daily absences.

“Do they pay them a fair price and the service is adequate,” said Mr. Asip.

But students questioned this. Is it not possible to do on a higher plan - spend more money and get better food? One student said he could not think of any student who would not be willing to pay an additional ".50 a day if there were a better plan.

Mr. Asip did not see a need for an increase. He expressed hope that qualitative results would be brought about by the recent poll on the dining commons.

We are already receiving first quality meats, fruits, and vegetables, he said.

“But distasteful foods can be eliminated, can be better prepared, can buy more wholesome foods and better meat.”

No Career Day Event This Year

For no reasons, Bard will not have a “Career Day” this spring. After surveying a long list of student suggestions, the administration has decided that because of the lack of time it is impossible to have the annual day.

Along with a “Career Day”, Mrs. Bourn said that there is a vital need for more vocational counseling. An increase in the number of counselors would be brought about for an increase. He expressed the importance of this need.

Mr. Asip expressed the need, Dean Bourne stated, in a wider view of the careers open to graduates.

Herberg Speaks At Bard In May

A gift from a member of the class of ’48 in the form of an annual lecture has been created to bring Dr. Will Herberg to the college.

The lecture by the noted scholar in Judaism will be presented May 8. Dr. Herberg, who is professor in Judaism at Drew University, is the author of Judaism and Modern Man and Protestant, Catholic, Jewish.

Delegates Report on Mock United Nations General Assembly Meeting

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Deleratencies Present

Despite these difficulties which seemed to be shared by other delegations the exchange of the conference affected everyone. The problems of constantly articulating ideas, of learning the conference, were under the regulations of the regular U.N. rules, and dealing with the many aspects of the issues under discussion — all these things made the conference a stimulating, not to say exhausting, experience. Very evident was the lack of this and other preparation was, thus, not so much a matter of hours.

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The social regulations committee held several closed meetings at which all aspects of the plan were examined. In particular, two item were emphasized: the functioning of the house presidents’ committee and the matter of hours. Work has been expressed by members of the committee that the house presidents’ committee had missed the spirit of the plan, which had assumed too much power, and was taking judicial action without adequate sources of reference or procedures for appeal.

The social regulations committee feels that when a violation is turned in, the house presidents’ committee will look into the matter. The violation will be made public to the assembly in question. Yet in one case brought before the house presidents’ committee, the recommendation of a particular house president was overturned. Three alternatives have been suggested.

The recommendations for modifications which would remove these weaknesses in the house presidents’ committee were: give the house president sending in the violation the right to appeal the action of the house presidents’ committee.

The second recommendation is that a person be notified sometimes with great week’s notice of committee to be referred to the administration, who will in turn make the decision on the matter of hours. The recommendations included the right of the house presidents’ committee to appeal the action of the house presidents’ committee.

The third recommendation was that the house presidents’ committee refer a case to the (Continued on Page 2)

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The social regulations committee will present its evaluation of the new social regulations to community council tonight for action. It shows that, overall, the system has been functioning successfully. The evaluation report makes recommendations for modifications in the house presidents’ committee but leaves the hours as they now stand.

The evaluation of the one month trial period was conducted over a two week period and made use of evidence which had been gathered and the views of members of the faculty, administration, house presidents, and members of the community at large which were presented at the three open hearings.

Both Dr. Reiss, associate professor of sociology, and Dr. Hladky, school psychiatrist, praised the plan, also the committee’s rep­resent­ativeness. They, however, expressed some res­ervations concerning the hours. Dr. Reiss questioned the effect of the later six-thirty closing of hours on the public image of Bard, and Dr. Hladky expressed war­ry over the possible effects of the total number of hours upon some individuals because of the emotional relationships which are involved.

Dr. Kline and Dean Bourne respectively expressed great satisfac­tion with the plan. The presi­dent reiterated his objections to the hours problem and decided to elaborate when questioned on specific points, stating that his position was presented clearly in the last issue of The Bardian.

Dean Bourne emphasized that the plan would continue reined in the semester and the plan was accepted by the majority of the students.

The Constitution Committee’s drafts of two new constitutions (one a Student Government Constitution and one a Constitution Committee) will be dis­cussed in Council for several weeks before they will be sub­mitted to the Community in referendum. Two-thirds of the votes cast in the Community
From the President...

From time to time I am asked in this column to comment particularly upon our problems at Bard—often with the additional suggestion that such "problems are of a student court, E. P. size, and possibly of little political power" are the main problems at hand.

Increasingly I am coming to feel that our greatest problem of all is the proper size of classes, not of the early 1900's stopped when a freshman student and myself composed a discussion panel on the history of the Bard yearbooks of 1900 and 1901. They tell of our campus "Coun- cent, Chest, and that in those years money and gave half to the Finkelson, and divide- ed the other half among the "hated," and the French Service, Committee, Fresh Air Fund, and World Student Service.

I am sorry that we have no such activity at the present, that as far as I know as a college community we send forth no hospital volun­ neers, no soup kitchens, no blood donors.

A few weeks ago I partici­ pated in a discussion panel on love. From the standpoint of experience and participation, it was a brilliant and stimulating eve­ ning, and did not involve discussions involving Bard students almost good enough to "try." But the meet­ ing ended by concentrating upon the primary status of the lover, and his immortality from outside standards and values.

I believe that love above all other concerns is the most important concern for self; and that community can express true love only in this same way—and that though the lines may have been worn thin by too frequent qua­ lification in the last 20 years, it is still true that "no man is an island," and that it is time for us to Bard at lift bar, from the faculty, and train the world.

Reamer Kline

French Table in Dining Commons

To Be Regular Wednesday Event

The first table in French in the Alcove was held Wednesday, March 28 in the Alcove, and a second one took place April 12. The three tables, filled by the twenty students and other members who had shown him around,—the most effective spokesman for a college of any he had met at one of our faculty of college meetings. We are delighted therefore when a freshman student and a student returned after a leave, motivated a Council meeting otherwise preoccupied with "social regulations" to provide for Bard representa­ tion at the annual U.N. assem­ bly.

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seasonal fruit, and kitchen and student help can be required to wear head coverings," he said. "But the students will have to demand it."

Could have been expressed over stray bits of hair in the food and the "over all sloppin­ es of the tables." Waiters were either too fast or too slow. Food was being passed down of tables, effective than be­ ing placed near enough for the student to reach his plate. Both Mr. Asip and Mr. Hoyt said that someone from the Sater District office could not find waiters free of charge, if stu­ dents felt it necessary. They also said that they would like to have more sugges­ tions on what to serve. Lunch­ ench specials could vary wid­ ely. Soups, salads, cheese, anything that is "modest and easily prepared" can be served if students request it.

We have a limited bud­ get," said Mr. Hoyt, "but we could prepare anything within reason if we have a request for it."

Second helpings of meat will not always be possible. But when they are available, they will be advertised.

Serving of yesterday's des­ sert will be discontinued, he said.

Delegates

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that the U.S. is definitely against a policy of economic sanctions. In the final Plenary Session of the Medal U.N. the vote was finally reversed, but still, much confusion was caused by pro­ blems like this.

Bard No Exception

Bard's delegation met with similar difficulties, on a smaller scale of course, than the every­ one group did. The Indian dele­ gation had nothing to do with its country's Mission to the U.N. and was very well in­ formed. The Soviet bloc coun­ ries were also well informed and coordinated. The confer­ ence may have failed to find solutions to all the current prob­ lems—the United Nations has not found them yet—but it certainly served to build greater and understanding of the prob­ lems.

It is the hope of all the Bard dele­ gates that the student's Model General Assembly that the conference will be part again next year, and will give its del­ egation adequate time (begin­ ing in November or December of next year) to prepare thoroughly for active participation. The delegation would like to think that Mr. Hoyt, and Mr. Hoyt has expressed his willingness to help in any way possible, perhaps by pro­ viding another French meal.

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Bard Festival

To the Bardian: We of the Art Club feel the need of an Art Festival on campus, submit the follow­ ing proposal to the community for a Bard Festival, to be held at the YMHA in New York for spring of the Community.

What would the Bard Festi­ val be?

a. Art exhibit—students, fac­ ulty, and alumni participating.

b. Drama production—orig­ inal play or improvisations.

c. Music concert—chamber music for soloists.

d. Cocktail party—for infor­ mal new year hall, more with interested parties.

—All to be held on the three consecutive weekends.

Why a Bard Festival?

a. Money for Arts building.

b. Music and art facilities.

c. Publicity for Bard.

d. Direction for student ac­ tivities.

Why a Community proj­ ect, with students, faculty, and alumni working together.

Why an Arts building?

a. Arts department facilities are incredibly lacking.

b. Funds for an arts building are more difficult to ob­ tain than funds for buildings such as libraries.

c. Arts building a necessity for the whole community.

2. Virtually, all Bard stu­ dents take at least one art course before graduation.

3. One third of the student body is enrolled in art courses in any given sem­ ester.

4. There is an urgent need for an art gallery, a concert hall, a new art class, more art and music studios and classrooms, offices for the arts

Evaluation

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administration without any comment upon it.

In the evaluation report, it was made clear that the house presidents' committee is an exec­ utive group, not a legislative body; they do not interpret the structure of the plan, nor al­ ter it.

The social regulations com­ mittee recommends that the reasons, in brief, are that no evidence from any source has shown that these hours are harmful to the individual, the school or the plan itself; that no objections to the plan have come from the faculty, student body, trustees of the college, parents or any outside groups.

Kaleidoscope Invites Novelist to Speak

On April 27 Kaleidoscope will present a lecture by the noted novelist, Mr. Miller is the author of several novels and screen plays. His latest novel A Gay and Un­ published was published Feb. 1961 and is distributed throughout the country by rave reviews.

His novels deals with contemporary America with "no punches pulled approach." He also used his talents in fac­ tual writings for the American Civil Liberties Union for whom he wrote a report on black­ listing in radio and television.

His talk for Kaleidoscope will be an American Society Today.

While he is visiting the college he will be entertained by Pres­i dent and Mrs. Cline.

For those who are interested the books are available at copies of his novel A Gay and Melancholy Sound.