COUNCIL AGREES ON POLICY REGARDING CAMPUSS CLUBS

Club Constitutions Due in Three Weeks

Community Council passed a resolution by Councilman Andrew Krioger last Monday night which delineated "standing Rules" regarding the definition and requirements for recognition of campus clubs. Councilman Bernstein amended the resolution to require that all clubs submit constitutions by April 11th. A copy of this resolution is included in this week's Gadfly to aid club chairman in meeting its requirements. Disagreement arose early in the evening with regard to the nature of the Due Process Study Group constituted by Council three weeks ago. The issue emerged when Chairman Livingston called upon Councilman Fleetwood to report the results of the group's deliberations. No formal proposals have yet been agreed upon, said Mr. Fleetwood, and recommendations are still in the making.

Alien Raphael then asked the Chairman "what the Due Process Committee was constituted to do." Chairman Livingston replied that it was "to report out a document to be evaluated by Council, Faculty, and administration on its merits." Mr. Fleetwood then inquired as to whether the Due Process Committee "was an actual committee or just a sub-committee."

The Dean attempted to clarify the issue by citing the minutes of the February 28th meeting of Council which clearly established a "study group" which would "not be called upon to make a recommendation unless it wished to." The Dean reminded Council that at that time it had made no mention about a report or a time deadline. Council then accepted a motion by Councilman Friedman to have the Due Process Study Group report back to Council within two weeks with recommendations. Councilman Danny Friedman moved to allot $400.00 to BRAC for the purchase of a truck. Chairman Livingston, speaking on behalf of the organization, stated that he had informed him that a mortgage could be taken out by BRAC and held by Council. Under state regulations, the truck would be used for a commercial purpose--Mr. Livingston's gardening. Discussion arose concerning the transportation needs of other campus clubs, specifically the Red Balloon, the Observer, and the Entertainment Committee. Chairman Friedman withdrew his motion pending further consultation with those clubs regarding its mutual use.

Council next heard BRAC's report on its activities in Kingston. Guy Farrell mentioned that BRAC had procured tax rebates, immediate housing inspection for the impoverished of the 5th, 6th, and 7th wards in Kingston. Pressure had also been applied in Washington to change urban renewal plans for Kingston by Proctor.

Councilman Friedman moved to create a position of "Inspector-General" to work with Treasurer Malcolm McCune. The "Inspector-General" will have access to financial records of club expenditures. Mr. Harzani thought the motion was "ridiculous," and the Dean said that such a task had always been performed by Miss Barich. Selection for this position will be determined after sufficient names have appeared on the sign-up sheet to be posted in Hegeman.

Chairman Livingston called for an EPC report. Speaking for the committee, Councilman Harzani told Council that EPC felt that the Chairman Livingston "should have notified EPC" as to his intention to introduce a motion calling for the establishment of a student committee to investigate the Six
Robert Edmonds, speaking on behalf of the Safety Committee, requested that Safety Committee records by taken out of the hands of B&G and assigned to their own jurisdiction.

Council listened to a request by Guy Farrell for Council recognition of a Marxist Discussion Group. Discussion would proceed, said Mr. Farrell, with the works of Marx, Engels, Lenin, and Mille. Councilman Krieger pointed out under the new recognition procedure passed earlier in the evening, this group would have to present a constitution at this meeting in order to be officially recognized by Council. Controversy developed over whether recognition procedure should be ignored in this case. Mr. Livingston explained that the Marxist discussion group had come to Council for recognition in order that they could be scheduled on the forthcoming community calendar. Mr. Lensing expressed his disbelief that Council was ignoring the act of procedures which it had so recently adopted. Councilman Krieger asked for some semblance of consistency and coherence, "without which Council becomes little more than an exercise in chaos."

Council passed a motion by Councilman Friedman allowing the gym to be opened all night. The motion was passed after some discussion as to the possibility of disturbing South Hall residents.

A TV will be installed in Albee Social in a short time. 

Johnaylor

RESOLUTION

(Submitted by Andrew Krieger-March 21, 1966)

Resolved: That the following shall constitute Standing Rules for the current session of Community Council.

STATEMENT OF COUNCIL POLICY REGARDING CLUBS

I. Definition: A club shall herein be defined as a group of three or more individuals formally recognized by Council, and organized for the purpose of conducting activities of a social, cultural, political, or intellectual nature related to the general interests of the college community.

II. Formal Recognition: All such organizations as defined above must submit a constitution written in conformity with Robert's Rules of Order and containing the following major provisions:

I. Name of club
II. Aims and Purposes
III. Qualification of members (if any)
IV. Officers and their mode of election
V. Meetings of club (if appointed dates are necessary)
VI. Method of amending the constitution.

Approval of a club's constitution by a majority vote of Council shall constitute formal Council recognition.

III. Other Requirements
a) Membership in all clubs must be open to all members of the college community, except in such cases as shall be determined by Council.

b) All amendments to club constitutions are subject to approval of Council by a majority vote.

c) In such cases where newly-formed clubs seek financial appropriation from Council, a vote of formal recognition must precede the actual allocation of funds.

d) Clubs which have held no general meeting or other activity during the period of four consecutive semesters, must show cause why their constitutions should not be suspended. Failure to meet this requirement will result in automatic suspension. Club constitutions may be re-instated at the discretion of Council by a majority vote.
EDITORIAL

For the first time, this week I was spared the privilege of attending Council, but I understand from informed observers that events muddled on pretty much as usual. The time may or may not be ripe for a few random observations about Council's proceedings thus far this semester, but you're going to get them anyway.

Perhaps the most striking thing about Bard's ten illustrious legislators this term has been their material culture. By this I mean the immense store of hardware they are rapidly accumulating for the benefit of the Community. I am told that BRAC's attempt to obtain a car was shunted off to another of those interminable committees. The prospect before us if they eventually get their wheels is an awesome one. There are other organizations on campus who are, obviously, equally deserving of their very own means of transport. The Observer and Entertainment Committee spring quickly to mind. If we accept the rationale behind providing BRAC with a car (they do a lot of traveling in their line of work and it wouldn't cost any more than paying people to drive them places), then we must, if we are to be consistent, do the same thing for other groups. All these cars would, of course, be owned by the Community. In line with its progressive spirit, Bard would become the first school in the nation with a student-owned fleet of cars which would, under our Constitution, be available to all members of the Community. The possibilities are endless—a used car lot could be opened to raise funds for buying more cars, Council could grant a taxi concession to bring in more revenue, and a course could be started in service-station tech. Perhaps the only thing that could save us from all this would be for Council to behave in its usual inconsistent manner and deny cars to everyone but BRAC. Craig Livingston, our secular savior, could be counted on to rescue us from this dilemma as well. His secondary interest in BRAC would certainly not stand in the way of his primary goal: the good of the Community.

Even though the eventualities outlined above may seem a bit remote, there is a very substantive issue staring us in the face: What is Council going to do with all the bric-a-brac it is buying? Any organization that needs material goods in order to render its services to the Community (i.e. BRAC) or to raise its Council-authorized glom (i.e. the Red Balloon) comes to the school's highest legislative body to get funds for its purchases. Technically, all these goods belong to Council, and, by implication, to the Community. Does it interest you to know that you have a one-six hundredth share in an electric meat slicer? Or a whipped cream maker? How about a film developing can? Council has appropriated Convocation funds for all these items just this term, as well as for a sound system and a Waring blender. These expenses are all well and good as long as these organizations continue to function. But what if, through an act of God or even Council fiat, these groups disintegrate? This brings us back to the original question, the point of which is that before Council authorizes expenditures for hardware in the future it should seriously reflect upon how valuable these things really are to the Community as a whole, how accessible they will be, and what we are going to do with them if the group that makes the purchase passes out of existence.

There are a few Council members who will listen to suggestions from their constituents, as Mr. Bernstein would say. Before you say your prayers tonight give the matter some thought and see what you can come up with. And while you're at it, say one for Jeff Schwartz. I think he's spreading himself too thin.

Jeffrey T. Kortimer

SUGGESTIONS FOR SAFETY COMMITTEE

Because in the spring months so many students spend a lot of time driving their automobiles, the traffic problems on and around campus are increased greatly. Ordinarily, there are
car owners who ignore the rules established by the Safety Committee, but these misdeeds, moreover, because they are so few, have little effect upon the community in general. The increase of traffic during the spring, however, results in an increase of traffic violations, no longer negligible.

One rule which was broken more times than I wish to recall last spring is the one which states that all cars and motorcycles must be properly muffled. Two circumstances in which unmuffled motorcycles were particularly distressing were: 1) long periods of racing up and down Annandale Road, and 2) noisy gatherings late at night at the dormitories. The disturbance which resulted from the inconsiderate violation of this rule was noted not only by many students, but also by members of the faculty.

The Bard Safety Committee is responsible for handling these problems. I realize that the Safety Committee cannot always be present when a violation occurs, nor can they always be accessible when someone else wants to report a violation. I do feel, though, that unfortunate situations such as the two mentioned above could be dealt with more effectively than has been so in the past.

Two possible aids for the Safety Committee in dealing with these and other problems would be:

a) A means of more immediate communication between the members of the committee and the student body. (Perhaps they would post in Hegeman their names and dormitory phone numbers.)

b) To work with the proctors to check on annoying traffic problems at the dormitories.

I realize that these suggestions may not be completely workable. I am offering them as suggestions to stimulate thought about a particular problem and its solution rather than as a demand.

Carole-Jean Smith

HER BOOKSTORE

If you hadn't been of the fact before, our delightful bookstore has begun to recognize the existence of popular fiction. Actually, the bookstore has been on the way to improvement over some insignificant quarters of what is now a laboratory in the basement of Hegeman, to its new location, over the boiler room.

Naturally, the first improved was increased floor space. In the old days, conditions were considered crowded when there were three or four people in the store at one time. During the first week rush for books, I remember standing outside, in the hallway, for hours on end before I could even get inside.

With the increased capacity and the enlarged browsing area, the only thing left to do was put something on the shelves worth browsing at. Originally, the student in search of leisure literature had the choice of stealing someone else's course books or mooning a ride into town and spending money on trash or comic books. Now, at least, we don't have to leave home when that irresistible urge comes over us for something to read on a rainy Saturday afternoon.

The only complaint we have is the imbalance in the purchase of books. We see nothing wrong with stocking the newest offerings of John Hersey, or Kathleen Winsor, or Del Kaufman; in fact we welcome them as a counter-balance to Freud, Marx, or Plato, but, with the nearest, decent book-store in Kingston, we would like to see non-fiction, on the level of course books, without being course books.

Perhaps this spate of popular fiction is only a reaction against the overwhelming numbers of unpopular fiction, and will seek its own level. In any event, the bookstore, of all the institutions on campus, deserves to be congratulated for doing the most with the student in mind.

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