Community Council Monday night voted to purchase a community vehicle which would be available for use to all campus organizations that normally receive a budget allotment for transportation.

The total expense, including cost of the vehicle, insurance (which can be purchased through the Bard fleet insurance program), registration and other incidentals, will be $1,480.00. The money will be provided as follows: $850.00 will be transferred from the Bard Racial Action Committee's allowance for its summer program, and $650.00 will be taken from Convocation.

According to Treasurer Alcolm McCune, this will leave a balance of approximately $200.00 in the Council Treasury.

The vehicle to be purchased is a 1965 Volkswagen bus with about 17,000 miles on it. According to Councilman Harvey Fleetwood who headed the committee to investigate various cars, the bus is in good condition.

A previous motion by Councilman Anthony Harzani to submit the question of a car to a referendum of the Community failed, after lengthy discussion, both as to the constitutionality of Council calling for such a referendum and, as Councilman Andrew Krieger phrased it, the fact that it would be unreasonable to ask for a simple "yes" or "no" answer on the part of the Community to such a complex question.

In discussing the motion to buy the car, Dean Hodgkinson pointed out the possibility of various groups on campus who needed transportation claiming that they couldn't get the car often enough. He feared that Council would wind up buying more and more cars in order to satisfy the needs of many different campus organizations.

Dan Grady, a member of the Community, said, "If we're going to decide about getting a car, we should get statements from various organizations as to why they feel they need a car, and then we would have an accurate index to the extent of the need for transportation. Also, various organizations who feel they would need the car should be willing to contribute part of their allocations to financing it."

The other major point discussed with regard to purchasing the car centered on finances. Councilman Harzani said that "the most relevant reason for opposing the car is that the finances are not available."

Councilman Mark Bellett pointed out that "the federal government anticipates revenue, so why shouldn't we anticipate having a surplus at the end of the term, since we have had in recent semester?"

"I don't agree with Scrooge Harzani and Scrooge Bernstein that we should hold on to the money. We shouldn't be afraid to spend our money on projects of benefit to the community outside the college."

Chairman Craig Livingston said that if it were a question of money, he felt it was more important to spend it on a car for BRAC that would be used as a "tool for social change" than on an Entertainment Committee dance where people just get drunk. He said he was making a value judgment, and that Council had a right to disagree with his values.

He added that he would be willing to see money taken away from Entertainment Committee and other campus organizations to be applied to the purchase of the car.
Councilman Krieger, speaking on the need for such a vehicle, said, "There is a need, and it is focused on one segment of the Community. This is a UNAC request. I hesitate to spend $1,400.00 of Community funds for one group to have a car."

Councilman Jellett answered by saying, "If it's a UNAC car, much of the time, then that's where the need lies. Other times it may be an Entertainment Committee car, or a car for the Observer."

Speaking on Chairman Livingston's value judgments, Councilman Krieger said, "You can't keep coming to Council because you're morally right. The car doesn't end when the crusade does. You're spending money and putting us on a thin financial edge because you're following the ten commandments of the twentieth century."

The vote on the motion to buy a car was as follows:

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Chairman Livingston voted "yes" to break the tie.

Councilman Jellett submitted a set of regulations governing the use of the car, which were approved with some minor modifications. Chairman Livingston said that after the regulations had been in effect for a week, they would be reviewed and changes made, if necessary. A text of the regulations, as finally approved, follows this article.

Councilman Harzani was asked for a report on the Due Process Study Group. He said, "We've formulated a working statement on academic freedom based on the statement of the American Association of University Professors, but it's not ready for formal submission to Council yet."

Councilman Fleetwood moved to ask the Due Process group to submit a final report to Council in three weeks.

Dean Hodgkinson said that "a two-week requirement is ridiculous. You're talking about a terribly complicated matter. If you want a report in two weeks, you're going to get something terribly superficial."

Councilman Jellett replied that "If you make a deadline you keep them on their toes. If not, you keep them on their asses."

"I resent the implication of that statement," Councilman Harzani said. "We've met often and have had fruitful and meaningful discussions."

The motion to require a final report in three weeks failed, but Chairman Livingston said that he planned to ask for weekly progress reports from the committee.

Councilman Krieger asked Councilman Friedman (who made the motion to buy the sweatshirts) whether his motion "was an attempt to show that Council is silly by making a silly motion to prove that we're silly, or to show that we aren't silly by being silly?"

Councilman Friedman replied that he was trying to demonstrate his disgust with Council, and to point out Council's absurdity, and its tendency to deal with trivial matters.

Councilman Bernstein then moved to rescind the motion for the purchase of the sweatshirts.

Councilman Jellett said he wanted the sweatshirt motion to remain on the books for the reasons mentioned by Councilman Friedman, and added that it wouldn't be enforced anyway because the money had not been appropriated and the sweatshirts hadn't been purchased.

Councilman Harzani pointed out that the Chairman of Council is obligated to carry out the motions passed by Council and for that reason he wanted the motion off the books.
The motion to rescind passed with the following vote:

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REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE USE OF THE COMMUNITY VEHICLE

I. Vehicle to be driven only by persons with valid driver's license and experience with standard transmission car.

II. Only Council recognized organizations which apply for transportation allowance may use vehicle, for official business purposes only.

III. Clubs will be charged a set mileage fee, to be deducted regularly from amount appropriated to them.

IV. The chairman of the club using vehicle is responsible for it at that time. He must sign the time it is taken, the recorded mileage, destination and purpose of the trip, and approximate time of return. Upon return the new mileage and time must be recorded. These records are to be audited by the Treasurer.

V. Clubs may request from Council regular weekly times for use of vehicle. During unallocated times a club chairman may sign vehicle out for less than one hour. For a longer period notice must be given at least two hours in advance. In no case may the vehicle be out during a time previously allotted to another club.

VI. Special permission must be requested from Council for one way trips exceeding thirty miles.

VII. Vehicle to be parked in only one location on campus, in a spot designated by Safety Committee.

VIII. Tickets for parking or moving violations are the responsibility of the driver and must be reported to the keeper of the key. Any individual ticketed more than once is no longer allowed to drive vehicle.

IX. An individual shall be appointed by Council to hold the key and administer the use of the car and be responsible for servicing.

ON BUDGETS AND BRAC

We would like to commend Mr. Livingston's generosity in offering funds already allocated to other organizations for application towards what will apparently be the B.R.A.C.-mobile. Mr. Livingston is entitled to his opinions. He is also entitled to express those opinions. He is not, however, entitled to impose them on the rest of the Community from the Chair. If Mr. Livingston had wished to play the role of the defender of the moral Good, we wonder why he ever ran for Chairman. And once assuming the Chairmanship we wish he would accept gracefully the restrictions that come with the job. The game of musical chairs which he so carelessly plays with Community Moderator Bill Bernstein, only serves to reinforce our belief that Mr. Livingston was not entirely aware of the responsibilities imposed upon the Chairman of Council when he ran for that office.

We do not take issue with Mr. Livingston as far as expressing his opinions are concerned. That is his right. However, we do question the advisability of his taking such an extreme position when he expresses these opinions from the Chair. Obviously, the opinion of Craig Livingston, Chairman, will carry more weight than those of Craig Livingston, representative of BRAC. The Convocation Fund is set up to finance student activities, not as the sole support of BRAC. Neither should the different committees exist
by the grace of BRAC -- never quite sure when their budgets will be cut to pay for some BRAC venture.

The possible precedents are bad and should not be encouraged. No club, committee, or group has the right to become the dominant factor in this Community; neither does any club or committee, whether it be Entertainment Committee, Jazz Club or the Bard Review, have the right to determine the budgets of the other committees on this campus.

The Editors

LOGIC AND MR. FRIEDMAN

When Councilman Friedman campaigned for Council last semester, he asked us to vote for him because he was "a rational human being from the Bronx." That he is from the Bronx has been established. His rationality, or at least his logic, must, alas, come into question in view of his activities during the last two meetings of Community Council.

Two weeks ago, you will recall, in a storm of that wrath known only to the righteous, Mr. Friedman moved that Council appropriate $40 for the purchase of official Community Council sweatshirts. He did this, he said, because he was disgusted with the way Council was involving itself with "trivialities" and wanted to prove to the world just how absurd the whole thing was. There were some of us who were a bit confused as to how submitting this motion did anything about Council's absurdity, triviality, etc. Some of us also were interested in what Mr. Friedman considered important, since to date Council has been discussing and (occasionally) acting upon such trivialities as due process, student markers, the six-point program, community vehicles, and the formal constitutions of campus organizations.

This week, Mr. Friedman's colleague on Council, Andrew Krieger, tried to clarify the issue by asking him if his motion was "an attempt to show that Council is silly by making silly motions to prove that we're silly, or to show that we're not silly by being silly?" Apparently dumbfounded by Mr. Krieger's ability to strike at the heart of the issue, Mr. Friedman could only repeat what he said last week about being disgusted with the entire situation.

From where I sit (in the back of Alpha Social), logic appears to be on the side of Mr. Krieger. Mr. Friedman was obviously upset about something, but it is the wont of irrational beings to strike out blindly when they are irritated; rational men try to find out exactly what the problem is, before taking action. Has logic run out on this son of the Bronx?

It would seem that a thorough re-evaluation of the powers of Council and an examination of its "unwritten laws" (something that Councilman William Lensing and the Gadfly have been asking for, apparently in vain, all term) would be a more constructive way of dealing with Council's alleged absurdity.

MEMO FROM THE Keeper of the Keys TO THE Chief MECHANIC OF THE BARD COMMUNITY AUTOmobile Fleet. April 7, 1986

Dear Joe,

Not much business today, you and your five assistants should be finished by noon.

1. Get the five community Triumph scramblers ready as early as possible. The community motorcycle team has to leave at ten for a meet with Nysack Missionary College. Make sure that all the bikes are loaded on the community motorcycle trailer and that the community pit truck is gassed and oiled by 9:45.

2. Before the Opera Society takes the two community station wagons to New York, be sure to clean the frogs out of the back seat. The Biology Club was using them last night for a collecting trip.

3. Please put fresh flowers in the community hearse. The Mortuary Science Club is holding a meeting this afternoon. Make
sure they get it back by five — the surfing club needs it at five thirty.

4. Don't forget to fix the red light on top of the community squad car. The Criminology Club is having a practice raid this evening.

5. Has the refrigerator unit on the community Good Humor truck been fixed yet? The sandwich man has been complaining that his ice cream is getting soft.

P.S. Joe, be sure to make Council tonight. Those nuts at the Bard International Racial Action Council are going to request an airplane. They say that they need one to fly medical supplies to the Congo. They better not pass it, or the next thing you know we'll have a whole air force on our hands.

Matt Perlstein
Ilene Rosen
Jeffrey T. Mortimer

THE FIRST ANNUAL GLORIOUS B&G COMPETITION

A few weeks ago The Gadfly ran a contest for suggestions about alleviating the bi-annual wrestling match in the gym known as registration. No one was interested enough to write anything for us about it, perhaps because the peril to life and limb occurs only twice a year.

This time we're asking for contributions concerning an institution at this college that daily harasses our comfort and safety. We're talking, of course, about the Buildings and Grounds Department.

B&G, as it is affectionately called, has become a legend in its own time. For monumental sloth, colossal inefficiency, and an uncanny ability to ignore repeated and agonized requests for service, B&G is unmatched by any other organization, administrative or otherwise, on campus.

I personally remember, in my first term here, phoning and visiting B&G four times in an attempt to get the valve on the radiator in my room fixed. Finally, about a week before the end of the term, a B&G man appeared in the room, looked the thing over, and said there was no point in fixing it so late in the semester. Just out of curiosity, I checked the room from time to time over the next year. It was never fixed.

There's also the water fountain in Albee. It really did work once, children. I believe it was in the spring of 1964.

This is, however, growing into an article, and it's only supposed to be an announcement of a contest. We here at The Gadfly are sure all of you out there must have some interesting stories to tell about your experiences with the machinations of B&G. The best documented and most amusing story to point up the fundamental incapacity of that institution to perform any services for the Community will win a free subscription to the Gadfly.