TWO NEW COUNCILLOR APPOINTED;
COUNCIL GRANTS CAMPUSS CONCESSIONS

The first item on the agenda was to elect two students to fill the vacant seats of Dan Grady and Dick Manshaff. Elected were Jeff Levy and Harvey Fleetwood.

Students who had signed up for various concessions explained how they planned to run them. The Sandwich concession was given to David Rosenthal, the only one who had signed up. The Cigarette concession was granted to George Janto and Larry Simonds, the only two who had signed up. The Record concession was granted to Doug Kabat and Mark Winters, who will offer tapes as well as records. Management of the Red Balloon was granted to Barbara Cranen. Chairman Bob Simonds then said, "I..."
think it should be pointed out that you're kidding," Mr. Jeff Rochlis commented, "I think it should be pointed out that he isn't!"

The next committee discussed was the Chairman's Committee for a Council Handbook. This will be a handbook telling students how to approach the various committees (House President's Committee, Educational Policies Committee, etc.) with their problems. A motion to elect a chairman for this committee passed 8-0-1. Miss Linda Holdt then discussed the problem of being held regarding the social regulations. The proposed changes include the abolishing of curfew for senior woman, and the opening of social rooms beyond curfew on a dorm-to-dorm basis. This was approved 7-0-2.

An Election Committee to handle the referendum ballots was then elected. The establishment of this committee was approved 9-0-0. Two Council members were elected (Collette Barry and Jeff Levy) and two students (Doug Rabat and Janik Forman).

A motion that the Torrow Committee be composed of two Council members and four students was defeated 2-7-0. There was a difference of opinion regarding the number of members on the committee. Harvey Fleetwood proposed that a sign-up sheet be posted and members be elected from this. This motion passed 6-0-1.

A motion to post a sign-up sheet for the Constitutional Committee passed 9-0-0. Two Council members and two students will be elected to revise the constitution.

An additional $50 was granted towards the purchase of a sound system. $500 was granted last semester. This motion passed 6-1-0. Kathi Matthews

HOW TO SUCCEED IN POLITICS

WITHOUT GETTING ELECTED, OR IN THE BARD COMMUNITY, READY OR SELF-GOVERNMENT?

With the perfection of a technique known as the non-election, Bard once again stands in the vanguard of American campus political activity. Through what other miracle of space-age democracy could a man be elected chairman of Community Council without having a single vote cast in his favor? Or two men be elected to Community Council without finishing in the money in the previous term's election?

According to legend, Bard students once cast things called "ballots" in order to elect "representatives". The term "representatives" seems to have been coined because, through the aforementioned ritual, these people were supposed to "represent" those who had chosen them. Fortunately for us, this quaint and cumbersome machinery was mercifully put to death by the Council of Elders gathered in Abbe Social. The process was begun last December, when the community was informed that, since everyone on Council liked Bob Edmonds and nobody wanted to run against him, there was no point in having an election, notwithstanding the wishes of the electorate.

Last Monday night, the new technique reached full flower. Two vacancies occurred on the Council. That august body, in its infinite wisdom (it certainly has more wisdom than is possessed by the electoral riffraff), decided, as it has in the past, that it was perfectly capable of filling its own vacancies. Jeffrey Levy, who did not even make the Council runoff election, and Harvey Fleetwood, who made it and promptly finished next to last in the final balloting, were chosen. Clearly, this new technique of choosing the Elders and their Peerless Leader has been perfected.

As usual, there are those who resist progress. The Godfly has always been in the forefront of these unglamorous voices. Leave it to an old reactionary like myself to suggest that elections be given one more chance; that maybe the students of this school who like to vote for the Chairman of Council, even if there is only one name on the ballot (I seem to remember another ancient custom called the "write-in") and that the students of this school might even like to vote on filling a vacancy when one (or two) occurs, or that Council might at least give the appearance of democracy by a pointing those who had finished next to the winners in the runoff election.

There is an organization on campus which, according to its name, favors a democratic society. One might expect them to be somewhat concerned at this erosion of the values they claim to hold, but I have not heard one syllable of protest over these actions, nor have I seen one button, one poster, one petition. That we have been placed in the position of having to petition for what should be our constitutional rights is sad; but that no one has bothered to make the petition, or put up a poster, gives cause for despair.

The vacancies on Council may have been filled. But the empty place in the members themselves, where the ideals and values of democracy should be, has not. Jeffrey T. Fortimer
ON THE GYM

After much breast-beating and stringent self-analysis (i.e., what is Bard turning into?), the first stages of the Gym's extensive renovation is complete. Now we can judge for ourselves whether all the rumpus was necessary.

It is not surprising that there has been a noticeable improvement. Anything short of a total demolition job would have been an improvement. (And demolition may still be the lesser of two evils.) The old, dark, dank, and useless bowling alley has been replaced with a bright, well-lit corridor which contains two ping-pong tables and two pool tables, as well as a comfortable sitting area. There are also real bathrooms instead of those depressing jerry-built affairs, and locker and shower rooms have also been installed.

It is easy to knock B&G when something goes wrong, however, we are slow to make our appreciation public when something positive has been accomplished. B&G and Mr. Griffiths are to be complimented on the job they are doing in our Gym. And it is hoped that the rest of the renovation will match the high standards already set.

Ilene Rosen

LAUNDRY CONCESSION CHANGES PROCEDURES: FEATURES SPECIAL DELIVERY, NEW HOURS.

Gary Bennett, George Britton, and Jim Eaton will initiate a new special delivery and pick-up laundry service to most of the off-campus dormitories beginning next week. The triumvirate will also alter business hours and pledge greater reliability than ever before.

There will be a pick-up and delivery of laundry and dry cleaning at Ward Manor, Robbins House, Blithewood, and Sacks House every Monday night 7:00 to 8:00. This extra service will be continued only if student interest warrants it.

Linen, only, will be collected on Wednesday from 12:30 to 1:30. Laundry and linen will be permitted Wednesday, from 3:00 to 4:30.

The hours for laundry are as follows:

Monday, 12:30-1:30
Tuesday, 1:00-2:00
Wednesday, 3:00-4:00
Thursday, 3:30-4:30
Friday, 11:00-12:00

Prices are expected to match those of last semester.

Stuart Green

NATIONAL PUBLICITY FOR BARD COLLEGE

Consult March 3rd "Time" for article on Mr. Hecht's newest collaborative poetry work.

Consult pocket-book, Where the Girls Are, put out by "Princetonian" for an interesting but controversial view of Bard.

The Editors

AWARD OF THE WEEK

The Successful Failure Citation, for accomplishment entirely incomensurate with effort, goes to Harvey Fleetwood, who is serving his second term on Council without being elected. Mr. Fleetwood, who is not registered as a student, is editor of the Bard Observer, Chairman of the Birth Control Committee and was chosen Council representative to the Entertainment Committee after failing to be elected to that body. Keep up the good work, Harv!

Jeffrey Wortimer
Ilene Rosen
John Taylor