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INTERCOLLEGIATE PRESS ROUND-UP

"Quality points" are now being awarded to University of Miami's Coral Gables, Fla.) for their extra-curricular reading. The books are given one, two, three, or full credit, the judgements being based on length, comp­ lesity, and "importance of the situation. The reader is required to give a verbal report on the book to a faculty member. The plan is designed to im­ prove the outside reading and general knowledge of the students.

Although the Bard Survey Group will include Bennington College in its report, a statement in the Press Bulletin says, "The Bulletin states that the ultimate power be­ hind their Executive Committees, which corresponds to our Council, is "the weight of public opinion within the college." This brings up the interesting question of whether public opinion and public action are one and the same. How about a letter to the Bardian on this, surveyors?"

"A college group, given sufficient authority to fulfill its purpose, will usually demonstrate responsibility far above and beyond what we expected of them." The Assistant Director of Student Personnel at Macalester College, St. Paul, Minn., believes that the implications of this fact should cause college administrators to think in terms of group dynamics and human relations, a theory that is being tested through the Bard Project as reported by Mr. Precker on page one of this issue.

Letters to the Editor

February 8, 1951

The New York State SDA Foreign Policy Committee believes that the United States must follow the following guidelines in the discussion of the Communist tidal wave and to pre­ serve its democratic structure.

1. No action should be rationalized in terms of special interest groups or in terms of narrow, short-sighted na­ tional interests. Our fate is tied up with the fate of the free world, and every one of us has a responsibility to be­ come a guardian of our freedom.

2. We should be made keenly aware of our responsibility. Therefore, our alliances should be questioned, and a com­ mon policy for all free nations should be aspired.

Though appeasement benefit­ ing Russia should be barred, there is wide room for diplomatic intercourse. There is the art of enhancing a nation's posi­ tion at the cost of its opponent. It deals with such intangibles as public opinion, the relative strategic value of an action gauged by its moral effect, the predilection and intentions of the op­ ponent. Diplomatic compromises need not be apparent. Appeasement or bad diplomacy or absence of diplomacy that enhances the overall position of the opponent.

3. No expenses, no efforts should be shunned to build up our own and our allies' military, economic, and moral strength. Such programs as Point Four are of great importance, for the ideolo­ gical war will be won by those who can feed empty stomachs and guarantee the dignity of individuals and nations with­ out sacrificing them into the role of satel­ lites.

4. Though, in view of the present war, we should not be able to give the right­fully refuge assistance from govern­ ments that do not conform to democratic principles, we should be very careful in choosing our allies and weigh the po­ tentially advantageous to be gained in light of possible moral and strategic liabilities we may incur.

5. Though druing this time of nation­ al emergency most of the federal budg­ et must be set aside for military pur­ poses, we believe that social impro­ vements such as FEPC, federal health insurance and aid to education are es­ sential to bolster the nation's moral fiber and guarantee the success of our defense policy.

6. Though security in certain sen­ sitive government positions is vital, the vitality of their Hoosier system, which operates as well in the academic field as it does in the workings of their co-op bookstores, and is in itself a way of thinking and working together, has been maintained.

7. All persons having been found to fol­ low these directives by word and deed deserve our unqualified support. In particular, we wish to encourage such Democrats and Republicans as Senators Humphrey, Kefauver, Lehman, Morse, McGee, and Margaret Chase Smith, and New York's Congressman Franklin D. Roosevelt, Jr., Emanuel Celler and Jacob Jacobs, who are fighting in America's finest liberal tradition for a positive domestic and foreign policy.

The BARDIAN turns teacher

An informal seminar in journalism will be sponsored by The Bardian for those interested in learning reporting techniques. Mr. Felix Hirsch has agreed to help in the planning. The seminar will be held on Saturday, December 10, 1955.

It seems to be anathema to students to let a member of the faculty do the lecturing, yet they contribute to the Bardian because it impairs their constitutional right to free speech. It is to be hoped that, while being a language teacher, I would like to share the seminar's un­ pardonable error, i.e. to repeat linguistic mistakes they are rectifying them, instead of being a patient lamb by simply correct­ ing them.

In offering the following facts, I am orienting my thoughts along the lines of grammatical criteria which were established in the texts. My criterion for spelling is to consider every detention which is not mentioned in the dictionary to be a valid one, and to consider dubious those data which are apted in the official versions in the cradle of Western civilization.

Opo once upon a time there was a happy planter. Every morning he went out on his plantations to plantate beets. His neighbor was always ranting at him for orientating his furrows. He maintained that the best orienta­ tion was north-south. The planter, he stated that next time he would orientate half his furrows the other way to see whether the concentration of sugar in his produce and the ratatating of his crop and the planterate the very best kind of grammatical bull.

STEFAN HIRSCH

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leaving college. It fails to do this in

have students secure their own jobs
(generally). It takes too much of their
time and trouble. Why not try An-
tich's system?"

"I was lucky in having had job-hunt-
ing experience, special skills for certain
jobs; but without contacts, the hind-
rance of the short period of time in
which to work would have made the
task far more difficult."

"There should be more of an effort
made by the 'appropriate' officer to locate
paying jobs for those who need the
financial aid."

"Did not work in my chosen field
but the job opened my eyes to a new
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male students with no further depend-
ents will be added to the pool of draft
eligibles in the near future.
The effect of this policy on Bard
What does all this mean to Bard?
According to an unofficial count, about
65 male students attending Bard this
semester will be liable for induction at
the end of next June. Taking into ac-
count the small number of affected
seniors, at least 50 of these students
would be expected to return next fall
under extraordinary circumstances.
Fortunately, it is very unlikely that
Bard will have to face the loss of 50
students because of the present national
emergency. Though no official state-
ments have been made it is widely
rumored and believed that all students
in good academic standing will be
allowed to complete their college edu-
cation before being inducted. Such a
policy has not only the support of the
American Council on Education and the
New York State Department of Edu-
cation but also of large segments of the
press and numerous government officials.
The chances for the passage of an un-
modified UMT bill by Congress are
dim. The necessity for the building
up of our academic manpower is more
acutely realized than ever before.
No "government-sponsored" educational program in sight
Asked whether the possibility of a
"government-sponsored" educational pro-
gram at Bard has been explored, Presi-
dent Case said that he had talked to
various representatives of the Armed
Forces in Washington. At that time no
such programs were contemplated in the
event of war. President Case gave
permission, however, for the decision may
be changed, but as yet there is no definite
information available.

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Bard College
Annadale-on-Hudson, N.Y.
March 4, 1951
Mr. Al Ettinger
Students for Democratic Action
Washington D.C.

Dear Mr. Ettinger:

I am now resigning as Chairman of the Bard College Chapter of SDA, and ceasing all my activities in the same Chapter, for the following reasons:

1) I no longer believe that the existence as Bard of any official, permanently organized political group is beneficial in any way to the Bard Community. Ours is a small, thoroughly democratic campus with a generally progressive outlook. The Bard SDA has no organized opposition to keep it on its toes; no campus issues to take action upon. And the discussions and meetings and activities which SDA Chapters sponsor at other colleges with great success are carried on here at Bard under other auspices, while our location makes it impossible for the Bard membership to contribute significantly to the activities of the New York SDA Region.

2) In recent weeks my outlook on foreign policy has been shifting to the extent that at present I am inclined to agree more closely with Prime Minister Nehru's point of view on certain important Asiatic issues, than with the point of view of most SDA members; consequently I cannot uphold the opinion of SDA on these vitally important issues.

The Bard SDA will probably elect a new Chairman soon if it can manage to get a quorum of nine members together at one time and place. The leadership will likely remain largely the same as before. But I doubt that the Chapter will find much to do in the way of worthwhile constructive activity, because it seems to me that fundamentally there is no need for it at Bard . . .

Sincerely,
Maurice N. Richter, Jr.

THE BARDIAN SOUL

(after accurately sung, this was a form of the tune of "Body and Soul")

I'm sorry that I came here,
I see at last, things aren't the same here,
I'm dying to leave this . . .
I was a normal Bardian Soul.

I'm sick of hearing that's burred,
And getting tired of Mike and Harold.
I'm ready to throw up.
The food they served this Bardian Soul.

Sick of aesthetes, in search of emetics
I'll leave without a tear.
Into the depths I blundered
And come out minus eighteen hundred,
It wasn't worth it.

To this poor Bardian Soul.

They say I'm heterosexual
And not a pseudo-intellectual,
I haven't a friend here
I'm such a lone Bardian Soul.
These are so few obstructions
To our young aesthetes' productions,
But their best creations
Are left behind in body and soul.

I was so much broken from one night
Of poker
It still is a shock.
For me it's disaster to master canasta,
I'm so even tilting, I know.
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Are at those damned alumni dinners
And under the table.

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