Special Comm. Alters Self

The wheels of community government have been rolling on a new project. Last Thursday afternoon, the Special Committee resolved to put before the Convocation an amendment to the By-Laws. In effect this amendment would separate Community Council and Special Committee, our legislative and judicial bodies.

On September 14, the Special Committee, being the Major Branch of Seymour as its President, proceeded to examine its By-Laws as outlined in the present By-Laws and review its effectiveness over the past years. President James James said Senator Andrew Bart bar Kieran and Joel Shor were in- vited by the committee to take part in these discussions. At the end of the first meeting it was definitely agreed that the functions of Special Committee should be separated from those of the House Presidents. According to one member of the present committee, "I don't think that 'it's in the spirit of democracy to have one group of people serve as investigator, prosecutor, and judge, as I've been asked to do by my house member." Essentially, this was a repetition of thoughts expressed last year before the Committee for the Revision of the Constitution. That Committee, after a year of deliberation, proposed that a "Central Committee" be established composed of five elected students and stipulated that members of Council should not be eligible for such election. Later, representatives from the "off-campus group" met with the Constitutional Committee on September 21 and revised this article from the proposed Constitution so as to bring into harmony with the local Constitution to the Community.

The Committee met that same afternoon to review and alter the amendment. Finally, after discussion, an unanimous agreement was reached on the following formal Amendment to Article IV Section 5

"We will try to analyze the various social sciences according to Aristotle's "four causes" said William Lensing in Albee Social last Tuesday evening at the first of a new series of Social Science Colloquium. Introduced by Felix Hirsh, head of the division, Mr. Lensing explained that the four causes in question were: 1. Formal, a definition of the material. 2. Material, dealing with the energy or science: artistic, theoretic and practical of the subject in question. 3. Efficient, dealing with the energy of the object or subject based on the materials to be used. 4. Final, concerning the natural elements employed as submitted by Mr. Lasser until the following form:

Four

The procedure for elections shall be in accordance with Article III, Section 2 within two weeks after adoption of this amendment.

Section 5: Function

Problems of social misconduct shall pass through the Special Committee. The Special Committee may consult with all persons concerned and shall educate all students who are to become part of the body of responsible people. Metaphysics, according to him all philosophical thought is based upon metaphysics, according to Aristotelian, to the investigation of "being as being" without any other qualifications. Metaphysics, and consequently philosophy as a whole, continued Mr. Lensing, finds form as running throughout the centuries. It might be the desire for money or power although Mr. Case, asserted, are not in themselves sufficient goals. The crux of the answer to the second inquiry statesman. This he feels should be a common goal for all Bard students. In combining all four of these possibilities, according to President Case, we will gain a deeper and broader understanding of the world about us.

President Case

The title of Mr. Case's speech, born out of an old saying, "Who then, Sir?" He maintained that each and every one of us must carry part of the burden of responsibility for improving the world we live in rather than loading their share on others. As Mr. Case stated, "The worst fate is not failing short of a goal but the lack of one."

The inaugural speech centered about the following three lines of inquiry: 1. "What Makes Sammy Run?" 2. How can we remake a world in ruins? 3. What has this to do with me? He stated that the self can only be realized in the realization of someone or something else. This might occur in devotion to an abstract idea such as beauty, truth or goodness which has kept "sane any running" throughout the centuries. It might be the desire for money or power although Mr. Case, asserted, are not in themselves sufficient goals. The crux of the answer to the second inquiry lies in the combined social, religious, and humanistic regeneration of mankind and the world we live in. "Knowledge," he remarked, "doesn't keep any better than fish."

Case Takes Lead In Policy Information

At this semester's first Convocation President Case presented the Bard community with a formal program for the Student Senate Committee on September 14 at his summer home in Ellisburg, N. Y. "Reform", as he was known to the members of the Bard community, collapsed on a heart attack in bass fishing.

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Obreshkove Dead

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Student Counselor

Dr. Joel Shor, the Student Counselor, is on the sick list of the school year. His office is located on the second floor of the first floor, Mr. Shor. Students may go directly to his office anytime during his office hours. He may also drop a note to him through campus mail, or speak to Mrs. Fife or to either of the resident counselors about making an appointment.
Bard Democrats Organize

Dutchess County normally goes Republican, and in the last election the Republican candidate carried the county by about 90,000 votes; their opponents, however, did not put on a vigorous campaign. This year a fairly-organized Bard Democratic Committee is joining with Democratic groups throughout Dutchess County in a campaign for Jim Bouter, candidate for Congress, to help elect Walter A. Lynch for Governor of New York, and to return Herbert Lehman to the United States Senate. If the Democrats win in Dutchess County, it will be their first victory here since 1912.

The Bard Democratic Committee, counting among its active members seventeen students, two other members and others residents of the Bard campus, was organized on September 15 to work for the election of these Democratic candidates at the polls in November. The Committee unani-mously gave the following resolution:

Resolved that:

1. The Bard Democratic Committee cordially invites Mr. Bouter to address a rally on the Bard campus at such time as he may determine.

2. The Bard Democratic Committee joins with our Bard group supporting Mr. Bouter's Republican opponent to extend a cordial invitation to both candi-dates to appear before the students on the Bard campus to be sponsored jointly by both groups and to be open to the public.

3. The Bard Democratic Committee authorizes its Executive Committee to invite Senator Lehman and other Demo-cratic candidates to address the students at Bard that will be interested to the Bard community.

Charles Naef was elected Chairman of the committee. Other officers in-clude Clarissa Hall, Vice-Chairman; Nina Doerier, Secretary; Warren Kaufman, Treasurer. Other members on the committee are Robert Brown, Walter Vogl, and Maurice Richter, Jr. The Committee on fund-raising activities includes Mary Kelbert, Alison Sayre, and Herbert Landegger, while Charles Marks, Alphon Sayre, and Herbert Lan-degger are in charge of the publicity.

Members of the Bard Democratic Committee realize that their chances for victory are slim but feel that no matter who wins, the prominence of the Democratic Party in Dutchess County will make the people of the County more keenly aware of the interdependence between the two parties, and will pave the way for future victories.

Maurice Richter, Jr.

My first impressions of Bard were basically favorable:

The campus is architecturally lovely as far as the ivy sprinkles, but otherwise is uncomfortably whimsical. My fellow freshmen are fiercely cynical and mun-dane but I respect them to be socially excited and expectant. My roommate sources too much and certain speakers talk too much. The road to Annandale is black and beautiful at night and the shores of the lake are lovely, but the meats served last night was uneatable and there are too many people in the store. I can't remember this fel-low's name but I had a dream last night that he cut his head off a dock and I wish I had the courage to break my silence.

And finally an impression more serious and loosing than these came strongly to mind and that was about my fellow students. Considered as a group they are a very sev-erali-ty. There was none of the traditional "go to Hell!" among the seniors and none of the freshmen seemed to hate the sophomores. There were no beards and no fraternities and aid to say there was no croaky old pro in an academic tower which everyone heard. There were no talks of hiking to Vassar to see some new mode of obscuring (but Vassar-a-chestered) statute—and in short there was none of what I had come to regard as a college.

Individually the students seemed to me to lack one quality. They were apparently purposeless. Lolling around talking to one another while I knew well that in other colleges, seniors who were not gleefully mucisading freshmen were strid­ing along with a brim full of cigarettes and a grim look on their face and they were going somewhere where they would do something. Bard seniors—and indeed all of Bard, seemed not at all grim. They gave the impression of being nebulous and negative. And perhaps this last lesson in values.

The manner in which I saw my own college to be a mindless not an original one; indeed this whole transi­tion that I describe may be common. I sincerely hope so for it seems a worthwhile lesson in values.

First of all the college society that inspires the usual form of school spirit is easily disobeyed, it merely stands now as a symbol of something which is bad and critical. It was Bard seen through spectacles, but not really. I was still happy, yet greatly con­cerned about a number of things at the college. They disipointed me. They went against my glorious new ideas of Bard.

Most striking to me was the lack of active participation in the many offered activities of the college by the great body of the student population.

We are small, and facilities for growing within are open to us in many ways. We are proud of our freedom of choice, of community government, of speaking our minds. Yet attendance is poor at the community council meet­ings, at the newspaper meetings, and at the forum meetings.

Only one or two political views are entertained at the college, yet no organized group outside of the Bard public stands forth.

The majority of the college sits in the store and talks of the Bard system. This was to me an amazing thing. That it is possible for so many members of the community to be interested in few of their time coffee-drinking.

The social standards at Bard were also to be my own personal ones. The decisions would be hard ones, yet making of such decisions would be an important step in my growing-up pro­cess. The Bard curfew regulations de­feat this feature of the Bard plan—the decision making.

The curfew is unethical function because it is easily disobeyed, it merely stands now as a symbol of something which is bad at Bard.

Undoubtedly there are students who need the control of a curfew, yet these students would I use quickly enough by themselves that it is impossible to continue with classes and with the main function of college for very long with­out the sleep and personal freedom of the feeling of each student examining him­self.

The greatest of all the problems I found at Bard pertained to the academic life, the learning program.

I imagined that Bard’s purpose was to serve as a kind of open and new, to be changed and enlarged and muddied by us.

Yet among the students seem not able to survive in such a State or milieu environment. It seems to me that this is only the beginning, and no definite con­clusions can be drawn so far but so much time seems to have been wasted.

The difficulties of one class a week and much preparation on your own in between, are healthy ones, and I be­lieve that they can be workable, yet too many of us lie on our beds and loit without the lack of closer cognizance.

The subjects that we are taking are of our choice, and therefore it is assumed that there is a burning interest on the part of the student. So far I have not found this passion.

The system is an idealistic one, and I have heard many of the students com­menting on it as such. I believe, from what I have seen up now, that in Common school and a special exam­ple, the people putting the idea into practice are not always so hopelessly."
International Scholarship
Brings 6 New Students

Last spring, Convocation unanimously endorsed the Bard College International Program. It was success­ fully launched this fall with the arrival of a group of foreign students representing France, Germany, Israel, and Switzerland.

Olga Andreyev who entered Bard last spring was the first recipient of a scholarship designated for students or daugh­ ters of personnel of the United Nations and specialized agencies, as well as the International Labor Office and UNESCO and thus was a technical honoree of this year's entrants. Olga comes from France; her field of special interest at Bard is literature. The other holders of U. N. scholarships for the current year are Jorge Duque (Colom­ bia), a science major with an eye on an international relations career; and John Munsinger (Switzerland), a student at the School of Economics in London interested in international relations.

Aron Geffen is the recipient of a scholarship specifically donated for a young man or woman from Israel. He comes from Haifa, and is interested in social studies and in a diplomatic career.

Scholarships were also awarded to two German students. They were sent to this country under a program for the orientation of Germany sponsored by the State Department and the Depart­ ment of the Army of the United States, as well as the Institute of International Education in New York.harmon, a graduate of the Technical College in Berlin where he is a student at the Free University and Herbert Spock­ ner is from Bamberg where he has just completed the Gymnasium course. Both are interested in international relations and journalism.

William Freedenfeld is advisor to these students.

Authorisation from De Maupassant's niece for publication and use of hitherto private manuscripts.

Poem ....

Brice-a-brac snow tumbling in the air
Leans on the wooded quay
Where boats stand still as birds with heads tucked under wings
To linger while the winter fondles them.

—B. Walker

Special Committee
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If the Committee after due delibera­tion, feels that action is necessary, it shall make recommendations to the Dean.

The Special Committee shall have the duty of exploring the effectiveness of social regulations adopted by the Convocation or Council, and shall seek to improve them.

All proceedings of the Special Com­mittee shall be confidential. The Com­mittee shall report to the Assembly on activities to Convocation once a semester.

Nothing Bard

Nothing Bard, the first all-student production to be seen here in five years, will be presented on Friday and Sat­urday night, October 20 and 21. This musical comedy variety show was writ­ten by Jessica Thomas with additional dialogue by Margo Neumgart. It was the outgrowth of a project sponsored by So­bbie Sieberman and Bob Smith last year and was completely over the summer.

Bard's Community Assembly and the Ad­ministration have all given the production their enthusiastic approval and wholehearted encouragement. The general response in the community has been out the idea that such a project presents a welcome

American Maupassant Scholar, Artinian participates at Ettetafal Fest

During his ten months in France, Artinian handled the award to the Bard in recognition of the numerous letters and manuscripts by De Maupassant and to obtain the per­mission of the Maupassant family to publish his findings, a permission that they granted to the Bard and others.

The first book consists of more than one hundred letters written by De Maupassant to his family, friends, and other writers, among them, Emily Dickinson. As none of these letters had been pub­lished before, they make an important contribution to the understanding of De Maupassant's work and personality.

There has been a persistent misconcep­tion that De Maupassant was an ir­responsible playboy. Dr. Artinian pointed out, however, that any man who published 400,000 letters, over 4,000,000,000 words, and wrote 200,000 and over 2,000 plays, and plays and travel writers in a period of ten years must be something more than a playboy. The book em­phasizes the extent and profundity of De Maupassant's work.

The second book, Ettetafal, is a collection of critical opinions of De Maupassant by 150 contemporary authors including Andre Gide, Andre Rou­ dure Dreiser, Sherwood Anderson and Abraham Cahan.

In addition to collecting new material, Dr. Artinian handled broadcasts concern­ ing his work, and his activities were reported in the French equivalent of Life Maga­zine, Match. Part of his collection was borrowed for an exhibit on De Maupassant and others at the Ettetafal Festival.

Dr. Artinian's collection of original manuscripts, letters, and other material on De Maupassant is the most extensive in the world. Bard College, in fact, is synonymous with De Maupassant in literary circles. Literary scholars, men writing theses on De Maupassant and others consult Dr. Artinian's material.

As a result, Dr. Artinian was elected Vice President of Les Amis Guy de Maupassant, an international literary society. He is the only non-Frenchman ever to be so honored.

An article concerning these books, which will be published in France in October in the current bilingual edition of Books Abroad. Another article concerning the Bard project, written by Dr. Artinian, appears in the Sep­tember issue of Books Abroad, a literary magazine.

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