POLL RESULTS

The Selective Service Act was approved by the majority of the student body in a ball sponsored by the Barbara last Tuesday.

Out of a total of 86 votes, 62 were cast for the draft, a minority of 24 expressing disfavor. Sixty-five percent of the voters of conscription age were in favor of the measure, while those under 21, who are less affected by it at the present, had 77%, or 70 out of 45 that were polled, supporting it.

Most of the students who opposed conscription had very definite reasons for their position. Some of the explanations given were that the draft is a "denial of civil liberties" and that it "refutes the democratic principles of American life." One oppositionist asked, "Why use totalitarian methods to fight Hitler and totalitarianism?" A number of those polled felt that voluntary enlistments were sufficient for conscientious army, several saw no danger of invasion, one analysed the draft as a plan of Roosevelt to gain further power, and another foresaw a danger to labor in a military-minded draft.

The most surprising thing about the poll was the lack of seriousness and thought on the part of the students not of conscription age. There were many漫无目的的 attempts to vote, and there were many unanswered sheets.

It's too bad that so many of the students do not realize to what extent the draft concerns them now and later.

SONNET

by Julie M. Nicholas

There are occasions when, in retrospect, The compass of our vision circumscribes A period of years, a span of years, and we detect A moment which we never did suspect. Fortunately, wherefore the soul invokes Faith in its very being: this is the faith That brooks no compromise for life's high ideals. Can't say "died", though hope be a thing From the expiring embers of youth's dream. Thus we are ever witness to the need Of some transcendent purpose to esem From dissolution man's integrity; Make manifest to him beneath the scheme Of passing things, abiding unity.

AMERICAN NATIONAL DEFENSE

"American National Defense—Model 1940" was the subject of the lecture given by David Popper, researcher of the Foreign Policy Association, given at the general college meeting on Wednesday evening, September 25.

Mr. Popper's talk was devoted to defense in its broadest sense. He said that in the long run the security of the United States depends upon the balance of power in the rest of the world. "Our future", he said, "is closely linked with the future of the British navy."

In closing his lecture, Mr. Popper said that he was quite sure that statesmen and diplomats in Washington were thinking not only of the increased international social activity which will demand more of its time.

"ROUND THE PROSTRUM"

The year the Community Forum is attempting to broaden its discussions to include topics not only of domestic and international politics, but also of art, music, religion, and science. The outcome of discussions is the presentation of a number of propositions. Several American national defense policies depend, upon the balance of power in the rest of the world. The Forum strives to develop ideas in any other way, because the free exchange of ideas is disturbed. The free exchange of ideas is the spirit that animates the philosophy of progressive education. The Forum strives to see it that the plans are carried out.

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In view of the feeling that this campus is small enough to successfully function as a unit, it is the considered opinion of a group on campus that there should be a social program which will be open to all students, from the point of view of organization as well as of participation. In line with this a group of students wishes to present the following plan for consideration.

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The Bardian, October 4, 1940

LOOKING AROUND

The Bardian may live to remember the first month of his career at Bard as the month in which that most important event—"the Englishman in the street"—withdrew three weeks of the worst horror. For the student upon whom and perhaps in those twenty-one days we expect more to do than in three years. So it is in those three days the Freshman, se­ conded by his set theories and non-persuasive tactics, once his work is done and not come learned that those other little men—the immediate working in the best of the September sun and bringing forth wheat for his and his sons' life. The men in the East, English and food plus a regular monthly salary. small group. The men who work in the help, and the total isn't much great­ ter. It is in the freedom to think, to speak, to form a pattern of values by which he see it, is to have the men and women who men had never met, nor talked with, nor understood—they had made up their minds in thing, for the academic year 1940, was a love, of gossip, of future escapade, and he rather unofficial headline story on the closing of Kappa Gamma Chi fraternity. It is the product of an emotion­ less and sounder manner.

To the Editor:
The former issue of the BAR DiAn featured an official headline story on the closing of Kappa Gamma Chi fraternity. We, the remaining active chapter of Kappa Gamma Chi wish to assure all that the statement made, even in regard to the temporary closing of the fraternity was entirely unofficial. Our argument is ex­ cluded by the fact that our first official meeting was held on Thursday, October 3, 13 days before any story had been published, which meeting no such statement as the closing of the fraternity was made.

Furthermore, at a joint meeting of all three fraternities, on September 23, the question was voted individually and by a slimmer margin for the preservation of fraternities at Bard. It has been decided, however, that the houses will cooperate to a much greater extent with the administration, in solving the problems of the college which they have before.

The active members of K.G.X.

We took the statement of the PRESI­ DENT of K.G.X. as authentic and offic­ ial. It was our belief, as it still is, that in HIS official capacity he was more qualified than any other individual to speak, at any time, for the administration. It is our understanding that a meeting was announced ahead of time, was held in the Kap house on Thursday evening, September 19, at which time seven out of the eleven members were present, the other four were represented by proxy. The result of this meeting was that a majority of the members did not vote to disband. Only one member did not vote, and that was be­ cause in old not to wish: Mr. Manley's statement followed this meeting.

Sir:
The outbreak of feeling which recently sire to do so.

If this gentleman's problem is the same as the one he alludes to in his letter to The Web­ ber, then we can't do it. For the Web­ ber, who has read his other books knows how hard it must have been for him to change direction. It is the product of an emotion­ less and sounder manner.

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We hope that this gentleman will reconsider the question, to this, as we see it, is to have the men and women who work for Bard organize. This does not mean that they would be chosen for granted that men who work in the kitchen get their lod­ g­ lies. The men who work in the kitchen would join the union for waiters and cooks, the firemen another, and all together a small group of the help would yet come in and some­ how, against the wish of three or four different outside unions. I

THE BARD PROLETARIAT

Not many more than a hundred students here—not enough for there to be an ap­ preciable amount of class distinction. Add in those one hundred and ten times the campus help, and the total isn't much great­ ter. Nor are the chances for class distinction increased to any noticeable extent. At least not so far as the students are concerned!

But apparently the students are not the ones to formulate class distinction here. It's done for us. A Buildings and Grounds worker is told by his superior that he is not fostering of class distinction right under their noses. Democracy on campus—at least they always claimed that they did. But democracy on campus, so far as the students are concerned, seems to point to just that. That's why the importance of such an incident can't be overlooked. She set theories and non-persuasive tactics, it is his job to see to it that he destroyed his most attractive motif. Wolfe is aware that he must make some compro­ mise, if he is to direct other men can make is to come by favoring it guarantee its exis­ tence.

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THE EYE AND THE EAR

ART

by T. Cook

As necessarily limited as the Oriental Gal­

lery’s Leonardo da Vinci exhibition is, it

nevertheless forcefully reveals the magni­

tude of the man. From these comparatively

few sketches culled from his notebooks of

literally thousands of drawings one can

appreciate why the term “artist” does not

do him justice. He was as much an engi­

neer, an architect, an anatomist, and a

military expert.

In da Vinci does not fit the popular

concept of an “old master.” How can a

man be called old when he thought of

things centuries ago which we consider

modern? For example, we consider sharp

shaped bombs a relatively modern means

of destruction. Yet, a photostat of a da

Vinci shaped bomb is hanging in the exhibi­

tion. Engineers have built actual working

models from his drawings, and some of

can be seen in the exhibition of da Vinci’s

mechanical inventions now at the Museum of

Science and Industry in New York.

From whom the college was able to bor­

tow our exhibition.

The crisp red chalk sketches that line

the walls of the gallery show da Vinci’s

knowledge of anatomy as well as his per­

ception. His mastery of anatomy is ex­

pressed in a simple, expressive line that

embraces within its borders the total

of knowledge gained from dissection.

His sketches of babies put to shame those

of his contemporaries, whose custom it

was to portray babies as tiny grown men.

He took da Vinci to capture portions and soft contours of children as

they really are.

Horses and ships are another example of the wedding of scientific methods of in­

vestigation and of artistic feeling. He care­

fully measured the proportions of the horse and mastered its construction. His shad­
ing defined forms more clearly.

Behind his work existed something more than a desire to master an art. He was a

perfectionist who had a curiosity that could not be satisfied. He was more interested

in the expanding universe of knowledge than he ever could have been in one par­

ticular art.

THE BARDIAN, OCTOBER 4, 1940

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by T. Cook

The class of ’44 paraded its wit the eve­

ning of the twenty eighth when it continued

the tradition of the Freshman Show. This

year’s contribution consisted of a series of

amusing skits, with a piano and full band

duet being the most clever mixture.

James Storer opened the show with his

skillfully manipulated marionettes. A

sugar bugler from out of nowhere began tossing

balls in the air, and, to the amazement of

the audience, caught them again. A bo­

angles dancer from Harlem strutted across

the miniature stage and proceeded to do all

the intricate tap steps imaginable. The act

ended with a climatic skeleton dance by a

skeleton who without any warning tossed

his head and extremities about, and then

captured them again.

“Boy Meets Girl” came next. Paul Mun­

son played the hip-swinging siren who met

the pale, timid “cake” drinker from Bard.

The conversation was quite unconventional. She asked: “Can you swim?” He didn’t

quite understand, so she repeated, “Can you dance?” His confused reply was: “Yes.

Can we be more intimate?”

The skit ended in a blackout after they both decided to go home to Bard.

A slice of Bard life during Freshman week was the theme of “The Dining Com­

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SPORTS

To a young man and fresh eye the fatal­
ism of the athletic department on the sub­
ject of inter-collegiates gives a pretty piff­
limp. What does this imply to the
freshman? It inspires him to become as
tall-worn and weak-kneed as the majority of
the college already is.

But all right. We're willing to be fatal­
istic, too. We don't know whether or not
college spirit is a Good Thing—though we
do know that in a small college like this it
would emphasize the cooperative feeling
which seems to be desirable. And perhaps
it is not.

But you do need the exercise—and I don't
that's ready to receive this great knowledge.

To get down to concrete facts, if you will
cast your eyes over the list of team stand­
ings, you may notice that Albee is still lead­
ing the league. And there is only one reason
for this: Tuesday afternoon they had enough
men on the field for two complete teams!
This means that there are always fresh men
to rush in, and fresh men to catch the
passes. Albee has only one or two aces, whereas Potter-McVickar has six. But those
six men are so tired after the first ten min­
utes of the game that they can't do any­
thing against the fresh team that comes in.

The most pitiful showing so far was on
Monday's Seymour-Hoffman vs. South Hall
game in which both teams ended up with
only four men sparsely! And one fine gentle­
man from Hoffman was playing golf on the
sidelines.

But we do not say it's only unwillingness
on the part of the men to come out. Only
too often it is the fault of classes which have
been arranged at that very odd time. That
time should be wholly reserved for those
who desire to partake in athletics.

In the end, athletics is just as important as study­
ing, and it is our opinion that no professor
has the right to keep students from getting
their exercise if they desire it. Which they
should.

Donald Watt.

ALBEE CLINCHES DORM LEAGUE

After the third week of inter-dormitory
touch-football, Albee still has the top posi­
tion, and it cannot possibly be taken away
from them since they have only one more
game to play. Although Potter-McVickar
has the highest scoring team, they cannot
beat the Albee men because there are so
many of them. With Rod Karsen to lead
them and throw the passes, the Albee team
has won every game it has played. Potter-
McVickar has lost only to Albee; Line Arm­
strong and George Lambert combining to
defeat the other opponents. South Hall
and Seymour-Hoffman have defeated each
other once, and lost all the rest, mainly
because of lack of men.

Tuesday's game between South Hall and
Seymour-Hoffman was perhaps the most ex­
citing game of the season. Each team had
only four men, and during the first half,
there was no score. Then, in the second
half, things began to happen, and at the
very end of the game, with South Hall lead­
ing, 12-7, Seymour-Hoffman had the ball on
the South Hall one-yard line. With only
one play left in the game, they put it over,
made the extra point, and saved themselves
from the disgrace of not having won any
game.

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South .......... 1 3 22 68 .35
Chamberlain .......... 0 6 66 1.00
McVickar .......... 0 0 0 0 0

Mainly by reason of Potter-McVickar's
strong and George Lambert combining to
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After the Athletic Advisory Committee
meeting yesterday afternoon, John Parson,
director of athletics, announced that the
new intra-mural football schedule would
continue to be based upon dormitories—
but a different arrangement of them.
Seymour and South Hall will combine,
Stone Row will play as a unit, and Albee
will continue to have the same team. This
replaces a four-team league with only three
teams. However, the arrangement is much
more satisfactory on the basis of equality
of team strength.

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