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CHARLES HAROLD GRAY DEAN

TALKS AT COLLEGE MEETING

Leigh Selects Vermont Man

First Address Deals with Program Philosophy and Educational Goals

COLLEGE IS SECURE

To students and family assembled in the Bard Theatre last Tuesday evening, new President Charles Harold Gray stated the college's position on the problem of the college and declared what it is to the college, to the student, teacher, and the supporting faculty and trustee. He presented a brief but vigorous outline of the meaning of a liberal arts education. He spoke:

"We have been guaranteed a period of continuous security in our work...."
**MR. LEAVENS DEPARTS...**

We announce, with regret, that following publication of this issue, co-editor Peter Leavens will never active relationship with Bard College and The Bardian. He has been an integral part of a number of a eclipse expedition from the Hayden Planetarium that will leave for Texas in April.

His academic courses will continue through the University's Extension in New York. The expedition's gain is our loss. Undoubtedly our collegues will bring in the remarkable energy and resourcefulness that have characterized his career at Bard. We wish him the best of good fortune.

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**FITTED FOR THE JOB...**

Robert D. Leigh, apropos of the departure of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Harold Gray from Bennington, said he regarded it "as a grievous loss to the community." Recom- mendation of the appointment of Mr. Gray as Dean, Bennington's President stated he was "eminently fitted for the job." Even though we were as yet, know the Gray very well, we have begun to realize the reasons behind Mr. Leigh's comment. It is with pleasure we welcome Dean and Mrs. Gray to Bard.

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**END OF AN ERA...**

With a blessed quietness, a warrying and disastrous era in the history of this col- lege ended on last Tuesday evening when Mr. Harold Gray calmly and earnestly promised "that the students may be assured of a continuing college which will surely be here when it comes time for them to...graduate...and the faculty are free on more to consider themselves secure while they teach and work out the educational program more in conformity with the ideals which were fully stated in the early day of a continuing college which will surely work out the educational program more in conformity with the ideals which were fully stated in the early day of a continuing college which will surely be here in the future."

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**LOOKING AROUND...**

We were sitting in a soft chair in the corner of Alice's recreation room as "Moom" Reynolds was telling a war story. We have at this time, of course, a class along Parliamentary lines and it suddenly occurred to us that it was near June and we had seen four of the strongest college's literature mirrored back at us by every face in the room. That's what we cried back, what is a far cry from the day Mr. Lawton Lambert advised to fire that nightly Terry, above a confused din, that the freshmen were result- ing to keep "off-the-beaten-path"-machines, rules; yet how little the class has changed, how they still try to carry on and think relatively normal at once, where Day and Curr, quizzed, "J. D." explained Reck's situation in the unknown and nothing.

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The Student Council met after lunch on Wednesday and decided to hold a college dance for all undergraduates. This is the first time that such a dance will be held this year. Although some students have been vocal in their objections, the Council has decided that the dance will go on as planned. Although some students have expressed concern, it is expected that the dance will be well-attended.

Columbia Poetry.
Due This Spring

According to Frederick Cor- balis, director of a new volume, "Columbia Poetry, 1940," will be published by the University Press this semester. Professor George Cooper is accepting contributions from undergradu- nates at this time. The principle by the faculty at the Dec- ember meeting, (1) recognition of the general problems of the special student, as well as the specialized student, and (2) the development of a new type of student, is to be continued. The report notes that additional improvements will be made in all departments of the college.

For the students, the residence halls will be open to the general public, and the Trustees have shown a willingness to supply adequate financial support rather than to venture or incongruous remnants of an old system. The Trustees have accepted these responsibilities with the advantage of a metropolitan university.

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