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STUDENT EXPELLED FOR MAIL THREAT

LETTER CALLED A FORGERY

Mar. 5 - Roger Williams, a Bard Freshman formerly on Social Probation, was expelled from the College on Feb. 24 by Dean Levine for writing a letter containing "a direct threat of violence" to Albert Nordine, another student. The letter, which was signed "Roger Williams," was sent through campus mail. Williams, speaking to The Reporter after filing his first appeal to the Grievance Committee (G.C.), called the incident "a plot by the administration or a student acting for the administration." "It's a shame," said Williams. "I'm being framed, set up." Williams contends that there is a systematic conspiracy by the administration to "get me and my belongings out of Bard."

Sheriff's Deputy responded to Albert Nordine's complaint on Feb. 23 by coming on campus to investigate the threatening letter. Peter Sears responded immediately to a meeting at the Security office where he questioned the "flexibility" of the situation. Sears then contacted Nordine and convinced him to allow the College to handle the matter internally, but he included a guarantee that the matter would go "on record" and that Nordine could press criminal charges later if he wished. Michael Rothberg, who was also mentioned in the letter, said that "papers were being filed" and that charges would be forthcoming.

Before informing Williams of his expulsion on Feb. 25, the Dean's office compared the letter with other samples of Williams' handwriting and came to the unanimous decision that it was not a forgery. "We had plenty of material to compare," said the Dean, "we do plenty of business with this guy." Williams had been expelled once before by the Dean's office for not meeting payments to another student after breaking in and doing damage to the student's room. The Grievance Committee last met and overturned the decision. (cont pg. 3)

POST OFFICE: A CHANGE IN STATUS

by Peter Geissler

According to U.S. Postal Administration, John Viola, the Post Office in Annandale-on-Hudson will change its status within the next six months. It will no longer be a Federal Post Office, but rather a contract station. Mr. Viola cited the reasons for this decision as the "declining customer area" and high costs. (95% of the Annandale Post Office's business involves Bard College.) A contract station will cost $15,000 versus the $25,500 cost now. The only services lost will be third-class and permit mailings. Mail deliveries and other services (stamp sales, money orders, etc.) will not be affected, and the address and zip code will remain the same.

REAGAN CUTS AFFECT ALL STUDENTS

SOMETHING CAN BE DONE, SAYS BOTSTEIN

President Botstein met with a group of students on Tuesday and urged them to organize against the proposed Reagan budget cuts to higher education. Speaking informally to mostly Solidarity Group members, he said that students should "actively lobby their senators and congressmen" in order to maintain federal aid to lower income groups who wish to attend higher education.

"It's not an issue to feel guilty about," said Botstein. "It's not just self-serving." He stressed that these programs which provide the necessary aid are important to the entire country, and not just to Bard students. "The best way to do this," said Botstein, "is to make straight statements in as many hometowns as possible. The mood in the country requires an answer."

The students at the meeting were generally in agreement with President Botstein's sentiments, but many disagreed in the approach that should be taken to achieve success. Members of the Solidarity Group wanted to link the higher education issue to the May 6 Rally in Washington to protest American involvement in El Salvador. The President believes that the issues should be separated.

Botstein also said that he wished to call a general student meeting to urge other students to write letters or actually go and see their legislators. The proposed Reagan cuts would affect Guaranteed Student Loans, REOG, and HEDP at least. The specifics of the new budget will be out on March 10th.

AT ELL: COACH WRITES ABOUT PLAYERS

LUDLOW EDITS PASSAGES

"Players and Pretenders" is a book written by Harold Rosen, the Bard Basketball coach for the past two seasons, about the players and all the members of the athletic dept. during the 1979-80 season. The book is about an off-court antics of a team that lost all their league games last year. Rosen chose not to fictionalize it, and so the player's real names appear.

The book, which is now being readied for March publication, was read by the college's lawyers and the administration asked that certain sections be extracted from it. Certain sections, according to President Botstein, were damaging both to the players and to the college. (cont on page 6 TOP)
OUT IN THE COLD...

...Colleges remain lax on insulation; faculty spends winter months insulating their dwellings...

Since fuel oil costs come directly from their pay checks, certain faculty members have expressed this as a devitalizing effect on their incomes. This is due mainly to the inadequate insulation of the college housing. When questioned as to why Bard has not remedied the situation, both Mr. Griffiths and Mr. Papadimitriou responded that the faculty dwellings have least priority concerning improvements.

The administration feels that the faculty are not being imposed upon unfairly because of the discounted cost of the fuel oil and the subsidized rents at 75% of the area market value. Mr. Papadimitriou feels that the lower rents are reasonable because the college "does not provide normal maintenance. The college has even been known to provide storm windows. Some faculty members have expressed vexation over the need for them to construct their own storm windows and to make various home improvements rather than sufficiently devote time to their courses.

Professor Morrae feels that Bard should provide every incentive for faculty to live on campus. Faculty who live an hour or more away, are not conveniently accessible to students. On-campus faculty are usually available six days a week and partake in IDP and Parents' Day events. Obviously, the faculty on campus are more receptive to the students' needs and the benefits of the college.

Though the faculty are not forced to insulate, they are forced to pay higher fuel costs if they don't.

A 'SPACE ODYSSEY' FOR BARD?

Researched by Jennifer Hall

"The computer is like Bard," says Joe Heller, who is in charge of the IBM system 34 computer at Bard, "very personal—one on one. It's very human. There's no such thing as a computer error—only human error. It's only a machine—we're not afraid of it. We have to turn it on in the morning, it doesn't turn it on. We run the computer, it doesn't run us. I mean, it can't pull my plug, but I can pull its plug."

Heller does not see Bard turning into a high technology world characterized by Stanley Kubrick's "2001: A Space Odyssey," where the computer takes over the ship. Truly, this is unlikely to happen at Bard, but Heller's contention that "I can pull its plug" may not be the case. In fact, the college is becoming increasingly reliant upon computers and could not easily go back to a world without computers. The IBM 34 handles most of the school's records and paper work. All departments have access to the computer, which is used most by Admissions, Registrar, the Comptroller's Office, Program Development, Financial Aid, the Bookstore, and others. The computer is looked upon as an investment, something which will in the long run save Bard dollars.

A cost of $95,000, the Computer and Grounds has installed a new Energy Management Computer which will supposedly pay for itself in energy saved in five years. (cont, on page 4)
EXPLOSION FOR MAIL THREAT (CONTINUED)

President Botstein, ruling to uphold the recommendation of the G.C., told Williams a week before this semester began that he would be expelled after one more incident.

In order to clear up the letter incident, Williams is considering hiring a graphologist (handwriting analysis expert). President Botstein said that it was a possibility but that it would have to be done at the student's expense.

Reflecting upon the recent controversy over the Smith-Bennett incident, Botstein said: "I hope that there is no need for this time for the Grievance Committee and myself to be in conflict."

Roger Williams released a written statement to THE REPORTER, in which he vehemently denied writing the letter. "I did not write the letter to Albert Nordin," said Williams, "I did not threaten him in any way, and I will not accept any more allegations towards me from any Dean or President. I have been framed, ridiculous, embarrassed, maliciously involved in false preservation (sic), so now it's about time to get a lawyer...a lawyer who will go to court and find the corruption of Stuart Levine, Mary Sugart, President Botstein, Peter Sears, and the whole bunch of liberal leaders."

According to Williams, he has been receiving a series of letters of a "perverse, homosexual" nature in his campus box during the past few weeks and he contends that the letters are part of a conspiracy to ridicule and anger him. These letters, he feels, are part of the conspiracy against him.

Williams withdrew his first appeal to the G.C. because he denies ever receiving a formal letter of expulsion from Stuart Levine. The Dean's office could not confirm that the letter had been sent, and made more copies which were sent on Mar. 5. According to Williams, he was appealing to the G.C. upon receiving the letter. Mary Sugart has said that the College will "bend over backwards" in order to ensure due process.

If the case is brought up in front of the G.C., Williams has retained Jon Boroko to represent him. Boroko represented him at his last G.C. meeting, where the expulsion was overturned.

However, the G.C. will have to re-form in order to hear the case. Professor Pierce (Chairman), Professor Kalish and Professor Vomeron all resigned after the Smith-Bennett hearing. The reasons are not clear. All three faculty members have told Dean Sugart that they would serve once again if Williams appeals.

SAGA PROPOSES "MEAL TICKETS"

SAGA is reported to be considering the use of meal tickets. According to Dean Levine, this action is being proposed due to the documented fact of over 700 people eating at meals while only about 500 students pay for a meal plan.

THE BARD REPORTER

STUDENT STABBED AT COFFEE HOUSE

On Saturday, Feb. 21 at 11:55 pm, during a fight in front of Xilis Commons, a Bard student, David Colon, was stabbed in the right arm. Mr. Colon walked to Security under his own power, leaving blood stains on the brick. He was taken to Northern Dutchess Hospital by friends. Mr. Colon does not know who stabbed him and did not press charges.

"SPACE ODYSSEY" (CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1)

It will regulate heat in the building, turn on and off the street lights, monitor the fire alarm system, and regulate water temperature at the faucet, among other things. In addition, it will monitor security on their rounds and send signals when an officer does not meet up at the appointed time. This, according to Dick Griffiths, will protect the safety of the officers, and record their whereabouts electronically. Mr. Griffiths, the computer will run Security. Security will run security.

Deep in Ludlow, humming inside a black box, are panels of processing discs which look like a record albums. Each disc carries 128 million characters of information, and smaller "discettes," which look like 45' records, carry one million characters each. It hums constantly working always when wanted, and it has a life span longer than a man's.

This may sound like a high technology horror film, as society becomes inundated with impersonal implements of progress, the effects of such change are rarely recognized. Bard is moving into the modern world in the name of efficiency and financial savings. The necessity for progress, as it is always argued, is the need to compete. Possibly the computer will save the college countless dollars over the next twenty years. The quality of life in many respects, however, will undoubtedly change.

STUDENTS AGAINST US INVOLVEMENT IN EL SALVADOR GATHER OVER 340 SIGNATURES

Over 340 Bard students have signed three petitions protesting US military involvement in El Salvador. The petitions were sent to President Reagan, William Casey (CIA Chief), and Alexander Haig (Secretary of State). The petition has been circulated by the Bard Solidarity Group which is planning a trip to Washington in May to protest US intervention.

REMINDER

DEBATE ON EL SALVADOR

Michael Rothberg versus Robert Meyrowitz

FRIDAY, MARCH 6, 7:30 pm - COMMITTEE ROOM
SPRING FESTIVAL MAY REPLACE FORMAL

Robert Neyrowitz, Chairman of the Entertainment Committee, invited the major clubs and organizations on campus to a meeting to discuss having a two-day spring festival instead of the traditional spring formal this year. Neyrowitz proposed to the clubs, which included the BSO, the LAG, the Feminist Alliance, Solidarity, and others totaling 14 groups, that they "cooperate and participate" in the new festival. Entertainment would be mixed with politics, as many of the groups proposed speakers such as Angela Davis. The presidents or representatives of the groups pledged by the end of the meeting that they would ask their club members for 15-20% of their spring budgets. If the clubs go ahead, Neyrowitz said he would sponsor the traditional dance on the second night. The dates for the festival are tentatively set for May 15-16. As most clubs seemed enthusiastic about the plan, Neyrowitz said he was planning a new meeting for further discussion.

CURRICULUM COMMITTEE MEETS ONLY TWICE

A new committee set up by President Rotstein to review the Bard curriculum has convened only twice this year. Stuart Levine, Chairman, says that the scheduling problems are too difficult to get together. The Committee, which consists of ten faculty members and two students, was formed to review the Freshman Seminar Program, a possible Sophomore Project, and to submit ideas for the next school year.

LINDOY SEES SHIFT IN DRUG CULTURE

During a recent meeting with Peer Counselors, Dean Stuart Levine expressed a concern that there may be an increase in heroin and cocaine usage on campus. However, many Peer Counselors were upset that the Administration appeared to be focusing on the issue without expressing a concern for alcohol and marijuana usage.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"I will not be a part of any meeting on campus which excludes any student, whatever the reason regardless of who they are.

- Dean Rotstein, speaking to two Solidarity members who wanted to exclude a member of the Bard Reporter from an open meeting.

JOEL TOMSON SEES NEED FOR AFRCED FACILITIES

Speaking informally with the Bard Reporter, Joel Tomson, Head of the Athletic Department, said that his new program has many more events than facilities to hold them. Intramurals have been delayed due to the Varsity 'B'Ath team using the gym; there is no baseball field adequate for hardball; in fact, there is only one field available for any event. Tomson sees a broad interest in sports which cannot be taken care of.

OVER 250 SIGN IN SUPPORT OF ALTER

Three weeks ago Stuart Levine informed Professor Alter that since she is not on a tenure track and that no tenure track position is open in the Language and Literature Department, there is a good possibility she will have to leave at the end of this semester. Professor Alter has been a visiting Professor at Bard for the past 4 years. This semester Professor Alter is teaching 4 courses with an average of 20 students in each course. She is also co-ordinator of the recently established "Women's Studies Program." Some students feel that to lose Professor Alter now would jeopardize the program.

In order to show support for Professor Alter, students have collected over 250 signatures on a petition requesting her tenure.

NEWSBREAKER: SPECIAL REPORT

By Peter Bynum

Flying down 94 in pursuit of the James Apgar court hearing, three intrapid Bard students hastened to Fouchkeepseis. An editor from the BARD REPORTER and two reporters of the OBSERVER arrived to identify a choice of five buildings. Caretakers in confusion directed and directed, which minute did reverse, our heroes between, under and around the said courthouses. Finding the Sheriff's office in a haystack with Roy Rogers, our gallant friends of print, returned tail in tow, for Red Hook. Turning onto Route 9 the car parted past 'Chees Marsel' on through the night to the Red Hook Insane Asylum, which houses the town court. There to the chorus of "Yes," "Whizz, Wher," "Wisk" and rushing from the good stores everywhere, our heroes found that the case had been postponed till the 24th of April '81. Hopefully, beer and popcorn will be served. Till then here's looking at ya.

SPORTS: BOXING AT SAGA

"Muhammad 'Tiny Goldfist' knocked out 'Johnny Walker Duffe' in the second round of boxing in the ring at the SAGA dining room. Muhammad Re'd Johnny Walker after a ferocious two round fight during dinner on Feb. 16. "I beat his knees to shreds," said Muhammad. Johnny Walker refused to admit the loss, saying "I was ahead on points."

WRITER AND REPORTER TO VISIT BARD

Philip M. Stern, a freelance reporter and author, will visit Bard for a week beginning March 9th. His books include "The Great Treasury Raid," "The Shame of a Nation," and "The Hope of the Taxpayer." He also worked on a special project at the Washington Post. Mr. Stern comes to Campus on a Woodrow Wilson Fellowship. He will meet with students in classes and at meals in the Commons.
Editorials

THE SECOND TIME AROUND

Something very interesting happened when the Sheriff's Office came on campus last week to investigate charges of threatening mail. They were sent away. It is regrettable that once again police were on campus to solve Bard problems, no matter who called them. However, it is commendable that in this case the officer was sent away when he "could have made an arrest." Why, then, wasn't the last officer sent away without making an arrest in the James Agrey incident? Security officials contend that once called on campus he cannot be sent away, which is why there was no attempt in the Agrey case to resolve it within the campus. Stated simply, this is not true, and this situation proves it.

Peter Sears was called by the Sheriff on the night of the Agrey arrest and in some small way gave college approval to the arrest. Acting as Dean of the College, he should have protested the arrest and demanded that Agrey be released. Sears, being new to the College, was not aware of the proper procedure and there was no malicious intent in his actions. However, negligence is not justification for Agrey spending five days in jail.

Mr. Sears has been doing an admirable job in his position as Dean, and this is not so much an accusation of him as certain procedures which are not being abided by. Peter Sears got caught in a situation which should have never come up.

LOOKING THE OTHER WAY...

As a precaution to avoid further incidents of violence at Bard dances, the Dean's office required the Entertainment Committee to hire a Security Officer for the recent Valentine's Day dance. Unfortunately, Security was stationed outside of the "Paranoia" room and did not notice local residents (some of whom are SAGA employees) harassing Bard students on the dance floor. As the case has been lately, Bard students have had to rely on their own defenses. The students hired to "secure" the function performed well in maintaining order. It is no wonder, considering the ugly mood of the crowd, that the Boyfriends" took their $700 and left after only one hour of playing time.

Security has been ineffective at protecting Bard students. During Richard Starkie's term as Security Director when Security officers were not hired for dances, "townies" and other individuals bent on relieving their frustrations at Bard were quickly and quietly ushered off campus. The disinclination of Security to prevent assaults on Bard students was manifested during the last winter formal. "Movie," a "townie" estimated to weigh 275 lbs. and described as "having a neck like a tree," was heard to rattle outside of the Commons: "I'm gonna get one of those mothers!" Movie charged into the Commons, grabbed Jonathan Shipman, and began to grind his face into the carpet.

Although Security was reported in the area at the time, it was the students who took the initiative and expelled Movie from the dance. A similar situation occurred at the Valentine's Day dance. According to Robert Meyerowitz, students dealt with these incidents, while Security remained in the background. If Security continues to remain ineffective, then it appears that hiring Bard students to secure events is a more practical solution.
SPORTS: SPIRIT PEGORN IN B'BALL

With only 8:53 left in the game and Bard losing to Vassar by eight points, Charly Rosen, the coach, called a time-out. "Now's the time," he shouted to his players, "six minutes is plenty of time. Let's make our move." Hard took the court with a sense of spirit reborn. They danced on defense and tried to force a weak shot. When the shot came, it sunk. The spread was now ten points. Hard took the ball down the court and lost it on a bad pass. Vassar came back on a fast break and quickly the spread was twelve. As the time wound down and the game went out of reach for Bard, the players did not give up. Instead, they played like demons until the final six seconds. It was their last game of the season, the last chance to prove how good they were by beating a team they lost to by 50 points the year before. They kept it close, losing by 91-79, and at the close of the game they seemed anxious to continue. At one point, with 7 seconds left on the clock and a situation hopeless, Art Chandler, who played the majority of the game, turned and saw that the game was almost over. He turned back to the game with a discouraged swing of his head, grinned, and swore under his breath. But this was how it was, the game and season were over. Another missed opportunity, but still the team that went 4-15 overall seemed like a team that felt no shame, made no excuses, and would rise again next year.

MCKENZIE DIRECTS "HALF-LIFE" AT PRESTON

The first Drama Production of the semester, "Half-Life" by Julian Mitchell, opens Sat. Mar. 7 at 8 pm in the Great Hall of Preston. Neil McKenzie, veteran of several successful productions at Bard, directs six Senior projects and two McKenzie parts in the American premiere of the British play. The play was originally produced at the National Theatre in London with John Gielgud in the leading role.

Other McKenzie productions have been: "The Importance of Being Earnest," by Oscar Wilde, in 1980; David Storey's "The Farm"; Durrenmatt's "The Visit"; and Shaw's "Arms and the Man." He also did Molieres's "The Miser" and "The Misanthrope" with French accents. Mr. McKenzie also regularly produces plays and operas off-off Broadway in New York City. During the production period, however, he resides at Bard full-time.

BARD PHOTO WORK GOES ON TOUR

Bard students are invited to attend a photo show which includes the work of students from Bard Collegete opening at the SUNY-New Paltz Library Sunday, Mar 8 at 7:00 pm. Other participating colleges are SUNY-New Paltz and SUNY-Purchase. After three weeks the show will move to Purchase and may then come to Bard pending available space in Kline Commons. The show was organized by Francois Deschamps. Mr. Deschamps recently displayed his work at Bard.