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Early Bid Sales May Indicate New Record For Proms

Decorations Completed On Monday—Albee And Seymour Halls Filled

Last minute information seems to point to record breaking attendance for the Fall Promenade. At this time both Albee and Seymour halls are reserved; and in addition, several guests will be staying off campus for the week-end.

Unlike other promenades the decorations were completed by Wednesday instead of per usual at about five a. m. Friday morning.

Through President Brewster Terry of the Junior Class the Promenade Committee has obtained, from the Beaumont Studios of New York City, several sky blue drapes that have completely transformed the interior of Memorial Gymnasium. These drapes together with a dark blue ceiling dotted by stars combine to make a wholly mid-night atmosphere.

As Friday draws near we hear reports of last minute acceptances to the Prom; last minute regrets of at not being able to attend. Probably at no other time during the year are there so many telegrams being sent out and received. There is the constant jingle of the telephones from such pleasant sounding places as Vassar, Smith, Bennington, and Bennet.

Then, there is the fellow who has had four refusals in the past week. It seems he wanted to go to the Prom, so when the fifth girl hesitated for twenty-four hours he ordered another date, through an acquaintance at Bennet School. It needs little imagination to picture his confusion when date No. 5 and date No. 6 both accepted.

TO HOLD DANCE

An evening dance and an interesting program of entertainment has been arranged for by the Non-society Association to be held in the Memorial Gymnasium on Saturday, November 16. Music for dancing will be furnished by the Associated Sound System and will consist of recordings of the very latest musical hits from Broadway and points East. A series of songs and instrumental solos, by members of the college community, will be broadcast over the public address system of the Associated Sound System.

An invitation has been extended to members of the faculty, the students and their guests to visit the gymnasium Saturday night and dance to the pulsing strains of Guy Lombardo, to Glen Grey and to the latest and most recently fascinating contributions to American jazz and syncopation.

ILLUSTRATED BOOK ON THE COLLEGE

An illustrated book devoted to a rather complete presentation of the Bard College community is now being prepared and is intended for wide distribution throughout the country. Mr. Wendell Macrae, one of the most prominent photographers from New York, is now engaged in taking a number of pictures of scenes and activities of the life of the campus. Pictures already taken indicate that the book will be a unique one. It is intended that it will be completed about Christmas time.

ARCHITECT VISITS COLLEGE

James Gamble Rogers, famous architect from New York City, visited Bard Saturday to look at the architectural plans that have been drawn up to meet the expanding needs of the college. Mr. Rogers was the architect who designed the Harkness Quadrangle at Yale University.

Little Used Hegeman Observatory Has An Interesting Background

The Hegeman Observatory may lay claim to a more colorful history than many a campus observatory. Its rise from ignominy is due largely to the work of Dr. Phalen. Dr. Phalen, a few years ago, in the cellar of one of the campus buildings, found a couple of nondescript boxes containing among various and sundry pipes, nuts, and bolts, two carefully wrapped lenses. After cleaning them and finding them undamaged, Dr. Phalen wrote the Harvard Astronomy department asking if there might be, in this neck of the woods, a man who could appraise the lenses. They suggested Mr. William Mozey, a native of this locality who valued the lenses at \$1400 and \$500 respectively. Between Dr. Phalen and Mr. Mozey it was agreed that the latter should build a telescope using the larger of the lenses, for the sum of \$400 in cash plus the smaller of the lenses.

With a rather excellent, but rather large telescope on its hands, the Physics department began to hope that among the incoming freshmen, would be a couple of husky lads capable of moving the telescope out of the laboratory on suitable nights, without the necessity of cutting classes for the next week to rest up.

Fortune smiled, however, in the person of Mr. Haley Fiske, custodian of the Hegeman Fund. He was visiting the Physics laboratory one day and admired the telescope. He saw the plans for an observatory that Dr. Phalen one day hoped would be built and through the Hegeman Fund allotted \$2500 for the erection of an observatory.

The original observatory did not have a dome but a pyramidal roof whose four sides opened. Finding this unsatisfactory, Dr. Phalen with the assistance of the warden's son, Bernard Bell, designed and built the dome now on the observatory.

The lens in the telescope as it now stands, is of an excellent quality, made by the famous Fitz company. From the observatory, stars to the fourteenth magnitude may be seen.

Among the things that might be of interest to the layman are the sunspots, the mountains of the moon, the four moons of Jupiter, the nebulæ of Orion and of Andromacia.

Another portable telescope is now being made in the Physics laboratory as the present telescope cannot be trained on anything below 40 degrees.

Six Speakers Lead Peace Discussion In Bard Theatre

Faculty, Forum, Bardian, Vassar College Representatives Talk

In the last regular meeting of Student Convocation, held Wednesday the 6th, the topic, World Peace, was discussed in its several aspects. Mr. Koenig, who introduced the speakers, pointed out, rather definitely, that in the present social order, public prestige depended not upon military laurels, but upon outstanding farsightedness, and that those men who aspired to lead us might well seek peace for all.

Dr. Smith presented situations out of the past to throw light on the probable trend in world affairs today. Since the United States has been a nation, there have been two major European wars, both of which we have entered against the popular will of the country. Both belligerents vied for our natural resources and supplies, and as neither held views on moral law as applied to our shipping, war was contracted. In the next war, undoubtedly the United States will be asked to lend money, and so gradually be implicated. Corporations will take men, relieve the economic condition, pay-dividends, and what will be the result? When the honor of the country is at stake, when the shipping is molested, to war we go. However, we cannot go, Dr. Smith pointed out, if the people refuse solidly to recognize the call.

Futility of War

Mr. Knowles spoke along the lines of futility in war. Spiritual devastation outweighs justification, he said, and what is the point in striving to progress, when war wipes away all traces of culture in one short moment. "It pays to look at what we say," he added, for Science has changed our scheme of things, and unless we wipe out war, it will wipe out us. Any plan may be effectual in stopping war.

Mr. Hicks, the next speaker. Can we not now, he said, profit by our experience in the past war, call upon our common sense, refuse to succumb to the thrill of brass buttons, and finally, recognize that war leaves no one victor, and that the promotion of Peace is the one and only salvation. College men may

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2500 Attendance Marks New Record For Bard Theatre

'The Red Barn', First Road Production, Ends At Vassar

Bard Theatre—"The Red Barn." The evening of Saturday, November 9, saw the successful conclusion of a week long presentation of the first Bard Theatre production of the year, "The Red Barn," in Students Hall on the Vassar College campus.

During this last week, the company played six performances to approximately 2500 people. Three of these were played in the Bard Theatre and three on the road. Thursday and Friday nights the play was presented in Rhinebeck and Upper Red Hook respectively.

"The Red Barn" was the first show produced by the college theatre to be taken on the road, and the fact that the company played everywhere to capacity houses indicates that the tour was an altogether

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First Fall Alumni Week-End Held Nov. 9

The first Fall Alumni Week-End was held on November 9 and 10. Alumni of the school were welcomed back by a student committee consisting of John Hicks, Sigma Alpha Epsilon; Robert Clayton, Kappa Gamma Chi; Richard Frost, Euxelian; Frank Serena, Non-Society.

The following program was provided for the visiting alumni:

Saturday, November 9
2:30 Soccer Game, Bard vs. R.P.I.
5:15 Organ Recital—Chapel.
6:00 Dinner—Preston Hall.
7:00 Informal alumni meeting—Address by Dean Tewksbury.
8:00 Moving Pictures—Bard Theatre.
Sunday, November 10
8:00 Corporate Communion.
8:30 Breakfast—Preston Hall.
10:15 Academic Procession.
10:30 Chapel—The Rev. A. Grant Noble, '22, '25, Episcopal Chaplain at Yale, Preacher.
12:30 Preston Hall.

Hamilton, R.P.I. Trip Soccer Team In Two Contests

3-0 And 5-1 Losses Mark Third And Fourth Of Season's Games

November second, the Bard College soccer squad met defeat at the hands of Hamilton College, Clinton, N. Y., by the score of 3-0.

The first and last quarters were scoreless, Hamilton tallying twice with the second period half played and again near the close of the third quarter. Goals from the field were made by Soper, Elliot, and Leux, respectively.

The Bard team was at its seasons best in the scoreless periods. Its opportunities to score were plentiful but the final punch was lacking. Toward the close of the initial quarter Laird kicked to Filsinger at right wing. The latter headed the ball toward the goal and Stearns at center repeated the performance, but the ball missed by inches. Before the period had ended, Brewer had laid two passes and one corner kick in front of the goal posts but to no avail.

In the final quarter the Bard eleven ent immediately to the Hamilton end of the field and stayed there long enough to pass up several scoring chances. As in the Trinity game Brewer was shifted toward the middle of the forward line in a futile attempt to strengthen this section. However, even with the help of a penalty kick, the Red and White could not tally.

Clayton and Frost played their usual consistent defensive game. Although Putnam as out of position in vital instances, credit is due him for sixteen saves.

Next year the Bard team will meet Hamilton here on October thirty-first.

The line-up follows:-

Putnam	G	Halstead
Frost	L.F.	Sharpless
Clayton	R.F.	DeCezevedo
Sanville	L.H.B.	Tucker
Laird	C.F.B.	Kingsbury
Scott	R.F.B.	Latham
Brewer	O.L.	Millham
Leone	I.L.	Wager
Stearns	C.F.	Elliot
Rosenberg	I.R.	Soper
Filsinger	O.R.	Leux

Substitutions:-

Bard—Pickard, Burnett, Dennison.

Hamilton—Getman, Vick, Fawler, Mathews.

Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute defeated the Bard College soccer team 5-1 last Saturday in a game marked by fourteen free kicks, two converted kicks and plenty of excitement.

Rathbon and Lavonian each scored in the first quarter for the visitors and in the second period the former tallied again on a free kick and the latter on a penalty boot.

During the second quarter, Al Brewer attempted to score several times from right wing but each kick was intercepted by the goalie. R.P.I. was in Bard territory the greater part of the half and Scott, Dennison, Laird and Clayton had to fight a hard defensive battle. The latter, being the only varsity fullback, executed all the goal kicks and returned the ball deep into enemy ground each time.

Early in the third period the visitors suffered a penalty kick which Brewer converted. The Bard team, overflowing with fight and hope, fought the hardest this reporter has seen them fight this year. Although they threatened the R.P.I. goal many times, the period ended 4-1.

After seven minutes of the last quarter Lavonian again scored for the Engineers on a nice pivot kick. The score was then and finally, 5-1. Considerable credit is due Ray Filsinger, who with only four days

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Members Of Forum Petition The Dean On Bard Policies

Pass Three Resolutions Concerning Length Of Seminars

Following is a statement sent to Dean Tewksbury by members of the Forum concerning several phases of the new educational program:

November 11, 1935.

Dear Dr. Tewksbury:

Inclosed is a very rough report of the discussions held by the Forum on the educational policies of the college. Only three resolutions were made because it was felt that the questions merited some thought and as such couldn't be rushed. A great deal of interest was shown and we hope to hold another round-table sometime in the future when we will not be so busy with the debates.

Respectfully yours,

JACOB T. CREMER,

Sec'y. Bard College Forum.

Report of the discussions held by the Bard College Forum on the educational policies of the college.

The meeting was held Wednesday, October 30, 1935, and was attended by about twelve members of the Forum. Chairman, Louis Koenig.

After lively discussion three resolutions were offered and passed.

Resolutions:

1. Resolved, that the intermission in a two hour seminar be not less than ten minutes.

2. Resolved, that beginning language and grammar seminar last not more than one hour at a time and that they be held more frequently throughout the week.

3. Resolved, that lectures under ordinary circumstances, last not more than one hour.

There was a great deal of discussion as to whether there should be any two-hour seminars at all. A definitely favorable attitude was shown towards the two-hour seminar but it was felt that beginning

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Forum Schedules Several Debates For This Winter

N. Y. U., Georgetown, Rutgers, Seth Low Will Be Met

On Friday night, December 13th, the Forum will hold its first inter-collegiate debate with Seth Low, a fellow college of the university. The topic to be debated is Resolved, that the power of the Supreme Court to declare laws unconstitutional be abolished. Research has already begun on the topic.

The schedule for the field trip is gaining form. Bard will debate New York University at New York City. Rutgers will be met at New Brunswick, N. J., either in January or February. Negotiations are being carried on with Georgetown University in Washington, D. C. St. Michael's College of Burlington, Vermont, has challenged the Forum to a debate here at Bard on February 22.

During the course of the year the Forum will hold a series of discussions on topics of contemporary interest. The first of such discussions was held on October 23 when the topic, Progressive Education as Exemplified by the Bard Program, received the consideration of the members. A report on that discussion has been issued for publication and the Forum will endeavor to issue reports on other meetings of such a nature. During the course of the year the society shall also present several speakers who will deal with contemporary problems. This program has not as yet been completed.

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MARKING SYSTEM:
QUALITY OR QUANTITY

THE LETTER printed in this issue is typical of several received by THE BARDIAN since the appearance of the criteria sheets for the first quarter. There seems to be a general feeling of dissatisfaction, not with the marking system itself, but rather with what seems to be, in many cases, a misunderstanding between students and faculty.

The chief difficulty, we believe, lies in the fact that several students felt that faculty members are confusing the quantity of work done with the quality. If we understand the present marking system, a man should be graded on the ten criteria solely on the value of the work done by the end of any marking period. If the amount of work done falls below the minimum requirements it is to be so stated at the bottom of the sheets. In other words, we believe that it should be perfectly possible for a man to receive an "excellent" in every one of the standards and still be failed on the grounds that he had not done a sufficient amount of work.

But this does not seem to be the case. Many believe that criteria sheets are low because of the disparity between quantity and quality. We hope that we are right in assuming that this should not be so except in cases where the amount of work is insufficient to provide adequate standards of judgment.

In any event THE BARDIAN plans to inaugurate an investigation of student opinion concerning several phases of the Bard program. This investigation should be well under way by the date of the appearance of our next issue. It is intended that the conclusion reached shall prove valuable to the entire college. We ask for your indulgence on this matter for within the next week many of you shall be questioned by staff members concerning your opinion on everything from the reading period to length of classes.

WANTED: A CHEERLEADER

NOW AND then we have been rather irked by what might be called "the Bard apathy" toward extra-curricular activities. Possibly we should say that our complaint is not a lack of response from the student body, but rather that the response would be more stimulating if it possessed unity.

In short we would like to see a cheerleader at all the home games. We would like to see several cheerleaders. Why shouldn't we have some original cheers, and why shouldn't we give cheerleaders a varsity letter?

BARD THEATRE

AS WE go to press, the outstanding performance of Bard students in helping to make "The Red Barn" a success seems to warrant special comment. It is needless to speak of the fine work done by our amateur actors.

We would like to emphasize the fact that there seemed to be a marked smoothness in the way the play was launched on the Bard campus. To those of us who have an inkling as to what goes on backstage the work of the technicians, property men, and electricians seems to have been done with singular efficiency. We know these fellows worked early and late. We would have them know that the student body appreciates the share they had in putting over the latest success of "The Bard Theatre."

Looking Around

Jacob Cremer

Hauptmann has been sentenced to die by two courts. The less said about the first trial the better. Enough, that public opinion was strongly influenced against the prisoner. The possibilities that he was not the sole executor of the crime, and not even necessarily the murderer, seems to have been kept in the background by the state and the press. Now, it is easily recognized that the swift conviction and prompt punishment will save the face of the police and place various public officials in line for direct promotion. It is a question, however, whether this course of action measures up to the expectations of decent justice. Only one chance remains to learn what factors are actually involved in the Lindberg case—we refer to the Supreme Court.

We have been talking about peace in the past few days and the writer is the last to condemn such discussions. Certainly a continued and active anti-war campaign can be of no harm and will act rather as a force to diminish and perhaps to restrict mechanical fighting. However, we should not confine the term, peace, to meaning a mere absence of conflict between nations. One need only glance about one in the most casual way to see a very horrible and dangerous struggle between human security and welfare on the one hand and the forces of hunger, crime, ignorance, selfish powers, and disease on the other. Perhaps if we were to devote some of our efforts towards improving home conditions we would in the long run contribute more to the cause of international peace.

So far, out of the forty-five invitations to the Olympic games only one country has refused. The Netherlands may have been driven to this course because of financial troubles but as one of the Dutch newspapers stated, Hollanders refuse to participate in the "Streicher spirit." In five other European countries, movements have already been started in favor of withdrawal. Dissatisfaction with the German athletic policies does not seem to be so confined as Mr. Brundage claims.

The involuntary participation in military training,—the R.O.T.C.'s,—by students of civil institutions has been attacked by the proposed Nye-Kvale amendment to the National Defense Act. This amendment "limits its application (the National Defense Act's) in the case of civil institutions to those offering elective courses in military training." No R.O.T.C. unit is to be established or maintained "until such institution shall have satisfied the Secretary of War that the enrollment in such unit (except in the case of essentially military schools) is elective and not compulsory." There is no crime or degradation involved in supporting this measure and an active backing would be no loss of valuable time.

Continuing our policy of reviewing the various student movements in this country we shall consider for this time the National Student Federation. Made up of the members of the student councils and more or less conservative in its outlook, the Federation lacks a definite and concerted policy,—especially against the restrictions of academic freedom. However, last fall it put up a strong stand against the Numan Loyalty Oath bill and shortly afterwards endorsed the student anti-war strike.

Much has been said about the return of the sporty and glamorous Jimmy Walker. Yet, the press dispatches and other commentaries seem very empty in their reports. Perhaps Jimmy has had his day despite the fickleness of public indignation.

Our friend, William Hearst, stated some days ago—or weeks—that he was going to transfer his benevolent presence from California to New York. The impetus for this move was the very, very high income tax. We can see no point in the argument since the Hearst interests are already for the most part in the Empire state and as such are only effected by the latter's tax laws. As for the movie industry camping on our door-step, building operations in the far West have not slackened since the last Hearst broadcast.

We can't remember what the advantages of the Gillette blue blade are but while writing this column we discovered that the very nice blue color can be scratched off and that all that remains after the operation is a slightly tarnished steel blade. Further investigations show that even this tarnish is superficial.

Coming nearer home, we wonder why the line in "The Red Barn", "If I know what I mean" didn't raise more laughs. Perhaps the thought behind the saying was too cold-blooded.

Although the little polygonal houses found in Red Hook, on the road to Barrytown, and at the entrance to Mrs. Zabriskie's estate are rather unique they are by no means Dutchess County's contribution to American architecture. In many of the countries of the Old World these odd, many sided little buildings with their gaily colored shutters and shiny window panes formed an integral part in creating and keeping the very individual atmosphere of a private garden or public park. They served as afternoon tea centers and often sheltered merry luncheon and supper parties.

Many of these diminutive houses in the public parks became famous for their thin pancakes and other hallowed delicacies, and with the mysterious for gastronomic specialties arose the notorious figure of the concessionaire—usually an old, old woman in a long, heavy skirt; with a wrinkled, kindly face; and a jolly disposition.

SPORTS

Elliott Rosenberg

The soccer team took its fourth consecutive loss this year last Saturday as the R.P.I. boys walked through to a 5 to 1 count. In less than a couple of minutes of play it became apparent that the Engineers, who had trounced Hamilton thoroughly, were not an over-rated bunch. They were good, they knew it, and they played accordingly. And thus it was that Bard spent the first half of the game well back on its heels, fighting a hard, defensive game, while R.P.I., the Bard defense notwithstanding, put through two points per quarter to establish a very wide margin of safety. West Chester, which impresses us as a much better team, did not look nearly as good in its first half of the Bard game.

In the second half, the Bard defense proved more effective, enough to keep the visitors scoreless except for Lavonian's point. The offense picked up somewhat too, and Brewer drove through a penalty kick in the third quarter. It's physically possible, of course, to overcome the lead acquired in the first half—on the simple theory that what one team gets in one half of a game, the other team can get in the second half . . . plus, perhaps, an extra and deciding goal. But that's only physically possible. The mental handicap under which a soccer team plays, when it has a four-point lead to overcome, is one which rarely fails to prove disastrous. From the end of the first half, winning that game was an idea for optimists and super-men.

Although the R.P.I. outfit turned in a commendable performance as a team, Lavonian, their center-forward, gave the best individual exhibition of soccer; Rathborn and he accounted for all the visitors' scores. As for Bard, it is almost impossible to individualize its play in other than defensive terms. Clayton's game was not as strong as usual—either because he had to take most of the goal kicks, or because the absence of Frost, with whom he has played for three years, shifted the responsibility and the work of defense mostly to his shoulders. Denison, who blocked kicks well all afternoon, didn't do much else. Scott, for the half backs, turned in his best performance of the year—a darn good one. The confidence and effectiveness with which Frost fills the fullback position were lost with Frost playing halfback. The line's attack was negligible for the most part of the afternoon, although Brewer got off several long runs down the outside. The goalie position was filled by Filsinger on the basis of a week's practice. Along with the others, he did a good job of it. The much sought-for "something" which the team has been wanting all year is still missing. That's all we can make of the soccer situation.

The Riding Club seems to be prospering this year with an enrollment of 20 or 22 students, faculty, and ladies of the faculty. The five horses are in constant use—and the wiser members of the college community are taking advantage of the liberal arrangements offered by the club this year. The hours are unlimited, and the fees for membership very reasonable. We happen to be of the opinion that in the not too remote future, riding will be one of the most popular activities on campus—and along with golf and tennis, the most worthwhile for the simple reason that they are activities which are not strictly undergraduate in nature.

The Cross-Country team lost to Albany State Saturday, 34-21, on a four-mile course. First and second places went to Haynes and Testi, from Albany and Bard, in the respective times of 24:41 and 24:55. Albany took the next three places, with Jordy finishing 6th for Bard in 25:56. Testi and Jordy turned in their best times to date.

At the beginning of the year, the editors of THE BARDIAN attempted to make clear to the student body that the columns of the paper were open to them. In particular, since the athletic life of the college is an aspect of activity here which seems to draw much comment, the students were cordially invited to con-

Bardinets

Hello, again. How do you like the new name? Perhaps you can inveigle the editor to tell you from what source it was derived; however, it is quite aptly chosen, n'est-ce pas?

Now, on with a few thoughts while meandering through past experiences. There comes to mind the story of the gambler who had been a planter in the West Indies. Finally, he, indulging in the not too exciting society, became tired of conjugating the verb ennuyer, —figured out a system and went to Monte Carlo. The system does work by the way . . . Then again, we have our own little Hallowed evening, during which many of our playmates gave free rein to their rather astounding imaginative capabilities. Perhaps the labor of depositing that fast disappearing object on the campus might be worked into the criteria sheet as correlating the work with other fields of study . . . A good alliterative description of an Englishman —stolid, stupid, and stodgy. . . .

While reading Esquire noticed the following anecdote anent one of our most prominent comic artists. Billy Debeck had been to a championship fight, after which there had been considerable bacchanalian activities. The night was hot so Billy disrobed and passed out cold, following which some of the boys placed the ice supply over and around him. Later on in the evening, Frank Willard, of Moon Mullins fame, came in, mixed a drink, asked for refrigerative material, and was shown the room where Debeck was. Remarked Frank, "No, I'd better not disturb him; he probably is thinking up ideas. . . .

The students of this college must be extraordinarily immune to the lures of femininity since according to Pubilius Syrus, "Wisdom with love is scarcely granted to a god." . . . A thought prevalent among the younger generation (isn't that a terrifically cliché phrase) is that it is rather difficult to bring up one's parents, but Syrus seems to have the solution to that too in his saying: "Love your parent, if he is just; if not, bear with him" . . . The play really seems to be going over. Several fairly famous and infamous personages have been noticed at the performances. And, appreciative people have not been too scarce fortunately, which certainly does make the actors more content. . . . The art exhibit is a prize too. Have you been to see the results of the local manual labors? Stew, becoming commercial (and indubitably altruistic), sold one of his efforts. Harvey's "Marcella" is swell. Look at the delicate expression he has made permanent, and the coiffure and the delicate features. Am I right or am I right? . . . There is a story about a gentlewoman, who was assisted into her car at the exit of one of New York's larger hotels. The doorman closed the door, noticed the lady become pale, asked "Did I hurt your hand?" She said, "No" drove off, and two hours later, came back to the hotel to another entrance with her hand in a sling. . . Two questions now—Do you like this column? Ideas will be appreciated. . . . And you're going to the Prom, aren't you? You'll have a very interesting and amusing evening: from the things that have affected my auditory nerves, the maidens are to be magnificent, the decorations delightful, and the band—well, come, listen and enjoy yourselves. See you then.

—DEATH.

tribute to the Sports column. That invitation still holds, and we wish again to say that any part or all of this column is free to students or any other members of the college community who wish to comment on the athletic life of the college. There are no conditions or strings to this invitation. We will welcome any sort of contribution.

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language courses, and other seminars which required written and oral exercises at frequent intervals be limited to one hour and be held several times a week. This has already been carried out by some professors.

It was brought up in the meeting that many two-hour seminars were carried through without any intermission. This long stretch of work put the student in a poor receptive state towards the latter half of the seminar. Some professors, it is true, gave the students a five-minute breathing spell but more often than not the class was called to order before the time set had been even approached.

A strong sentiment was manifested against having lectures last more than one hour. Many professors have refrained from extending their talks to over sixty minutes but there are instances when the time element has been sadly neglected.

Work-sheets invited much discussion which was on the whole, very favorable. However, a need was seen in devising some means to record extra-curricular activities not connected by any stretch of imagination to seminars taken by the student. There was no desire evidenced to put down every minute spent outside of school-work proper but it would be most convenient for the faculty and the students to have some record of activities followed outside the classroom.

Criteria sheets were criticized for their indefiniteness and occasional superficiality. It was felt that many professors merely drew an arbitrary line of evaluation and didn't bother too much about the

individual criteria on the sheets. Different marking of the same point, although often to be understood, were frequently of an artificial inconsistency. It is believed that much of this variance is the result of individual opinions amongst the faculty, and can be remedied only by a common understanding of the criteria-sheets by the faculty as a whole. Despite some adverse criticism, however, the general opinion of the members of the Forum present at the meeting was in favor of continuing the criteria-sheets.

It may be, that after the issuance of the new sheets, many of the grounds of complaint have been removed.

Lack of time forced the meeting to be cut short before the topic on hand could be really satisfactorily discussed. A great deal of interest was shown and participation in the "round-table" was lively and voluntary.

RED COACH TAVERN

Of interest to those who delight in good food and fine liquor is the fact that the Red Coach Tavern, the extremely picturesque place, about half a mile south of the center of Red Hook on the Post Road is under new management. The new proprietors, Mr. and Mrs. Darcy Wilson, have redecorated both inside and outside and have stocked their establishment with some of the best food to be bought hereabouts.

But of even more interest is the background of these people. Mr. Wilson has a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of West Virginia. He has done graduate

work at Columbia and has studied educational methods here and abroad. He spent a considerable amount of time studying the Folk High Schools of Denmark and has many interesting stories of his experiences there. He was Assistant director of John Erskine's Adjustment Service and spent some time at the Greenwich House in New York. (an advisory service for testing and determining vocations.) He recently conducted an educational survey for the state of Tennessee.

Mrs. Wilson, nee Rosamonde Cyr, did her undergraduate work at Framingham State Teachers College at Framingham, Mass. She has also done graduate work at Columbia and received her Master's degree from New York University. Her field was Home Economics and she has had teaching experience at Buffalo State Teachers College. She has recently done research work in food for several concerns in New York.

We recommend the Red Coach Tavern for dinners over prom weekends.

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COMMUNICATIONS

November 11, 1935.

To the Editor of THE BARDIAN:

Dear Sir:

The Freshman Class has experienced its first criteria sheet and has had a definite reaction to it. And from all reports this reaction has not been of the complimentary kind. Perhaps this is because our individual criteria were not what we had hoped for; perhaps there is a feeling of dissatisfaction with the whole idea. Then again maybe there is an element of perplexity encountered when grades are abolished. Whatever the cause there is a feeling of dissatisfaction among the Freshman Class.

In the first place, the criteria sheet has such an incomprehensible vagueness that there is a doubt of what it all means. I believe that each professor, the administration, the student, and the parents (if they are enlightened) interpret the various criteria differently. I know that some of the professors are confused as to the meanings of the different criteria. They are confused either because they do not understand the exact meanings of the words or because their courses have no application to the criteria. What is the result? The student is not given the benefit of the doubt. On those criteria of which he is not certain the instructor usually marks a medium—and a

medium is pretty low. But I do not think that the dissatisfaction is a result of low grades. There is lacking a complete, hence dissatisfaction. The idea behind the criteria is admirable and worthy of adoption but there should be a few corrections made which would increase its efficiency.

WALTER W. WAGGONER '39.

Mr. White To Dedicate New Organ

Mr. White is to have the honor of dedicating the new organ of New Haven's historic Trinity Church. The historic green of this church, surrounded by the buildings of Yale University, will be the scene of the dedication. It seems that because of lack of space this old church has had an unique organ, the instrument being divided into two parts situated at opposite ends of the church.

During the Christmas vacation Mr. White will conduct the Philadelphia Orchestra and play the organ in Philadelphia's leading department store, Wanamakers. During the course of the winter Mr. White is giving three Bach lecture recitals at the Cathedral in Albany. These recitals are to be given for the Guild of organists. Bach and in general the music of the 16-17 centuries is his special hobby. To this hobby we can be thankful for the beautiful Ravanella Mass of last Friday's matriculation exercises. The majority of us who look forward to more singing of this type. There is the constant jangle of the of music will welcome its continuance.

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His presentation was along the lines of a Sociologist. What the trouble is at this time may be summed up briefly in the very evident fact that people entertain a mistaken idea of the political state. It IS primarily an association, a machine to do the dirty work. If the idea can be entertained that this institution is one purely to mislead legally the public then it follows that cold blooded sense should logically be used on this as a world corporation.

Mr. Cremer was the next speaker. As a representative of the student publication, THE BARDIAN, he presented the situation of armed Peace; Ethiopia-Italy as the stage. England, the referee. That which is contested is twofold in importance. First, England is there to protect Ethiopia or what is more likely, she is there to protect her colonies, he said. To continue.

The current attitude in this situation seemed to be somewhat similar in Vassar, she said, being of a positive nature, a Peace Parade. It appears that the demonstration had a deep effect upon the participants as well as upon the spectators, in that the general opinion concerning War took a decided turn in Vassar after the move. Emotion should be enlisted primarily as a weapon against war propaganda. The situation in blank verse is purely an economic one, but one which is not beyond the range of student attack. When workers strike against shipping and traffic abroad, it is our place to be there. Our power may also lie in control

2500 Attendance Marks New Record For Bard Theatre

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Mr. Emmet Lavery, author of "The Red Barn" is now in Hollywood writing for Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer. He wired his congratulations to Mr. Bassage, instructor of dramatics here, upon receiving good reports of the opening night performance.

Mr. Bassage said that he was thoroughly pleased with both the cast and staff. He also said that he felt the production was definitely of professional calibre and a large forward step in the life of the Bard Theatre.

Herman, Brewster Terry; MacKenzie, John Fedoruk; Nicholas Borislavski, Harvey Fite; Sandra Brown, Helen Wynn; Colonel Brown, Harold Phalen; Eve Brown, Mary Fletcher; Alexander Blaine, Jack Lydman; Timothy Bradley, Hugh Gage; John Burton, Whitner Bissell; Susan Evans, Beatrice Cole; Mr. Jackson, Seymour Liebermann; Mrs. Jackson, Jessie Stickle; Claire Peters, Christine Ramsey; Harlan Westcott, Edward Voorhees; O'Grady, Eolo Testi; Sampson, Wallis Smith; Tybalt, John Leggett; Levinsky, Elliot Rosenberg; Anderson, Richard Frost.

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The line-up is as follows:-

Bard (1)	R.P.I. (5)
Filsinegr	G. Luening
Dennison	L.F. Jackson

Substitutions:-
Bard—Rosenberg, Frost, Ficker,
Burnett, Stewart.
R.P.I.—P e s a u d Silvera, Urioe,
Phelps, Jewett. W.

The Bard cross country team lost to Hamilton on November second by the score, 17-38. Testi, the new Red and White acquisition, was the first Bard man to cross the finish line and the fifth in the race. Cole also deserves considerable credit in that he ran under acute abdominal difficulties. Near the end of the race he fell flat on the ground but picked himself up and finished ninth in a field of thirteen.

Four Hamilton harriers led Testi to the finish, Thomas in 20:01; Power in 20:30, and Tufts and McKee, hand in hand, in 20:31. Testi covered the three and one half miles in 21:32; Peabody in 21:54; Jamieson, Hamilton, in 22:04; Jordy, eighth in 22:05; and Cole in 23:05. The times of Brown and Darrigan, who finished tenth and eleventh, respectively, were not recorded because they didn't score. Jacobs finished twelfth in 24:25, and Priestman, Hamilton, did not finish.

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